



PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

June 2015

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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – 2015

The Parish Council hosted the 2015 Annual Parish Meeting on 14th April and would like to thank the guests, speakers and the residents who attended and contributed to the evening.

The Chairman presented a report of the Council's activities over the past year the highlight of which was concluding the agreement between the Parish Council and the 1st Goostrey Scouts under which the Scouts would build a new Scout Hut and Youth Facility for the Village in return for being given half of the site of the Old Youth Centre by the Parish Council. David Giles made a presentation to the meeting outlining the Scouts plans for building the new facility.

The Chairman also acknowledged the efforts of all councillors throughout a challenging year and gave particular thanks to Cllr Rathbone for the creation of a Community Resilience Plan and to Cllr McCubbin for leading the Youth Facility Working Party. He also praised the residents who had worked tirelessly to fight a number of large planning applications during the year.

There was also a call to set up "Friends of the Boothbed Play Area". This would be a group of interested residents who would identify and prioritise ideas for improving the play area and seek funding accordingly. The group would also report faults to Cheshire East and organise volunteer action days to undertake maintenance work and minor improvement work. Anyone interested in joining the group should contact the Clerk.

COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Following the local elections on 7th May, the 8 nominated Members took up their seats on the Parish Council at the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council on 12th May. Two further councillors were co-opted to the Council at that meeting which makes up the full complement of councillors.

The new council comprises of Cllrs Roger Bennett, Cyril Caulkin, David Craggs, Peter Godfrey, Graham Lenihan, Cath McCubbin, Ken Morris, Ian O'Donoghue, Terence Rathbone and Emma Williams.

CHURCHILL OAK MEMORIAL CEREMONY

The Parish Council arranged a memorial stone to be placed at the foot of the Oak on the Bogbean which was planted 5 years ago to mark the passing of Sir Winston Churchill in 1965. The head boy (James Smallwood) and head girl (Janet Squires nee Hammond) had originally planted the tree and were at the ceremony to unveil the memorial stone on 19th April. Around 50 people joined the Parish Council at the event and Fiona Bruce carried out the unveiling.

The Goostrey Archive Group will be writing an article about the Churchill Oak for the Village Archive.

PARISH COUNCIL SURGERY

The June surgery will be held on Saturday 20th May between 10 – 11 am in the Village Hall Lounge. This is an exception to the normal rule that the surgeries are held on the 2nd Saturday because the Village Hall is booked for a large event on the 2nd Saturday of June.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Village Hall Management Committee Meeting – Wednesday 3rd June at 7pm in the Sunshine Room at the School

Meeting of the Parish Council – Tuesday 9th June 2015 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall Lounge

Planning Meeting – Tuesday 9th June 2015 at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall Lounge.

Finance Meeting – Monday 6th July at 7.30pm in the Village Hall Committee Room

PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS

The Parish Office is open three half days a week: Monday 9.30am – 12.30pm, Wednesdays & Friday 1.00pm – 4.00pm
Contact Details: Phone 01477 535825 (answerphone out of office hours)

PARISH COUNCILLORS

Cllr Peter Godfrey (Chairman)	533745	Cllr Cath McCubbin (Vice Chairman)	535139
Cllr Roger Bennett	532723	Cllr Ken Morris	534622
Cllr Cyril Caulkin	533492	Cllr Ian O'Donoghue	537268
Cllr David Craggs	534314	Cllr Terence Rathbone	537461
Cllr Graham Lenihan	535180	Cllr Emma Williams	533403