



RE-OPENING OF THE VILLAGE HALL

Following discussions with hirer's of the Village Hall at a Zoom meeting on 3rd September, the Village Hall Management Committee had been keen to try to re-open the Village Hall for a limited number of bookings from the end of October 2020 to ensure the facility was available for people who needed it, despite a number groups not wanting to return to their regular bookings until a vaccine had been produced and deployed widely.

However, the implementation of the Government Restrictions on Social Gatherings reducing to 6 people, which came into effect on 14th September 2020, has meant that it is no longer viable for the groups that wanted to meet at the Village Hall to do so. Sadly, it looks as if the Village Hall is unlikely to re-open this year and the Village Hall Management Committee is proposing to the Parish Council that The Village Hall could re-open in the new year subject to Government Restrictions at that time. We will continue to review the situation from November 2020 onwards.

PLANNING CHANGES

Cheshire East Council will soon be opening another consultation on the Local Plan housing policies that will apply to Local Service Centres, including Goostrey. When the dates are announced we will publish them on the Parish Council website, and we encourage residents to respond. Meanwhile the Government have published a White Paper proposing a significant reform to the whole of the planning system, this is open to consultation now and details can be found by searching on the internet for 'Planning for The Future – Government White Paper'.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Parish Council and Planning Committee will be on 27th October 2020. All meetings will be held by Zoom Video Conference until further notice (joining instructions for the meetings are listed on the meeting notice on the notice boards and on the website at <https://Goostrey.info>. However, if Government Restrictions are relaxed sufficiently for the Parish Council to hold a regular meeting this will be indicated on the meeting notice.

PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS

The Parish Office is "open" to receive phone calls three half days a week: Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays 1.00pm – 4.00pm. **Contact Details:** Phone 01477 535825 (answerphone out of office hours) and in emergencies you can call the Clerk on 07834 230351.