

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD****ON TUESDAY 13th FEBRUARY 2018 at 7.30pm IN THE VILLAGE HALL, LOUNGE**

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

In attendance: Sharon Jones, Clerk to the Council, Cllr Kolker (CEC) and 6 residents

- 02.18.1. Declaration of Interests:** To receive and minute any Declarations of Interest. There were no Declarations of Interest.
- 2. Apologies for absence:** To receive apologies for unavoidable absence. There were no apologies for absence.
- 3. Minutes:** To approve & sign the Minutes of the meetings of 9th January 2018.
Resolved: The Parish Council resolved to accept the minutes of the meeting on 9th January 2018 as a true record of the meeting.
- 4. Cheshire East Council Matters:** To receive a report on Cheshire East Council Matters. To deal with any questions by Members relating to the report and any questions by Members notified in advance to the Chairman and the CE Councillor.
- Timetable for completing the investigation into Officer conduct at CEC** - Cllr Kolker reported that the he had asked Cllr Bailey and a member of the Committee who informed him that the end date of the programme was unknown as the Police dictated the timescale. They do their investigation first and the CEC investigation follows. The Committee will not say what the allegations are or who they are against.
- KM suggested that it would be more cost effective to dismiss the people and let them sue CEC for wrongful dismissal.
- AK indicated that there may be criminal charges as well as CEC charges against these people and that the investigation seems to have escalated to a higher level from the initial bullying accusations.
- Planner Recruitment** – AK said there were vacancies for 7 planners, the advertised positions were for replacement not additional planners.
- Jodrell Bank** – AK has asked for specific guidance on how the consultation zones are going to be applied. Recently an application for a new house in Smallwood was refused because of an objection from Jodrell Bank.
- Budget** – AK confirmed that the Budget for CEC had increased by 5.99% and that 3% of this has been ring fenced for adult social care.
- There has been a £70 million reduction in grant funding from Central Government and every Council is under pressure about the state of its roads.
- The final budget has not come to Cabinet yet.
- Action:** AK to chase S106 monies from Bloor Homes for the Play Area.
- Station Bridge** – AK received an e-mail on Friday 9th February from CEC Highways regarding the traffic lights on Station Bridge. The current situation is that CEC Highways needs permission from Network Rail to put signalling equipment onto Network Rail land. Approval has not yet been given by Network Rail, which means the start of the works will be delayed until the permission is granted. **Action:** PG will report this to the head of Northern Rail to see if he can get this expedited quickly.

Members of the Council felt that if there was an accident on the bridge in the meantime that Network Rail would be at fault.

- 5. Committee Matters:** To receive reports from Committee Meetings held since the last PC Meeting.
- Amenities Committee Meeting - 12th February 2018 – GL reviewed the minutes (see minutes published on <https://goostrey.info>) and asked the Parish Council to approve the minutes including the following resolutions:
 - Purchase an additional Speed Gun and 3 more Hi Viz jackets to a value of up to £200 (ex vat)
 - Accept the quote from Greenfingers for the provision of Graveyard and Village Maintenance for 3 years with a contract review after 12 months
 - To sponsor a Dementia Friends talk for residents at the Village Hall with a view to holding more if there is a demand.

Resolved: *The Parish Council resolved to accept the minutes of the Amenities Meeting on 12th February and to approve the specified resolutions.*

RB requested that the proposals to relocate the Archive in the Committee Room of the Village Hall discussed by the Amenities Committee be written up to enable the VHMC to consider the proposal, before it is submitted to the Parish Council.
 - Village Hall Management Committee – 1st February 2018 – RB reviewed the minutes of the meeting on 1st February 2018 (see minutes published on <https://goostrey.info>) Finance Committee Meeting – 30th January 2018 – IO reviewed the minutes of the meeting on 30th January 2018 (see minutes published on <https://goostrey.info>). **Resolved:** *The Parish Council resolved to accept the 3rd Quarter 2017/18 Unaudited Accounts and the Budget vs Actuals for the same period.*
 - Staff Committee Meeting – 18th January 2017 - The Staff Committee proposes the following motion;

The Parish Council approves the holding of monthly Staff Meetings chaired initially by Cllr O’Donoghue. The Parish Council delegates to the Staff Committee the authority to modify the frequency of Staff Meetings and to decide which of its members will chair such meetings.

Resolved: *The Parish Council resolved to accept the motion to hold Monthly Staff Meetings as outlined.*
- 6. Planning Matters:** To receive a report from the Planning Committee Meetings on 13th February 2018
- Cllr Morris delivered the report from the Planning Meeting on 13th February (minutes are posted on the web site).
- 7. Financial Payments:** To approve payments in Schedules 02/18. Includes: Salaries & expenses. Chairman and Vice Chairman to sign the schedules of payments and two bank signatories to sign cheques at the end of this meeting.
- Resolved:** *The Parish Council resolved to approve the payments on schedule 02/18.*
- 8. Clerk’s Report:** To receive correspondence and report on actions from the previous meeting.
- Actions from Last Meeting**
- a. . AK to take back the criticism about how long it is taking for CEC to investigate the suspended managers and to find out what the timetable is for the completion of the investigation.
 - b. The Chairman had seen an advert for a Planning Officer on Twitter and asked if this was an additional Planning Officer or a replacement Officer – Action: AK to respond **Completed**
 - c. Clerk to report the pot holes again and also to arrange a meeting on a Friday between our Highways contact and IO. **Completed**
 - d. Response to CEC Pre Budget Consultation – Clerk to submit comments before the submission date. **Completed**

- e. DC asked how the Land transfer to the Church for a burial ground was progressing – Action: Clerk to ask for status from Poole Alcock – The estimate is 2-3 weeks so long as the Solicitor for the Church does not ask too many questions. **Completed**
- f. DC also asked if the Scouts had been in touch to arrange a Management Meeting for the Scout Hut and Youth Facility – **Action:** Clerk to chase again. Meetings to be organised 3 time a year 1st Meeting to place on 8th February (see item 15)

Correspondence

- a. Jonathan Challis FW: Invitation to Manchester Airport Town/Parish Council Meetings February & March 2018
- b. Emily Granville RE: Burial Ground Transfer Ref Poole Alcock Solicitors:MA:GOO00138-00
- c. WALLACE, Simon [OFFICIAL] RE: Booth Bed Lane/Hermitage Lane intersection with Main Road in Goostrey
- d. Martin Brown RE: NEW FENCE, 15 NETHER LEA, GOOSTREY
- e. Jay Ashall Main Road, Goostrey (E2951)
- f. renewals@zurichtogether.co.uk Your Zurich Town and Parish Insurance is due for renewals
- g. Andrew Spanton RE: VAT Guidelines from HMRC for Smaller Authorities
- h. Rebecca Aitken Re: Goostrey Parish Council Ref Poole Alcock Solicitors:MA:GOO00138-006
- i. Beverley Giles Re: Scout Hut User Group Meeting **** New Date Thurs 8th Feb at 8pm
- j. Andrew Spanton Kashflow licence renewal
- k. Martin Brown RE: Footpath leading to Hawthorn House
- l. Michael Jarvis Cheshire Best Kept Station Awards 24/01/2018
- m. Thomas Sillince Re: Goostrey Housing advice notice pdf - coursework 21/01/2018
- n. TOWN AND PARISH COUNCILS [OFFICIAL] RE: Town and Parish Council Conference 18/01/2018
- o. SLCC Membership Your SLCC Membership Renewal Notice 18/01/2018
- p. Charlotte Denton Re: Bluedot 2018 Plans 17/01/2018
- q. Sue Davies - Clerk to Holmes Chapel Parish Council RE: 319 bus service
- r. John Williams Re 319 timetable
- s. MINTON, Rob RE: 319 bus service
- t. Vicky Cropper RE: Lack of Disabled Parking Spaces at Goostrey Station Car Park
- u. KOLKER, Andrew (Councillor) RE: 319 bus service
- v. randa2@tiscali.co.uk Re: Dementia Friends information session
- w. Roger Burgess Re: FOGS article for Feb edition of parish magazine
- x. income@ypco.co.uk Statement PP22541

9. Highways & Speedwatch: To consider any Highways & Speedwatch matters and to take any appropriate action.

- **Speedwatch update** – The Clerk reported that Speedwatch training for the new members of the team took place on 10th February and there were sessions booked in February and March. The team would also try to schedule some weekend sessions to raise the profile in the village. A Speedwatch web page will be created where the numbers of people reported to the Police by Speedwatch would be shown along with an explanation of the initiative and key documentation.
- **Highways** – IO highlighted that we had received correspondence from Highways which said that the warning signage for the junction of Hermitage Lane, Boothbed Lane and Main Road will not be funded out of the Station Bridge project as it is too far away from the Station. It will need to be taken back to the LAP for funding. **Action:** AK to try to raise the status of the project on the LAP list of projects to be considered for funding.
We have been unable to set up a meeting with our Highways Contact to discuss the repair of potholes and other outstanding issues. IO asked for a meeting to be set up any Friday.
Action: Clerk arrange meeting.

10. Local Policing: Report from the Brereton Rural and Dane Valley Parish Councils with Police Sergeant Claire Lloyd and PCSO Liz Chesters on 15/01/18 from Cllr T Rathbone. See Appendix

Cllr Rathbone encouraged Councillors to attend at least one of these meetings. It was suggested that the Cllr to attend the next meeting should be decided at the March Parish Council Meeting.

11. Matters arising from the Meeting with the Leader of CEC on 15th August 2017

- Bus Service – To receive a report on the current status – KM reported on the meeting at Holmes Chapel (see report in the Parish Council Newsletter for Winter 2018 on <https://goostrey.info>). CMcC commented that the timetable should have been shown to the Parish Council before going to tender. There are now 4 buses on a weekday and none on Saturday and Sunday. AK was disappointed that this has been less a dialog and more a fait accompli and still felt it would be more effective if the early and late buses had been included.
Action: AK will press for an answer on the other two buses.

12. Review of progress against PC Annual Plan - PMSG

The PC reviewed progress against the 2017/18 Annual Plan. The results are shown in the copy in the Appendix in which colours are used to show progress as follows;

- **Green** - completed
- **Amber** - in progress and likely to be completed within the plan period or shortly afterwards
- **Red** - not going to be done within the plan period
- **Black** - awaiting action

The PC agreed to the rewording of the element of the plan concerning the Old Ticket Office at Goostrey Station which had been unfinished in the previous version of the plan. The PC accepted that new stage lighting would not be installed in the Village Hall this year as the users' requirements had yet to be specified. The PC further accepted that the active traffic signs intended to improve the safety of the Booth Bed Lane crossroads with Main Road would not be installed this year as they had not been included in this year's plan by Cheshire East. The following actions were agreed;

- *Action: AK to seek to get the Booth Bed Lane/Main Road scheme included in CEC's 2018/19 highway improvement plan.*
- *Action: PG to write to Professor Garrett the Director of Jodrell Bank Observatory seeking the Observatory's agreement to a footpath entering their site into the Visitors' Car Park as proposed by the Goostrey Footpaths Group.*

13. Goostrey Village Archive - To receive a report on the current status – CMcC reported that she had met with the Archive Group and had been to see the Archive at Blackden. The items would fit into the proposed storage space in the Committee Room. She said that the Archive Group were happy to purchase cupboards from IKEA and to decorate the room. RB asked for the proposal to be written up and passed to him to discuss with the VHMC. **Action:** CMcC to write up the proposal and give it to RB.

14. Dementia Friends Meeting Report – GL reported that the talk had been interesting and would be of value to other residents. Follow up action on this had been agreed under Item 5 Amenities Committee (see above)

15. Minor Items & Items for the Next Agenda: To take any points from Members and to note urgent items of interest.

- Scout Hut and Youth Centre Management Meeting 8th February – CMcC reported that all the youth groups in the village are using the facility, along with yoga and Pilates classes which are providing extra funding and a new fund-raising committee will be formed. The Scouts intend to raise the hire fees for the non-youth groups.
Action: Clerk to offer the green crockery to the Scouts if they want it.
- 12th March there will be an event in the Village Hall to welcome the new vicar Heather Buckley.

- There will be another Parish Council Newsletter at the end of March. Copy dates will be circulated.
- The Clerk reported that a form applying for Local Council Awards Scheme Foundation Statu needed to be submitted to Chalc. There may be a fee to pay for the review of the website.

16. **Date of Next Meeting:** To confirm the date of the next Meeting –13th March 2018

17. **PART TWO**

MEMBERS OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC ARE ASKED TO RETIRE.

In accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, as extended by the Local Government Act of 1972, the press and public are excluded from the meeting for the discussion of the undermentioned items on the grounds that the publication of the matters would be prejudicial to public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

- Report from the Staff Committee on 18th January 2018 – PG summarised the meeting on 18th January 2018.

18. **Closure of Meeting:** To formally close the Meeting. The meeting closed at 21:08.

Public Forum

There were no comments from the Public Forum.

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

APPENDIX**ITEM 2.18.10 Local Policing****Report from the Brereton Rural and Dane Valley Parish Councils with Police Sargeant Claire LLOYD and PCSO Liz Chesters on 15/01/18 from Cllr T Rathbone**

I attended the above meeting at HC Community Centre last night. Key points from the meeting are:-

1. Apparently these joint meetings are being held at approximately quarterly intervals between local police and Parish Councils in the CEC Brereton Rural and Dane Valley areas rather than Officers attending individual PC meetings. This is because of the number of Parish Councils involved and the difficulty in arranging meetings for individual PCs - Last night was the second of these joint meetings, other PCs generally had several members present to give a wider representation of views. All of this was news to me and I do not think that GPC was previously aware of the significance of these meetings.
2. A significant amount of crime in the area has been thefts from new builds and compounds serving new builds. Developers have greater awareness of the issue and have increased security which has resulted in a reduction in these incidents.
3. There was an increase in crime in the Holmes Chapel area due to Knutsford criminals being active in the Holmes Chapel area after being displaced from Knutsford by Manchester criminals. Joined up policing has resulted in arrests which have addressed this issue.
4. The Crofters Court incident is seen by the police as a one off incident and not indicative of any wider issue.
5. Community should report all incidents on 101 and avoid complacency "police do not respond to calls therefore not worth the bother of ringing"
6. Parish Councils were asked to state priority issues - I detailed the speeding issues, PCSO also had inconsiderate parking listed.
7. PCSO keen to make contact with Communities
8. Next meeting early April - Monday 9th April 19.30 at Holmes Chapel Community Centre

ITEM 2.18.12 Review of progress against PC Annual Plan

GOOSTREY PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL PLAN 2017/18

- Conclude the Goostrey Neighbourhood Plan project and use the made Neighbourhood Plan as a basis for commenting on all future planning applications
- Install a new more energy efficient Speed Display Unit on New Platt Lane to overcome shortage of sunlight during winter months and move Unit currently at New Platt Lane to Main Road opposite The Crown
- Install new 'Goostrey' road signs at the 6 entry points to village (not Parish)
- Replace the Parish Council Noticeboard at Main Road/Bank View junction
- Refurbish Goostrey Village Hall as follows;
- Re-fit the kitchen/servery
- Resurface the stage

- Install a door between main hall and kitchen
- Redecorate main hall & lounge
- **Install new stage lighting**
- In conjunction with Cheshire East Council, oppose the Henderson Homes appeal against the refusal of application to build 6 houses on land adjacent to 51 Main Road at the Public Inquiry in October
- Gift additional land to St Luke's Church to enable the Goostrey burial ground to be extended
- Work with Goostrey Community Primary School parents' group to provide a School Crossing Guard
- Through membership of the Management Committee, ensure that the new Scout Hut and Youth Centre is operated in the interests of all young people in the village
- Achieve a Foundation Award under the Local Council Award Scheme
- Continue to press Cheshire East Council for implementation of the agreed Highway Safety projects at the Goostrey Railway Bridge and the Main Road/Booth Bed Lane/Hermitage Lane crossroads
- Support the attempts of The Friends of Goostrey Station to have the redundant Ticket Office at Goostrey Station refurbished by the railway companies
- In conjunction with Goostrey Footpaths Group and The Friends of Goostrey Station, seek Jodrell Bank Observatory's agreement to a second pedestrian access on the southern boundary of their Site which will enable a footpath to be established from Goostrey Station