



# Goostrey Parish Council

The Village Hall

Goostrey

Cheshire

CW4 8PE

## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> MAY 2017 at 7.30pm IN THE VILLAGE HALL, LOUNGE

Present: Cllrs Godfrey(PG), McCubbin (CMcC), Bennett (RB), Craggs (DC), Lenihan (GL), Macfarlane (IM), Morris (KM), O'Donoghue (IO), Rathbone (TR) and Williams (EW)

In attendance: Sharon Jones, Clerk to the Council, Cllr Kolker (CEC) and 5 residents

### 05.17.01 To Approve Standing Orders

**Resolved:** The Parish Council resolved to approve the Standing Orders dated Jul 2016 without change.

### 05.17.02 To Elect a Chairman

**Resolved:** The Parish Council resolved to elect Cllr Peter Godfrey as Chairman.

### 05.17.03 To Receive the Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office

**Resolved:** The Parish Council resolved to accept Cllr Godfrey's acceptance of office, witnessed by the proper officer.

### 05.12.04 To Elect a Vice Chairman

**Resolved:** The Parish Council resolved to elect Cllr Cath McCubbin as Vice-Chairman.

### 05.17.05 To Elect a Responsible Financial Officer

**Resolved:** The Parish Council resolved to elect Sharon Jones as Responsible Financial Officer..

### 05.17.06 Declarations of Interest – There were no declarations of interest.

### 05.17.07 Apologies for absence – There were no apologies for absence.

### 05.17.08 To Appoint Committees: Amenities Committee, Finance Committee, Planning Committee, Village Hall Management Committee, Neighbourhood Planning Committee, Staff Committee

The following changes to committee memberships were proposed:

Finance Committee – Cllr Bennett to leave, Cllr O'Donoghue to leave after the new finance reports are in place.

Planning Committee – Cllr Bennett to join.

Amenities Committee – Cllr O'Donoghue to leave.

Village Hall Management Committee – Cllr O'Donoghue to join.

Neighbourhood Plan Committee – No Change

Staff Committee – Cllrs Godfrey, McCubbin, Bennett & O'Donoghue to form the new committee.

**Resolved:** The Parish Council resolved to approve all the proposed changes to committees.

### 05.17.09 To review Councillor Liaison Roles and appoint Councillors to them (to include councillor membership of the Scout Hut & Youth Centre Management Committee)

It was proposed that the Councillor Liaison Roles remain the same, GL will continue to represent the Parish Council at VHPFF meetings and Cllrs Craggs & McCubbin will represent the Parish Council on the Scout Hut & Youth Centre Management Committee.

**Resolved:** The Parish Council resolved to approve keeping Councillor Liaison Roles the same and the appointment of Cllrs Craggs & McCubbin to represent the Parish Council on the Scout Hut & Youth Centre Management Committee.

### 05.17.10 To Consider Payment Of Annual Subscriptions

Proposed annual subscriptions:

- CHALC – due May 2017
- Cheshire Community Action – due May 2017
- Society of Local Council Clerks – due February 2018
- Cheshire Playing Fields Association

**Resolved:** The Parish Council resolved to approve subscriptions to the proposed bodies for the year from 9<sup>th</sup> May 2017 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018.

**05.17.11 To Appoint Cheque Signatories - Currently Cllrs. Lenihan, Bennett, O'Donoghue & The Clerk (S Jones) For E-Banking Only**

**Resolved:** The Parish Council resolved to retain the current cheque signatories without change.

**05.17.12 Minutes:** To approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting of 11<sup>th</sup> April 2017.

**Resolved:** The Parish Council resolved to accept minutes of the meeting of 11<sup>th</sup> April as true records of the meeting.

**05.17.13 Cheshire East Council Matters:** To receive a report on Cheshire East Council Matters from Cllr Andrew Kolker:

Cllr Kolker reported on the following issues:

**Bus 319** – The Cheshire East proposal to no longer support this service is now out for consultation – The Parish Council will be informed about the consultation shortly. If the proposal is approved it will take effect the end of the year. **Action:** AK to report back to the Parish Council on how much cutting the service will save CEC.

AK encouraged people to respond to the consultation, if there is a large response from the village with significant reasons for keeping the service it will help. The closing date for comments is 27th July.

**Investigation&Disciplinary Committee of the Council** - as a result of whistle-blowing accusations the Committee has looked at CEO and chief operating officer and have found that there should be an independent inquiry. Because these are HR matters there will be no published information. AK pointed out that It is reassuring that no matter who you are in the organisation whistle-blowing is taken seriously and investigations will be carried out.

PG aired concerns about the CEC organisation being in a weakened state. AK replied that a 151 Officer, Head of Service and Monitoring officer are all in place, business as usual. Cllr Groves has stood aside as Finance Officer for the time being. Paul Bates has taken on his role.

RB requested that AK ask for the pavement at 51 Main Road to be repaired before someone is injured . **Action:** AK to ask if this can be repaired as a matter of urgency.

**05.17.14. Committee Matters:** To receive reports from Committee Meetings held since the last PC Meeting. There were no committee matters to discuss.

**05.17.15. Planning Matters** – PG reported on the Planning Meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> May. Minutes are available on the web site.

- **Rule 6 – 51 Main Road – Update**

The inquiry is set for 10th October at Westfields and an additional planning meeting will be needed at the end of August or early September to agree the Proof of Evidence which needs to be received at the Planning Inspectorate by 12th September. **Action:** AK to confirm what is happening with the application for the single house.

PG proposed accepting the report from the Planning Committee and to delegate responsibility for 51 Main Road Rule 6 to KM.

Resolved: The Parish Council resolved to accept the report from the Planning Committee and to delegate responsibility for the 51, Main Road Rule 6 to KM.

**05.17.16. Financial Payments** – to approve the schedule of payments for May 2017.

**Resolved:** The PC resolved to approve the payments in Schedule 05/17.

PG & CMCC signed the Payment Schedule.

**05.17.17. Clerk's Report** – including Actions from the Last Meeting and Correspondence received **Actions from the last Meeting**

- a. Clerk to find out when articles need to be submitted for the Rose Day programme. There are all sizes from a quarter page to a full page available. The Parish Council needs to decide which size article is required and what copy should be submitted. Cost -1/4 page £40, 1/2 page £60, Full page £120. Copy date to be advised.

**Resolved:** The Parish Council resolved to take out a full page advertisement at a cost of £120.

**Action:** Clerk to write copy, PG to review and send to Rose Festival Committee by the end of the week.

**Correspondence Received**

- a. Holly Jobbins Item for Rose Day Programme
- b. Barbara Evans Monthly Beat Manager Report - April
- c. BEDFORD, Karen Parish Council Information for Cheshire East Council Website 2017-2018
- d. Information Commissioner's Office Latest news from the Information Commissioner's Office
- e. Hazel Merrill E-Bulletin
- f. Ann Wright FAO All Councils with Annual Turnover of £25 or Less
- g. Events at SLCC Engage with your community via social media
- h. LLOYD, Emma [OFFICIAL] FW: Cheshire East Highways - Traffic Management Report
- i. Skinner, Helen - RE: APP/R0660/W/16/3166025 (Cheshire East Council Reference: 16/4306C). Land Adjacent to 51 Main Road,
- j. GILBERT, Les (Councillor) FW: Goostrey Annual Parish Meeting on 8th May 2017
- k. Public Sector Executive Online Civil Service must be clear about its 'mission and role' ahead of Brexit
- l. HALES, Ian Decoration
- m. Nerys and Donald Bailey Holmes Chapel Music Society
- n. Terry Collins New email address
- o. Julie Mason Hulme WALfield & Somerford Booths Parish Council's Neighbourhood Plan Regulation 14
- p. Robert Ashley Re: Resurfacing of Stage in the Village Hall
- q. Public Sector Executive Online 10% of female councillors have experienced sexual harassment
- r. PARTNERSHIPS (East) The Great Get Together
- s. CEC Highways CEC Highways Enquiry Resolved - Enquiry 3287652
- t. Cheshire East Council Street Cleansing Report a street cleansing issue in Cheshire East
- u. LOCAL PLAN Cheshire East Council - Minerals & Waste Development Plan Document – Consultation
- v. Jonathan Evans Cheshire Police: Review of the financial year 2016-17
- w. Ann Wright Equality & Diversity Training - Wednesday 10th May
- x. Rural Services Network Weekly Email News Digest - Monday, 24 April, 2017
- y. Linda Simpson - notice board
- z. LOCAL PLAN Cheshire East Minerals and Waste Development Plan Document - Issues Paper Consultation
- aa. Chris Snarr RE: Goostrey Neighbourhood Plan Reg 16 responses
- bb. EVANS, Thomas RE: Goostrey Neighbourhood Plan Reg 16 responses
- cc. Skinner, Helen - RE: APP/R0660/W/16/3166025 (Cheshire East Council Reference: 16/4306C). Land Adjacent to 51 Main Road,
- dd. tracey moss Re: Notice Board Order Information - Goostrey Parish Council
- ee. ProtectCongleton Waggs Road Decision
- ff. Community & Voluntary Services Cheshire East CVS Cheshire East Training News - April 2017
- gg. Alan.Bailey@pins.gsi.gov.uk Planning Inspectorate APP/R0660/W/16/3166025: Land adjacent to 51 Main Road,
- hh. ProtectCongleton Waggs Road Application
- ii. Peter Godfrey Mirror in your garden
- jj. Community & Voluntary Services Cheshire East CVS Cheshire East's E-Bulletin
- kk. Gavin M Hollinshead Fwd: Bluedot 2017 Residents Meeting
- ll. David Hext – Concern about dangers of barbed wire on the path through the bong. **Action:** Clerk to reply with info from Footpaths group.

#### 05.17.18. Highways & Speedwatch:

**Update on Station Bridge** - IO reported on the update to the plan for Station Bridge, the safe haven now goes all the way from the car park to the bridge.

#### To consider proposals to:

- increase the hours of the School Crossing Guard to assist with Speedwatch Activities and to make the position more attractive to potential applicants - IO reported that the cost of a Crossing guard – is £3800 per year (incl increased hours), £2700 of this sum is sponsored already. He asked the Parish Council to consider contributing towards the costs of a new Crossing Guard and what activities the Parish Council would feel appropriate for the incumbent to carry out. **Action:** The Parish Council asked that this item be raised with the Finance Committee at the next meeting in July.
- replace the broken traffic mirror on Main Road, opposite Manor Avenue.  
**Resolved:** *The Parish Council agreed to the purchase of a new safety mirror at a cost up to £100.00 plus VAT.*

#### 05.17.19 Police Matters –There were no matters to discuss.

#### 05.17.20 Neighbourhood Plan - The examiner is currently undertaking a review of the plan and has made a visit

to the area. He has already asked two questions which the NP team is looking into these. The tentative date for the referendum is 10<sup>th</sup> August 2018.

- 05.17.21 Community Projects Requiring Capital Expenditure Working Party** - RB summarised the status of the projects and reported that a letter had been received regarding the Kitchen Refurbishment from Mr & Mrs Ollier. **Resolved:** *The Parish Council asked Cllr Bennett to reply to the letter.* **Action:** RB to reply to the letter from Mr & Mrs Ollier.
- 05.17.22 Burial Ground** – PG advised that a change of use application was being made by the Parish Council, which is required to allow burials on the land.
- 05.17.23. Minor Items & Items for the Next Agenda:**
- KM reported that the hedge has been taken down in front of the new house next to Ivy Bank on Main Road and it has been replaced with a 6ft fence, he questioned if this required planning permission and in which case had this been granted. IO had been told that the home owner had said that the hedge would be replaced. **Action:** DC to look at planning permission granted.
  - **Action:** 7 Brookfield Crescent, Clerk to check if there have been any applications for dormers.
  - PG had attended the BlueDot presentation at Withington – There were issues last year with traffic on A535 and Bomish Lane when people arriving and leaving the event and there had been noise complaints from people at Over Peover. A lot of work has been carried out on traffic management for the event for this year. They are to spread the load by allowing people to arrive earlier and to move the parking to the east of the A535 removing the need to enter Bomish Lane. The most radical proposal is that they will sign the A535 at Holmes Chapel and Chelford as closed except for local and Event traffic. Temporary traffic lights will be used to allow safe passage for pedestrians going between the event and the car parking across the A535 and improved signage that coaches should not use Bromish Lane on exit.  
The Stage has been turned to the left to miss Over Peover and there will be a hotline number for all residents to call during the festival if they have any complaints.
  - Hedges – RB suggested that the hedge that caused most danger to pedestrians is two houses past the Bogbean on the right hand side as you go towards the A50 as it forces people to walk on the edge of the pavement. **Action:** Clerk to gather all information on hedges and send out letters to people ask them to be cut back and also to contact CEC about tree in the graveyard and the willow's at the White House on Main Road.
- 05.17.24. Date of Next Meeting:** To confirm the date of the next Meeting – 13<sup>th</sup> June 2017.
- 05.17.25. Closure of Meeting:** The meeting closed at 9.05pm.

### Public Session

Resident asked for the hedge at the corner of the Old School House garden, to be severely cut back as it is taking up most of the footway. **Action:** Clerk to ask resident to cut back hedge

Andrew Shanahan spoke about road safety in particular about wing mirrors on a car nearly clipping a child's head when the child was on the pavement as the car was travelling very fast through the village. He thanked council for the quick response and understanding of the issue. He recognised that a pelican crossing was not warranted but a Crossing guard is essential. Currently the work is at disparate ends of day and it is a low paid role. As a community is there something we can do to encourage someone to apply. CEC would let us as community extend the hours and we could say what the hours were used for. The total amount is £3800 (14 hours a week), the School has agreed to fund £500 towards the cost, would the Parish Council consider making a contribution.

There was also a question about how to request a new footway? EW replied that she believed that new footways are only put in if children use that route to walk to school.

These minutes will be submitted for approval at the next meeting. Until then they are draft minutes.