

DRAFT UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS for the YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2018

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
Precept	£43,534.00	PAYE Control	£126.56
V Hall Lettings	£16,768.00	VAT Control	-£189.30
Bank Interest	£1,128.60	Administration	£7,435.31
Senior Citizens Lunch	£600.00	Audit	£1,050.00
Wayleave	£1.19	Donations/Sponsorship	£2,750.00
Exceptional Income	£161.46	Maintenance in Village	£4,776.66
Performing Rights Income	<u>£238.88</u>	Parish Projects	£2,741.83
	<u>£62,422.13</u>	Salaries & Exp. – PC	£8,087.59
		Village Hall Expenses	£3,197.22
		Salaries & Exp. –V Hall	<u>£12,346.32</u>
			<u>£42,322.20</u>
Balance as at 1 st April 2017	£204,359.03	Current Account	£20,172.95
Excess of Receipts over Payments	£20,099.93	Deposit Account (Gen Res)	£49,73.93
Spend from Cap Reserves	£14,664.53	Santander Account (Cap Res)	£75,704.81
Spend from Gen Reserves	<u>£24,011.61</u>	Skipton Account (Cap/Gen)	<u>£40,151.13</u>
Balance at 31 st March 2018	<u>£185,782.82</u>		<u>£185,782.82</u>

FINANCE REPORT 2017-2018 (Cllr. Ian O'Donoghue)

Cllr O'Donoghue started by giving an explanation of the Council's Budget vs Actuals Report for 2017/18, which shows the divisions between the different aspects of the Parish Council's finances. These fall broadly into Parish Council Income and Expenditure, the Expenditure is then split between costs which are exclusively for the Parish Council's activities and then those which are for Amenities and the Village Hall.

He explained that there were two items on the report namely VAT and PAYE Control which are "pots" where the VAT and PAYE costs are accumulated and then offset against the expenditure leaving a balance.

After the explanation of the Budget vs Actuals he went on to review the Unaudited Accounts for the Year Ended 31st March 2018, shown above.

This is a simplified overview of the accounts which is published on an annual basis. All budgets and expenditure is published on our website at:

<https://Goostrey.info>

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Cllr. Ken Morris	534622 (Chairman)	Cllr. Ian O'Donoghue	537268 (Vice Chairman)
Cllr. Roger Bennett	532723	Cllr. Ian Macfarlane	532777
Cllr. David Craggs	534314	Cllr. Cath McCubbin	535139
Cllr. Peter Godfrey	533745	Cllr. Terence Rathbone	537461
Cllr. Graham Lenihan	535180	Cllr. Emma Williams	533403

Sharon Jones
Parish Clerk

535825

also available at the Parish Office
Monday 9.30am – 12.30pm, Wednesday 1.00pm – 4.00pm,
Friday 1.00pm – 4.00pm



Goostrey Parish Council Annual Report 2017/18

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2017-2018 (Cllr. Peter Godfrey)

Introduction

The Chairman welcomed residents and Cllr Kolker (CEC) to the meeting.

He indicated that whilst his report for 2016/17 was dominated by 3 major projects; fighting the Gladman Appeal, completing the Scout Hut and Youth Facility and developing the Goostrey Neighbourhood Plan. By comparison, this year had been a bit calmer and had focussed on building on the achievements of last year and consolidating and strengthening our internal processes and procedures.

Parish Council Achievements reviewed against the 2017-2018 Annual Plan

Planning & the Neighbourhood Plan

The Planning Committee met 13 times this year and it has reviewed and commented on 56 Planning Applications within Goostrey Parish. Since the Neighbourhood Plan has been made the role of the Planning Committee has changed – the main assessment to be made is "does the application conform to the Neighbourhood Plan?". If the Cheshire East Planners agree with our assessment that it does not, they are legally obliged to refuse it.

Capital Projects

The sale of the Old Youth Centre site generated a lot of money for the community. This has to be spent on assets of lasting value and not used for 'normal' revenue expenditure and a team of Parish Councillors led by Cllr Bennett conducted a consultation with residents which led to this list of projects. Most of which have been delivered.

- The New 'Goostrey' road signs have been installed at the 5 entry points to village, we are hoping the remaining sign on Goostrey Lane will be installed in the near future.
- Village Hall Kitchen/Servery was refitted with a new kitchen and appliances, and a doorway has been made so that direct access to the kitchen can be made from the main hall.
- Village Hall Stage has been resurfaced and the Hall and Lounge redecorated.
- Install new Stage Lighting - this project is on hold as there has been a change in the requirements.

Other Parish Council Achievements in the 2017-2018 Parish Plan

- The replacement for the Parish Council Notice Board (at end of Bank View) has been purchased. Planning permission had to be obtained before the board could be erected which we have now received and we are awaiting installation by CEC Highways.
- A new SDU for New Platt Lane has been purchased and installed on New Platt Lane, the old unit has been re-located near the School.
- 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 - The appeal successfully challenged and it has been dismissed.
- Gift additional land to St Luke's Church to enable the Goostrey burial ground to be extended - Transfer of the Land to St Luke's Church has been completed.
- Work with Goostrey Community Primary School parents' group to provide a School Crossing Guard - Ongoing
- 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 - Two Councillors and the Village Hall Manager are attending the Management meetings.
- Achieve a Foundation Award under the Local Council Award Scheme - Estimated completion May/June 2018
 The new and updated policies and procedures produced and approved to qualify for the Foundation Level of the Local Council Awards Scheme are as follows; note that those marked in red have been achieved already;

⇒ Standing Orders	⇒ Publication Scheme	⇒ Risk Management Policy and Risk Register
⇒ Financial Orders	⇒ Disciplinary Policy	⇒ Adult Safeguarding Policy
⇒ Training Policy and Training Records	⇒ Grievance Policy	⇒ Child Safeguarding Policy
 - 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 - Ongoing
 - Support the attempts of The Friends of Goostrey Station to have the redundant Ticket Office at Goostrey Station refurbished by the Railway Companies - negotiations are ongoing
 - 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 - this being pursued with Jodrell Bank

Additional Achievements

- Replaced mirror opposite Manor Avenue
- Made a donation to the ‘Remembering Nell’ fund
- Took ownership of Village Archive and plan to re-house it in the Village Hall
- Bought more Speedwatch equipment took over organisation of training and sessions
- Purchased new crockery for the Village Hall
- Obtained Planning Permission for new PC Noticeboard at Main Road/Bank View junction
- Sound financial position (explained in detail in Statement of Accounts)

Working with Cheshire East Council

An important role of your Parish Council is to articulate your needs and priorities to Cheshire East Council. So we need to answer the question, “How well is Cheshire East Council meeting Goostrey Residents’ needs and expectations ?”

Our ability to influence Cheshire East Council on your behalf is limited by the fact that we are only one of 11 Towns and 104 Parishes clamouring for Cheshire East’s attention and dwindling revenues. Nonetheless we must do our best to articulate your priorities.

Last year I ended my Chairman’s Report by reviewing the progress made by Cheshire East Borough Council on 6 areas of concern we identified at our 2016 Annual Parish Meeting. After that meeting, I wrote to Rachel Bailey, Leader of CEC, with a revised list of areas of concern. A delegation of your Parish Councillors attended a meeting on 8th August 2017 with Rachel Bailey and number of her fellow councillors and officers to discuss the concerns we had raised and hear the Council’s response;

Main Issues Raised at Meeting with Rachel Bailey on 8 August 2017

- Saving or providing a genuine alternative to the 319 bus for vulnerable car-less residents
- Delivering the promised safer Goostrey Station railway bridge

- Transferring ownership of the Bogbean to the Goostrey community
- Encouraging Network Rail and Northern Rail to renovate the Old Ticket Office at Goostrey Station as a precursor to bringing it into commercial/community use
- Persuading Jodrell Bank to accept, in principle, a southern entrance to their site which would make the proposed footpath from Goostrey Station feasible.

Other Issues Raised at Meeting with Rachel Bailey on 8 August 2017

- Road surfaces continue to degrade and pothole repairs appear wasteful and ineffective
- The failure of Connecting Cheshire to deliver superfast broadband to some areas of the Parish remains a major disappointment
- The failure to obtain Section 106 money from Bloor Homes to spend on the Booth Bed Lane Play area.

We appreciate Cllr Bailey’s willingness to meet with us (especially in view of the many other pressing issues on Cheshire East’s agenda which I don’t want to go through here) and there has been some progress since the meeting

Delivered By Cheshire East Council

- Henderson Homes Appeals Refused
- Local Plan Adopted
- 5 Year Housing Land Supply Demonstrated (but needs to be continually defended)
- Patched Buckbean Way & part of New Platt Lane
- Retained a 319 bus service albeit with a reduced frequency
- Obtained Section 106 money for Booth Bed Lane Playground from CW&C
- Surface-dressed Main Road

though we remain concerned that many of the issues we believe are important to you as Goostrey residents have yet to be addressed;

Still Wanted From Cheshire East Council

- Goostrey Railway Bridge Traffic Lights
- Active warning signs for Booth Bed lane/Main Road/Hermitage Lane junction
- Road surfaces, potholes & pavements
- Superfast broadband for the rest of the Parish
- Giving Goostrey Parish Council control over use of Bogbean
- Influencing the Railway Companies to renovate the Old Ticket Office
- Influencing Jodrell Bank to allow footpath access from Goostrey Station

We need to try to develop even closer relationships with Cheshire East Highways and Planning next year as there is no doubt that these help to ensure that the needs and priorities of Goostrey Residents are taken into account by CEC as it tries to balance the competing demands on its resources.

In Conclusion

Finally, I would like to thank my fellow Councillors for electing me as their Chairman and for their help, support and encouragement throughout the year. I particularly appreciate the heavy demands that Council work has made on many of you during what has been another busy Council Year. I am sure all Councillors would all like to join with me in thanking the Parish Clerk, Sharon Jones, for the excellent support she has given to the Councillors and the Council over the last year and the hard work she has put into updating and developing the Council’s policies and procedures.

That completes my fourth, and final, Chairman’s annual report as I will not be standing as Chairman of the Parish Council next year. Next year is also the final year of this Council’s 4-year term. It is likely that a number of the current Parish Councillors will be retiring at the end of the term and so Goostrey will be looking for a number of residents to put themselves forward for election to the Parish Council in May 2019. This is your opportunity to serve your community and to play a part in shaping its future. I have enjoyed my time on the Council both for the pleasure I have got from working with other residents and for the sense of achievement I have got from being part of a team that has made a real difference to Goostrey. I want to leave you with this very clear message “Goostrey needs you”.

The best way to involve yourself with the Parish Council is to attend a couple of monthly meetings and talk to Councillors and/or the Clerk about what we do.