



## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> APRIL 2018 at 7.30pm IN THE VILLAGE HALL

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

In attendance: Cheshire East Cllr. A Kolker, Sharon Jones, Clerk to the Council, 24 Members of the Public

### 1. **Welcome & Introduction**

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

2. **Apologies for absence** – Apologies for absence were received from Mr & Mrs Foster Clark, Mr & Mrs Ollier, Mr & Mrs Swash & Cllr L Gilbert CEC.

3. **Minutes:** To approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting of the Annual Parish Meeting 2017.

**Resolved:** To approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting 2017 as true record of the meeting.

4. **Chairman's Report 2017-2018** - Cllr Peter Godfrey, Chairman of the Parish Council, delivered his report for 2017/18 (this is an edited version, the full version of the Chairman's Report is in the Annual Report for 2017/18 <https://goostrey.info/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/Annual-Report-2017-18-a4-v3.pdf> ).

### **Introduction**

The Chairman 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 focused 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**

The Chairman went on to list the achievements of the Council in the past year in relation to the Annual Plan including (see the Annual Report for 2017/18 for full details):

### **Planning & the Neighbourhood Plan**

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.

### **Other Achievements in 2017/18 include:**

- 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
- Achieve a Foundation Award under the Local Council Award Scheme - Estimated completion May/June 2018
- 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

### **Working with Cheshire East Council**

The Chairman reported on the ongoing dialog with Cheshire East and on the meetings, that had been held during the past year. (Full details in the Annual Report )

### **In Conclusion**

The Chairman thanked his fellow Councillors for electing him as their Chairman and for their help, support and encouragement throughout the year and the Clerk for her support.

He concluded his fourth, and final, Chairman's annual report by stating that he would not be standing for Chairman of the Parish Council next year as it will be the final year of this Council's 4-year term. As number of the current Parish Councillors would be retiring at the end of the term, Goostrey will be looking residents to put themselves forward for election to the Parish Council in May 2019. It presents an opportunity to serve the community and to play a part in shaping its future. The Chairman said he had enjoyed his time on the Council, both for the pleasure he received from working with other residents, and for the sense of achievement gained from being part of a team that has made a real difference to Goostrey.

He encouraged residents interested in becoming a member of the Council, to involve themselves with the Parish Council and to attend a couple of monthly meetings and talk to Councillors and/or the Clerk about what the Council does.

5. **Statement of Accounts** – Cllr Ian O'Donoghue, Chairman of the Finance Committee, delivered his report on the statement of accounts for 2017/18.

Cllr O'Donoghue started by explaining 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.

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 reports are published on our website at: <https://Goostrey.info>

6. **Public Forum** – Questions were received from residents on the following subjects:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Allotments</li><li>• Litter</li><li>• Parking outside bungalows on Main Road in general</li><li>• Need to patch roads joining Main Road eg. Bank View, Mill Lane</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cars parked on Main Road at night facing oncoming traffic</li><li>• Heavy vehicles parked on Main Road at night any lights on</li><li>• Cyclists riding inconsiderately through the village - especially where there are no pavements eg. Church Bank</li></ul>
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7. **Close the Meeting** - Cllr Godfrey closed the meeting at 8.50pm and invited everyone to join the members of the Council for Coffee in the Lounge.

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