

GOOSTREY PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

New Council

Nevertheless we are pleased to welcome two new members to the Council, Cllr Colin Ross and Cllr Julian Sulej, who together with Cllrs Neil Beckham, Sara Lord, Paul Morgan, Ken Morris, Terence Rathbone, Dave Roberts and Emma Williams now form the Parish Council. (To read more about the members go to <https://Goostrey.info/council-members/>)

Former Councillors Peter Godfrey (member for 8 years) and Ian O'Donoghue (member for 4 years) retired from the Parish Council at the beginning of May. The members of the Council would like to thank them for their hard work and dedication during their time on the Council and wish them well for the future.

The Parish Council meets monthly on the 4th Tuesday of each month except for August (no meeting in August), May and December when it meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the Month. All meeting dates are advertised on the notice boards in the Village Hall and at the junction of Bank View and Main Road. They are also advertised on our website <https://Goostrey.info> (there is an events calendar on the front page and a full calendar of Council and

Committee Meetings at <https://Goostrey.info/calendar-of-meetings/>).

The Parish Council has the following committees to enable it to consider issues in more detail.

- ◇ Finance Committee – quarterly meetings
- ◇ Amenities Committee – meets bi monthly
- ◇ Village Hall Management Committee – quarterly (this Committee has members who represent the School and the VHPFF)
- ◇ Planning Committee – as and when required (usually monthly)
- ◇ Staff Committee – as and when required

Recommendations are then presented to the full council.

Members of the press and public are welcome to attend any Parish Council or Committee meeting (unless they are excluded for reasons of confidentiality which would be indicated on the agenda for that meeting).

For any questions regarding Council meetings please contact the Clerk.

Ken Morris - Chairman, Goostrey Parish Council

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Jodrell Bank awarded UNESCO World Heritage Status

Goostrey Parish Council sends their warmest congratulations to the Jodrell Bank Observatory for achieving the award of UNESCO World Heritage Status. The Lovell Telescope and the control building as well as the SKA global HQ are all in Goostrey Parish and we are very proud to have such a prestigious site so close to our village. The observatory will now be [inscribed on the World Heritage List](#), in recognition of its internationally significant heritage, science and cultural impact. This is incredible news not just for Jodrell Bank, but also for the region, and the UK as a whole. The coveted award marks the culmination of a long journey that began nearly 10 years ago and which has been led tirelessly by Professors Teresa Anderson and Tim O'Brien.



Jodrell Bank will join a [prestigious group of sites](#) across the globe that have been recognised by UNESCO's international community as sites of Outstanding Universal Value. Further news can be found on social media [@JodrellBank](#) with the hashtag [#JodrellBankWorldHeritage](#) and on the Jodrell Bank website: www.jodrellbank.net

Do you know someone whose voluntary activities make a real contribution to life in Goostrey?

We need your help again to identify the unsung heroes and heroines whose voluntary contributions to our village make it the thriving community it is. This is an exercise we conduct twice a year in order to enable the Parish Council to send Letters of Thanks to deserving residents of the parish on behalf of the whole community. The Parish Council selects the people to receive such a letter from your nominations. Names of both the recipients and the people who nominate them are kept confidential as the aim of the scheme is to discreetly acknowledge contributions voluntarily made to

village life but people who have received letters in the past have said how much they valued receiving one.

Please send your nominations to the Clerk before 10th September 2019. You should include the following information, your name, your nominee's name and a brief description of the voluntary activities they undertake which benefit the village.



A big THANK YOU from residents of Bank View to the ladies who, earlier this year, kindly cleared up the fallen twigs and leaves under the tree near the Parish Council Notice Board, your efforts were very much appreciated.

Points of interest:

- **Parish Council** - If you would like to speak to a member of the Parish Council please contact them directly (contact details for councillors are on page 4) or contact the Clerk to arrange a appointment.
- **Parish Office Hours**
Monday 09.30 to 12.30,
Wednesday & Friday 13.00 to 16.00
- **Contact** - E-mail
ParishCouncil@Goostrey.info
Phone: 01477 535825
Answer phone service out of office hours
- **Web Site** - For a calendar of local events, Parish Council Meetings, Village Hall booking information and forms visit <https://goostrey.info/>

Committee Matters

As mentioned on Page 1 the Parish Council has a committee structure to enable groups of councillors to focus on particular matters of Council business. This reduces the time the Parish Council needs to deliberate on items in the Parish Council Meetings.

The responsibilities of the Committees are as follows:

Planning Committee - Reviews planning applications for Goostrey Parish for which the Parish Council is a consultee. Each application must be on the Agenda of a Planning Meeting so that it can be discussed and a decision made to support, object or comment on an application. The Clerk is then responsible for notifying Cheshire East Planning Department of the decision.

The Planning Committee's decisions are based on the Goostrey Neighbourhood Plan, the Cheshire East Council Local Plan and other national policies.

The Planning Committee also reviews resident's concerns about applications and possible enforcement issues and liaises with Cheshire East Planning Enforcement to resolve these issues.

Finance Committee - Reviews the Council's finances on a quarterly basis. The Clerk in the role of Responsible Financial Officer provides the Committee with the reports and information to check the

current status of receipts and payments against the budget for each quarter and prepares the end of year accounts. An internal auditor is appointed each year to check the financial accounts and financial processes of the Council in order to ensure the Council is fulfilling its financial duties and obligations befitting its role as a Parish Council.

The Finance Committee also reviews projects for capital expenditure and oversees the preparation of the budget for the next financial year.

Amenities Committee - Is responsible for maintaining of the graveyard and public areas in the Village. It is also responsible for organizing events such as the Senior Citizen's Lunch, the Parish Council Rose Day Stand etc. The Amenities Committee has responsibility for the Speed Indicator Devices in the Village and the SpeedWatch Group. The Environmental Working Group is a working party of the Amenities Committee. It has membership from the Amenities Committee, local groups and members of the public. It is tasked with improving the environment through local initiatives and reports to the Amenities Committee.

New terms of reference have recently been agreed for the Amenities Committee. The terms of reference can be found at <https://Goostrey.info/document-category/gov/>

Village Hall Management Committee - this is included as a Council Committee but it is in fact formed specifically for the management of the Village Hall which is a Joint Use Facility. The membership is comprised of Parish Council Members, Village Hall and Playing Field Foundation Members and Offices from the School and Board of Governors.

The Village Hall currently operates at a loss as the running costs for the building and staff exceed the income from the hall lettings.

The interest of all parties using the Village Hall need to be considered at all times and managing the building and these relationships is not a simple task but the VHMC assists this process.

Staff Committee - Is responsible for any staff related matters. The majority of these matters confidential which is why the press and public are excluded from most items of business on the agenda of a Staff Committee Meeting.

Agenda and minutes of all Committee Meetings are displayed on the website at <https://goostrey.info/documents/> in the Agendas and Minutes sections.

The Annual Plan for 2019-10 is now available to view on the website at <https://Goostrey.info/document-category/gov/>

Village Hall

The Village Hall is now on Facebook!

We would love you to visit our page and post pictures of your events at the Village Hall and share your experiences with other residents at <https://www.facebook.com/Goostrey-Village-Hall-428383944617662/>

Advertising Events

If you need to advertise your event in the Village Hall, Janet Keates our Village Hall Supervisor will be happy to put the details on our Facebook page, notice boards and the events calendar on our website at <https://Goostrey.info>

Entertainment at the Village Hall

Following the success of the "Simon & Garfunkel", event in June, brought to us by the exceptionally talented Tim Chu and Ian Bailey, we would like to encourage more artists, bands and entertainers to host events at the Village Hall to provide entertainment throughout the

The Hall

- Accommodates 120 people seated at tables or 150 people seated theatre style
- 20 Tables
- Fully equipped catering standard kitchens
- Suitable for meetings, large functions, dances, music events and children's parties

Hire the Hall

From £16.00 for two hours



Kitchens

- Lounge Kitchen – accessible from the Hall and Lounge
- School Kitchen – accessible from the Hall (only for use by professional caterers from £50 per hire)
- Both kitchens are catering standard.

Lounge Kitchen hire is free if you hire the Hall or Lounge



year, supplementing the Rural Touring Theatre productions and Goosfest Events (October 2019) already using the Village Hall.

Don't forget the Village Hall is a perfect venue for kids parties, so much easier to clear up than your house and so much space for your kids to enjoy themselves and use of the kitchen. Bouncy castles are welcome!

Ring Janet on 07640 830382

More Improvements on the way This summer we are replacing the windows in the Lounge and Hall with double glazed units and we are hoping to be able to announce more improvements to the Village Hall facilities in the near future which will make the venue more versatile.

All announcements for the Village hall will be made on

<https://Goostrey.info> and on our Facebook page at

<https://www.facebook.com/Goostrey-Village-Hall-428383944617662/>

Annual Report 2018-2019

The Annual Parish Meeting was held in the Village Hall on 18th March 2019 and the Parish Council was pleased to welcome 54 attendees to the meeting.

Chairman's Report

The Chairman delivered his annual report for the year 2018/19.

Achievements

The Chairman reported on a number of achievements so far during the year (which runs from May 2018 to May 2019). These included:

- ◆ A £25,000 donation to the Scout Hut and Youth Centre to enable match-funding and payment of the outstanding loan.
- ◆ The Parish Archive Collection has been moved to its new home in the Village Hall Committee Room (see below).
- ◆ Support for the Royal British Legion 100th commemoration of the end of World War I and the 18 fallen, including a new oak tree and plaque on the Bog Bean.
- ◆ Senior's lunch in November which was attended by over 100 people and annual switching-on of the Christmas Lights organised by the Scouts.
- ◆ Congratulations were made to local groups including FOGS for their success in progressing the restoration of the Victorian ticket office at the station.
- ◆ And Paul Kemsley for the planting of trees around the village including damson trees near the footpath at Dromedary Lodge.

Highways & SpeedWatch

- ◆ Regarding road safety, the Speedwatch group has been restarted by the Parish Council with assistance from the local PCSO and local residents. It will continue to hold speed gun sessions around the village.
- ◆ Signage improvements have now been made at the Booth Bed Lane/Hermitage Lane junction with Main Road and it is hoped that work to install traffic lights and a pedestrian footway on the station bridge will take place in the next 12 months.
- ◆ Although the Council supported the PTA's initiative to re-introduce a school crossing warden, there have not been any applicants and the position is still vacant.
- ◆ There have been various highway maintenance activities during the year most significantly the repair by United Utilities of a sunken drain on Main Road at the end of Bank View.

All residents are encouraged to report

potholes, street light and other problems on the Cheshire East Highways website.

Around the Village

- ◆ A new Parish Council noticeboard has been installed at the end of Bank View and it is planned to replace all the noticeboards in the village in the near future.
- ◆ The last of the village signs has also been installed on Goostrey Lane coming from Twemlow.
- ◆ There is now also a new illuminated sign for the Village Hall.
- ◆ Thanks to members of the Amenities Committee, all the benches in the village have been restored and planters relocated and replanted. Other improvements at the entrances to the village are currently being planned.

Quality Award

The Council is pleased to have achieved a quality 'Foundation Award' under the Local Council Award Scheme which confirms that the Council is 'operating lawfully and according to standard practice'. Thanks were made to the Parish Clerk for all her work in achieving this award. The Clerk has also been successful in achieving the CiLCA qualification (Certificate in Local Council Administration).

Closing Remarks

Lastly the Chairman noted that the Jodrell Bank Observatory, which is in Goostrey Parish, has now raised the funding for its new First Light gallery (including grants from the Heritage Lottery Fund of £16M and £4M from the UK Government). Jodrell Bank is the UK's current UNESCO World Heritage nomination, which will be decided in July 2019, the Parish Council is represented by the Parish Council Chairman on the Steering Group. It was also noted that the Square Kilometre Array Global HQ has opened at Jodrell Bank following the construction of a new £16M building.

Financial Report

As Chair of the Finance Committee, Councillor Ian O'Donoghue presented the financial report for the year which showed that the budget has been met (see Accounts). He also mentioned that there will be a small decrease in the precept paid by each household for the year 2019-2020.

Goostrey Parish Archive

Roger Burgess gave an interesting presentation on the Goostrey Parish Archive (GosPA) including the information that has been provided to relatives of former residents. The Archive group welcomes anyone who would like to join or visit the archive on Tuesdays 2pm to 4pm and Thursdays 10am-12 noon.



RECEIPTS

Adjustment	£0.00
Precept Payment	£44,012.00
V. Hall Lettings incl VAT	£17,415.49
Bank Interest	£1,173.75
Lunch Ticket Sales	£700.00
Wayleave	-
Pay Phone	£1.01
Performing Rights	£281.54
SLCA	£0.00
Exceptional Income	£500.00
	£64,083.79

PAYMENTS

PAYE Control	£20.74
VAT Control	£1,395.21
Administration	£6,799.27
Audit	£750.00
Donations/Sponsorship	£3,137.32
Maintenance - around Village	£5,853.23
Miscellaneous Items	£210.26
Parish Projects	£3,214.33
Salary & Expenses - Parish Council	£10,712.42
V.Hall expenses	£4,187.70
V.Hall Salary & Expenses	£14,136.05
Total Payments	£50,416.53
Excess of Receipts over Payments	£13,667.26

Balance at 01/04/18	£185,784.82
Excess of Receipts over Payments	plus £13,667.26
Less spend from General Reserves	less £36,102.53
Less spend from Capital Reserves	less £5,953.77
Balance of accounts at 31/03/19	£157,395.78

Capital Reserves	£73,027.25
General Reserves	£84,368.53
Total Reserves	£157,395.78

Goostrey Parish Council

Unaudited Accounts
1st April 2018 to
31st March 2019

Audited Accounts
1st April 2017 to
31st March 2018

	£33.90
	£43,524.00
	£17,779.97
	£1,128.60
	£600.00
	£1.19
	£8.46
	£244.79
	-£165.38
	£153.00
	£63,308.53

	£20.96
	£800.40

	£7,435.31
	£1,050.00
	£2,750.00
	£4,776.67
	-
	£2,741.83
	£8,087.89
	£3,197.22
	£12,346.32
	£43,206.60
	£20,101.93

Balance at 01/04/17	£204,359.03
	plus £20,101.93
	less £14,664.53
	£24,011.61
Balance of accounts at 31/03/18	£185,784.82

	£78,981.02
	£106,803.80
	£185,784.82

Residents Information *(stick this on your fridge or notice board!)*

Phone Numbers for Local Services

Bus Services to Holmes Chapel/Sandbach	0300 123 55 00	Holmes Chapel Comprehensive School	01477 534513
Cheshire Police Non-Emergency	101	Holmes Chapel Dental Practise	01477 533941
Cheshire Police - PCSO	101	Holmes Chapel Health Centre	01477 533100
Chelford GP Surgery	01625 861316	Holmes Chapel Library	01477 535126
Citizen's Advice Bureau, Congleton	03444 111 444	Member of Parliament - Fiona Bruce	01260 274044
Goostrey Community Primary School	01270 685658	Mobile Library Service	01270 873552
Goostrey Pharmacy	01477 549481	Parish Council (Clerk)	01477 535825
Goostrey Post Office	01477 549241	Rail Services	0800 528 0200
Goostrey Tree Warden - Thelma Carter	01477 533760	Village Hall Supervisor - Bookings & Caretaker Arrangements	07460 830382

Parish Councillors Phone No

Cllr K Morris (Chairman)	534622
Cllr T Rathbone (Vice Chairman)	537461
Cllr N Beckham	544779
Cllr S Lord	544604
Cllr P Morgan	07540 170877
Cllr D Roberts	544779
Cllr C Ross	544049
Cllr J Sulej	07714 244618
Cllr E Williams	07976 795494

Cheshire East Councillors

Cllr Andrew Kolker	544513
Cllr Les Gilbert	544307

Village Notice Boards— the new weatherproof boards are being installed, they are unlocked for local non-commercial use.

Wild About Goostrey is an awards scheme to enhance biodiversity and connectivity for Goostrey's wildlife. **Simply make one or more of the habitat improvements below** and then proudly display the appropriate award!



BRONZE AWARD

Do one or more of these:

- Erect a standard nest/bee box
- Plant nectar rich flowers/shrubs
- Plant a native tree
- Leave a patch of grass unmown from March to September
- Create a woodpile

SILVER AWARD

Do one or more of these:

- Create a pond
- Plant a native hedge
- Erect a bat or owl box
- Dispense with slug pellets & weed killer
- Create freedom of movement & housing for hedgehogs

GOLD AWARD

Do one or more of these:

- Do 5 or more of the Bronze and Silver projects
- Manage a lawn or paddock as a meadow for butterflies & ground nesting birds
- Plant 10 native trees or manage a wood for wildlife



Make a written pledge **today**, or email
Paul Morgan (Goostrey Parish Councillor):
pmorgan.goostreypc@gmail.com
with your contact details and pledge.



Highways & SpeedWatch

Goostrey Station Bridge

Cheshire East Highways have informed us that they are still working on a suitable design for the scheme, the issue seems to be with the creation of the safe area for pedestrians to cross the Station Bridge.

We are in regular contact with Cheshire East Highways and will share the design with residents as soon as it is released to us.

SpeedWatch

Our dedicated SpeedWatch volunteers are carrying out SpeedWatch sessions most weeks at the various approved locations in the village.

It is recognised that the number of sessions is effective in reducing speed of traffic in the Village and we are now working with the School to recruit members who are available to run sessions at different times of day to enable more sessions to run.

If you would like to join our team please contact the Clerk for details.