



GOOSTREY PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



May 7th Parish Council Elections - Key Information

Interested in becoming a member of your Parish Council?

A good way to find out more about what the Parish Council does and what is expected of the members of the Council is to go to the Parish Council page on our website at: www.goostrey.info

Information about the Parish Council, the number of committees and calendar of upcoming meetings, agendas and minutes of past meetings are all available.

Contact details of the current Parish Councillors are listed along with those of the Clerk. Please feel free to contact the Clerk or a Parish Councillor to ask for more information about the Parish Council, a Councillors role, and how to nominate yourself to stand as a candidate for a position on Goostrey Parish Council in the elections on 7th May this year.

If you are interested in nominating yourself you will no doubt have an interest in a variety of local issues eg planning decisions/issues; youth facilities; highways issues; waste collections; local transport etc.

Each one of these is the subject of debate and decision making, especially the financial implications to all residents.

The Parish Council also decides the amount of money required annually from the Borough Council to fund Parish Council activities. The sum of money is called a "precept", and the size of the precept has a financial impact on all council tax payers in the Parish. For the last 3 years we have ensured a zero increase in council tax for all residents.

Achievements

Goostrey Parish Council has already achieved the following over the past few years:

- Reviewed all planning applications made in the Parish
- Worked along side local residents groups to oppose a number of unwanted developments
- Led a campaign for Goostrey not to be a Local Service Centre (LSC)
- Applied to be neighbourhood area (1st step in developing a Neighbourhood Plan)
- Speed Indicator Devices and Speed Watch
- Youth Facilities Project
- Supported and donated to local community organisations
- Maintained and managed Goostrey Village Hall
- Controlled the Parish element of Council Tax

STOP PRESS - Parish Council Approves Transfer of Land for New Youth Facility/Scout Hut

At the Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 10th March, the councillors present unanimously agreed to transfer part of the old Youth Centre/Village Hall site to Goostrey 1st Scouts.

As many of you are aware Goostrey 1st Scouts have agreed to construct the new Youth Centre/Scout hut and are already actively fund-

How much time does it take up?

Parish Councillors are expected to attend Full Council Meetings which are held on the second Tuesday of each month (except August). Additional committees meet on other nights on as required or on a bi monthly, or quarterly basis.

Members are usually on at least one committee. If a member was on one or two committees, the total commitment to meetings would be in the region of two evenings per month, plus any actions from those meetings.

Councillors are expected to be impartial and have an open mind on issues, giving due consideration to the interests of all the community.

It is not a political forum.

Meetings are formal and open to the public and press, councillors are expected to adhere to the rules, regulations and procedures which are set down nationally.

Free training for the role will be provided so no experience is necessary.

Who can be a councillor?

You are eligible to stand if:

You are a British citizen, or citizen of the Commonwealth or European Union, and you are 18 years or older on the day you are nominated for election, or for the whole 12 months prior to nomination you have been:

An elector of the parish and either occupy or rent/own premises in the parish, or reside within 3 miles of the boundary of the parish, or have your principal or only place of work in the area.

Key Dates/Information for Nominees

- The Notice of Election will be published on 20th March.
- Nominations can be made from 23rd March and the deadline for nominations is 9th April.
- Only the Returning Office, based at Cheshire East Council, can accept and approve the nominations, these must be taken in person by you or by the Parish Clerk. The deadline to get your nomination form to the Parish Clerk, at the Parish Office is 25th March.
- Deadline for registration to Vote - 20th April.
Register online at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote

How to apply

If you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor further information and the necessary forms can be obtained from the Parish Office.

raising. David Giles will be speaking at the Annual Parish Meeting on the 31st March to give details of the next stage of the project.

This transfer signifies three years hard work by the Parish Council's Youth Facility Working Party and brings to conclusion a matter that has vexed many previous councils over a number of years.

We would encourage you to take the opportunity to help the young people of Goostrey see their ambition of a purpose built space come to fruition.

Cath McCubbin

Vice Chairman - Goostrey Parish Council

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Points of interest:

- **Parish Council Surgeries** - In the Village Hall Lounge on the 2nd Saturday of each month from 10.00am—11.00am. The next Surgeries will be on 11th April and 9th May 2015.
- **Parish Office Hours**
Monday 09.30 to 12.30, Wednesday & Friday 13.00 to 16.00
- **Contact** - NEW E-mail ParishCouncil@Goostrey.info
Phone: 01477 535825
Answer phone service out of office hours
- **Web Site** - For calendar of local events, Parish Council Meetings, Village Hall booking information and forms visit www.Goostrey.info

Hedge Trimming

You will be aware that the pavements and roadways in the village are narrow. Now that the growing season is almost upon us again, it is important that home owners with hedges adjoining the pavement or highway ensure that the hedges are trimmed back to their boundary line to allow pedestrians and vehicles the benefit of the full width of the pavement and highway.

We thank you for your assistance in this matter improving safety on the roads.

Churchill Oak—50 years old!



In April 1965 the Parish Council organised the planting of an oak tree on the Bogbean

to commemorate the life of Sir Winston Churchill, who had passed away in January of 1965. There was a tree planting ceremony where the oak was planted by the Head Boy and Head Girl from Goostrey School .

The current Parish Council would like to invite residents to attend a commemorative ceremony to mark 50 years since the Oak was planted, to take place on Sunday 19th April 2015 at 12.00 noon.

We hope you can join us on the Bogbean!

Goostrey Parish Archive - 2015

Do you have documents, maps, photographs or other items related to the history of Goostrey?

Do you have memories of life in Goostrey which could be passed to future generations?

Goostrey Parish Council was concerned that local historical artefacts may not be preserved so they encouraged residents to create a Parish Archive. A small group has been working on this project, cataloguing and storing donations as well as making recordings to create an Oral History of the village.

Recently the team has been collecting memories of the large wooden hut that served as the village hall prior to the building of the new primary school. This project was prompted by the knowledge that the scouts had succeeded in obtaining planning permission from Cheshire East Council to erect a youth centre on the site. Local residents have written about a

variety of activities including Saturday night dances with Kath Jones at the piano; whist drives; Rose Day parties; wedding receptions; watching films; Morris dance practices; blood donating; bingo; and chrysanthemum shows (where the hall stayed open all night so exhibitors could stage and dress their blooms). In addition two residents recorded the use of the hut as a classroom. One wrote: After Goostrey expanded hugely in the early 1970s, the school was swamped. They had to use porter cabins and the old village hall for classrooms. The other commented: The hall housed two classes but there were difficulties with the toilet facilities. Mrs Kettle has kindly agreed to keep forms in her shop where others can record their memories so the Archive group can create a more detailed record.

If you would like to join the team please contact Sue Memmott on

544406 or sue_memmott@hotmail.com. Our next meeting will be the AGM at 1.30pm on Monday 18th May in The Crown, Goostrey.

If you would like to see what has been collected in the Parish Archive, please make an appointment with Derek Hardacre on 532496 or dekin2@talktalk.net. Some items will be on display in the craft tent on Rose Day (27th June). The Rose Queen crowns from 1910 and 1914 will be on display in the window of Mrs Kettle's shop. If you are donating or lending items, it is helpful if you can provide date and names, especially for photos. Please write comments separately rather than on the item itself.

Parish Councillors	Cllr C Caulkin	Cllr M Leake
Cllr P Godfrey (Chairman)	Cllr S Collins	Cllr G Lenihan
Cllr C M'Cubbin (Vice Chairman)	Cllr D Craggs	Cllr T Rathbone
	Cllr V Fagan	

Goostrey Parish Council

Dear Resident,

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2015: TUESDAY 31ST MARCH 2015.

On behalf of Goostrey Parish Council, I invite you to attend the Annual Parish Meeting to be held on Tuesday, 31st March 2015 in the Village Hall commencing at 7.30 pm.

This Meeting, which is a mandatory requirement of Parish Councils, gives an opportunity to review the last council year and to consult with yourselves on relevant issues you may wish to raise.

The Parish Council continues to have an important role to play in influencing policies and decisions affecting this parish. In this respect it represents the residents of Goostrey and only with your input can that representation truly reflect your views.

I would therefore ask you to attend and participate in this meeting and also consider attending the monthly meetings of the Parish Council when time is set aside for you to have your say and ask questions.

AGENDA

- Welcome & Introduction
- Apologies.
- Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting 2014.
- Chairman's Report.
- Statement of Accounts
- North West Ambulance Service
- Scouts
- Neighbourhood Watch
- Friends of Booth Bed Lane Play Area
- Public Forum.

Please join us for tea / coffee and biscuits following the Meeting.

Yours faithfully

Peter Godfrey

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Chairman - Goostrey Parish Council