

# GOOSTREY PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

## New Youth Facility - Site Clearance Underway

Demolition work has commenced on the Old Village Hall and Ashbrooks Contractors will be carrying out the work. Ashbrooks will be reclaiming much of the fabric of the building and therefore the process will take up to 10 days to complete.

Security fencing has been erected around 3 sides of the site and it will remain in-situ until construction of the new building is complete. The fencing will be secured by padlock once the demolition is complete.

Scout group hopes to have raised £75,000 by the end of this year. Their fundraising has been phenomenal and the Parish Council congratulates them and hopes that their grant applications will be successful.

It is fantastic to see the commencement of this project and we hope that all residents will continue to support the Scouts and the Parish Council, in their endeavours to bring the New Youth Facility to fruition.

*Cath McCubbin*, Vice Chairman,  
Goostrey Parish Council



The beginning of a new era for the young people of Goostrey as demolition of the old Youth Centre nears completion.

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## Planning Update

Since our last Newsletter, there have been a number of developments;

- Gladman Developments have appealed the refusal by the Strategic Planning Board on 1st July of their application to build 119 house on **land to the North of Main Road (between Swanwick Hall, Swanwick Close and Main Road)**. This will be the subject of a Public Inquiry probably early next year. The Parish Council has applied to be granted Rule 6 status for the Inquiry which will allow a Councillor, or an advocate appointed by the Council, to present its case to the Inquiry. The Council believes that this appeal is crucial to the future of the village and that if the appeal is upheld it will open the door to many more successful planning applications.
- The appeal lodged against the refusal by the Northern Planning Committee on 29th October of the application to build 26 houses on **land to the East of Hermitage Lane (near Netherlea)** has been withdrawn by the applicant. Before it was withdrawn, the Parish Council had applied to be granted Rule 6 status for Appeal Inquiry, consulted with a Barrister and made a written submission to the appeal.
- There has been no appeal lodged against the

decision of the Southern Planning Committee on the 17th December 2014 to refuse an application for 26 houses on **land South of Main Road (near Dromedary Lodge and Mount Pleasant)**. The time for such an appeal to be made has now passed.

- There has been an application to increase the number of houses to be built on **land between nos 51 and 61 Main Road** from 3 (which were approved on 13 August 2014 by the Southern Planning Committee) to 7. The Parish Council has objected to this application.
- No applications for more than one house have been submitted for the other sites in the village at this time.

The **Local Plan Examination** which was suspended on 5th December 2014 will start again this month. However it is by no means certain that the revised Local Plan (which requires 36,000 new houses to be built in the Borough rather than 27,000 which were in the Local Plan originally submitted for examination), will be approved by the Inspector. Your Parish Council will monitor the progress of the Local Plan but believes that its priority should be the development of the **Goostrey Neighbourhood Plan** (see below).

*Peter Godfrey*, Chairman,  
Goostrey Parish Council

### Special points of interest:

- Parish Council Surgeries -** Take place in the Village Hall Lounge on the 2nd Saturday of each month from 10.00am—11.00am. The next Surgeries will be on 14th Nov and 12th Dec 2015.
- Parish Office Hours** Monday 09.30 to 12.30, Wednesday & Friday 13.00 to 16.00
- Contact - E-mail:** [ParishCouncil@Goostrey.info](mailto:ParishCouncil@Goostrey.info)  
Phone: 01477 535825
- The Village Hall is closed from 26th October to 30th October 2015 (incl) for improvements.**

## Neighbourhood Plan

The Neighbourhood Plan Committee has established a dedicated web site – [www.OurGoostrey.com](http://www.OurGoostrey.com) which includes: - News, Project Progress, Library and Contact Details.

Six Neighbourhood Plan themes have been identified:- Housing, Local Character, Open Countryside and Environment, Traffic Transport Travel, Community Facilities, Employment and Business.

Work is progressing on the development of the main questionnaire. It is important that the questionnaire is completed by as many residents as possible when it is distributed in a few weeks time. This will ensure that the most comprehensive and representative views of residents are obtained for consideration in drafting the Neighbourhood Plan.

For further information contact Terence Rathbone on 537461.

## 22nd November - Seniors Lunch

Each year the Parish Council hosts a lunch for the more Senior Residents of Goostrey at the Village Hall. However, this year we are delighted to say that we are able to offer the meal at a special price of £5 per head, This is due to the outstanding generosity of the Yellow Broom and the Trading Post who are providing a delicious 3 course meal with, tea, coffee and water (those attending are welcome to bring your own drinks). The proceeds of the ticket sales will be matched by the Parish Council and the total will be donated to the Scouts fund for the New Youth Facility. Tickets available from Mrs Kettle's and the Parish Office from 1<sup>st</sup> November. There are only 100 tickets available so you need to be quick (only Goostrey Residents aged 65 year or over are eligible to attend).

## Quiz Night - Sunday 22nd November

Sunday 22nd November, Goostrey Village Hall. Doors open 6:30pm. Adults £8 Children £5 (suitable for age 11+)

Includes Supper, Licenced Bar & Raffle. Teams of 6.

## No Yellow Lines - for now!!

The Parish Council has successfully objected to Cheshire East Highways' proposal for parking restrictions at the junction of Main Road, Church Bank and Station Road (by St Luke's church). The Council believes that most residents would not want to see such urbanisation of our village. It also believes that the restrictions would be ineffective without enforcement by the regular presence of police or parking attendants. The Parish Council does **not** however endorse, or condone, dangerous, illegal or inconsiderate parking in the area in front of and between the Old School and St Luke's church. The Parish Council is calling on

all people who park in the area (without good reason – which does not include being late or not wanting to walk!) to find alternative safer, legal and considerate places to park. This is our **last chance**, if self-discipline fails to control the parking, we will be unable to prevent the introduction of the inappropriate yellow lines and the threat of Penalty Notices. Please note that the Highway Code states: '**DO NOT** stop or park opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space'.

*Peter Godfrey*, Chairman  
Goostrey Parish Council

## Bonfire and Firework Night- 5th November

Gate open 6.30 pm  
Fire will be lit at 7.00pm  
Fireworks start at 7.30pm  
Tickets available at Goostrey News, Trading Post & The Crown or on the gate. Ticket Price - £5.00 in advance, £6.50 on the night, Family ticket £15.00 in advance or £20.00 on the night for 2 adults and 2 children

## Christmas Lights and Carols - 29th November

We are delighted to announce that Goostrey Scouts and Guides will be organising the event to turn on the Christmas Lights again this year. The event will take place on the Bogbean, Starts after Christingle circa 6pm - Brass Band, Father Christmas & Sleigh, BBQ, Hot Drinks, Mulled Wine, Guide Stall, Cakes etc. We hope to see you all there!

## Friends of Booth Bed Lane Play Area (FOBBLPA) - Update

Some busy activity from FOBBLPA this month. Damage repairs to the green metal gate and soft play surface next to the Supanova ring have now been repaired by ANSA and the wooden Goose Gate due to be removed for full repair to carved wood very soon (once repaired the group will oil the wooden gate and fence annually to prevent future rot). The group has had initial discussions with ANSA regarding a legally sound residents' views consultation process, and bid capital budgets available for some additional equipment. The group aim to fully canvass local residents' and play area users' views on available options before Christmas.

Please continue to guide young people to be good custodians of our wonderful rural park; there have been some recent spates of littering: pizza boxes, drinks bottles and cans etc strewn across the play area, there is no excuse for this anti-social behaviour as there are 5 bins in the park. Please can we remind residents and visitors that also there are No Dogs permitted in the play area due to Health & Safety, especially so with toddlers (visitor's dogs can be chained to the wooden gate outside). Any anti-social behaviour witnessed in the play area that you don't wish to challenge yourself can be reported by telephoning 101 and asking for Jill Cope - Holmes Chapel PCSO.

A great new facebook site has been setup for the group:- [www.facebook.com/goostreyplay](http://www.facebook.com/goostreyplay) For further info or any questions, please contact: David Johnson - Goostrey Tel: 549718



## Village Hall News

We are very lucky to have such an excellent facility in our Village, However, I am sure you will appreciate that in order to keep the Village Hall in good order for the residents, improvements need to be carried out from time to time.

**Recent Pipe Replacement**— Some of you may be aware that leaking pipes were discovered under the floor in the Village Hall. We were lucky that the pipes were in the corner of the hall and the area of the floor that had to be removed was relatively small. The rusty and leaking heating pipes have been replaced with pipes which will not corrode and the floor will be repaired during half term when the building is closed to refit the ceiling and lighting in the Lounge (see below)

**Ceiling and Lighting Replacement in the Lounge and Bar Servery Area**—we are installing a new ceiling and new LED lighting in the Village Hall Lounge and Bar Servery during half term (wc 26th

October). All the lights will be fitted with dimmer switches giving greater flexibility for the lighting in the Lounge. They will also be more economical and environmentally friendly as they use less power.

We would like to thank those who have agreed to cancel their bookings during this period of time so that this vital work can take place and apologise for any inconvenience caused but we are delighted to be making these improvements which will benefit all hirers.

*Sharon Jones* - Village Hall Manager

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