



Goostrey Parish Council

GOOSTREY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES for the MEETING on TUESDAY 22nd MARCH 2022, at 7.30pm

In the VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllrs Morris (KM) (Chairman), Rathbone (TR), Sulej (JS), O'Donoghue (IO'D), Freeman (AF), Morgan (PM), Beckham (NB)

In Attendance: E Bambrook, Clerk to the Council

PART ONE MEMBERS OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC PRESENT

There were six members of the public present representing the VHPFF Committee who gave a presentation in support of their grant application.

03.22.1. Declaration of Interests –

- Cllr. Morris declared an interest in Item 12 ii. Goostrey VHPFF Grant Application.
- Cllr. Rathbone declared an interest in Item 12 i. First Goostrey Scouts Grant Application.

Cllrs. Morris and Rathbone took no part in the debate or voting regarding the items which they declared an interest.

2. **Apologies for absence** – Cllrs. Roberts, Ross and Williams

3. **Minutes of the meeting of 22nd February 2022** - View minutes at

[Goostrey Parish Council Minutes 22nd February 2022](#)

Resolved: *The Parish Council accepted the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council on 22nd February 2022 as a true record of the meeting.*

4. **Cheshire East Council Matters** – Cllr. Andrew Kolker was not present and had given his apologies. He had asked that any issues which required his attention be emailed to him.

5. **Committee Matters** – To receive reports from the Parish Council Committees:

i. **Amenities Committee 2nd March 2022:** See minutes at [Amenities Committee Meeting 2nd March 2022](#)

Queen's platinum Jubilee – It was confirmed the Village Hall was only required on Saturday 4th June and so the Clerk was asked to release the remaining dates back to regular hirers who had been asked to step aside and then to general hire. Providing the church and school did not require the hall for their celebrations.

Projects - It was highlighted that projects were now progressing, in particular planting at Shearbrook, replanting of the planter on Main Road and work to improve the green at Boothbed Lane.

Budget – The committee's budget has not been spent this year.

ii. **Village Hall Management Committee 8th March 2022:** See minutes at [Village Hall Management Committee Meeting 8th March 2022](#)

Communication and marketing - At the meeting the committee had been made aware of some negative comments about the loss of storage at the Village Hall for external organisations and the increase in hire fees. The committee had agreed to use the next newsletter to communicate the reasons for these decisions and to also use this as a starting point for a marketing plan to move things forward and highlight the improvements that had been made during the pandemic that the public might not be aware of. It was also considered that this might be an opportunity to ask the community to consider providing storage space if possible. The Village Hall Supervisors were also advertising the hall on the Village Hall Facebook page. It had also been agreed that the council would provide a skip to assist those who have been asked to remove items from the loft space.

Action: The clerk was asked to confirm the deadline for the next newsletter and advise the council.

Village Hall Resilience – The committee had established that there were no problems foreseen in the short or medium term. This will be reviewed at the next committee meeting in June.

Resolved: *The Parish Council approved the decisions made at the committee meetings on 2nd and 8th of March.*

6. Planning Matters – To receive and consider the following Planning Application:

- i. [22/0792C](#) Holly Bank Farm, 65, MAIN ROAD, GOOSTREY, CW4 8JR. Double storey rear & side extensions and pebble dash render addition. Comments due by 22nd March 2022.

Resolved: *The Parish Council resolved to make no comment on planning application 22/0792C.*

7. Financial Payments – To approve payments in Schedule 03/22. Includes: Salaries & expenses see Payment Schedule on **Page A1**

Resolved: *The Parish Council approved the payments listed on Schedule 03/22 subject to the insurance renewal documents reviewed by the Chair of the Finance Committee.*

8. Clerk's Report - Including actions from the Last Meeting and Correspondence. See report on Page A2

The contents of the Clerk's report were noted.

9. Highways & Speedwatch

- i. **Speedwatch Report** – To receive the Speedwatch Report – see report on **page A3**. No new volunteers have come forward.

- **SDU at Shearbrook, Main Road - Summary Report 2022** – See report on **page A4**.

10. Police Matters – To consider any matters related to local policing. TR had attended the Police meeting.

Exceptional Speeding – On checking the SID data the worst times were identified as 10am and 2pm so the police will be conducting Trucam sessions at those times in order to catch the worst offenders.

Drug Use – It was felt by the police that this was under reported but that they couldn't be sure of the scale.

11. Highways

- i. To consider and agree a plan to resolve the issue of the tree on Main Road causing the dangerous uplifting of the pavement.

Resolved: *The Parish Council resolved to apply for Planning Permission to fell the TPO tree at 77 Main Road, due to the dangerous uplifting of the footway, and if permission is refused to send an appeal to the Planning Inspectorate for an independent decision.*

Action: Clerk to supply the images she has received demonstrating the problem to KM. KM to complete the application.

- ii. To consider re-applying to Cheshire East Council, via the Top-up Scheme, to progress the reinstatement of the white lining at the junction of Boothbed Lane as well as other improvements.

Resolved: The Parish Council resolved to apply to the Cheshire East Council Top-up Scheme to repaint the white lining at the junction of Boothbed Lane as well as other improvements.

Action: KM to progress this.

AF advised that he had advised a resident to email concerns about the pavement between the Red Lion and the station and the tree on Main Road to Cllr. Kolker who has also been made aware of these issues. AF had also been asked by a resident to progress a number of issues with the condition of the highway. The Clerk has advised that she can log issues with Highways where there is specific information about the problem and the location but that more detail would be required on the rest. She has also advised that the resident could log the issues using the same tool and has sent the link. Photographs of the problem can also be uploaded.

12. Grant Applications – To consider the following grant applications:

- i. 1st Goostrey Scouts – The accounts provided with the application are almost a year old.

Resolved: *To place consideration of the 1st Goostrey Scouts grant application on the agenda for consideration at the next Finance Committee on 5th April 2022. The Finance Committee will make a recommendation to full Council.*

Action: Clerk to ask the applicant to supply latest accounts to allow proper consideration.

- ii. Goostrey VHPFF

Resolved: To place consideration of the Goostrey VHPFF grant application on the agenda for consideration at the next Finance Committee on 5th April 2022. The Finance Committee will make a recommendation to full Council.

Goostrey Fibre Optic Provision - To consider and agree a date to meet Kloud9 and view the presentation.

Action: the Clerk to contact Kloud9 and advise that they can hire the Village Hall to hold an event to make their presentation to residents.

13. Membership of ChALC- To consider the Council's continued membership of ChALC.

Resolved: *The Parish Council resolved to discontinue membership of ChALC for the coming year. This will be reviewed not later than nine months from this meeting.*

14. Policy Review – To review and approve the following council policies:

The Clerk was asked to confirm whether all policies must be reviewed annually.

i. Anonymous Communications Policy

[View Anonymous Communications Policy](#)

Resolved: The Parish Council resolved to approve the Anonymous Communications Policy.

ii. Privacy Notice

[View Privacy Notice](#)

Resolved: *The Parish Council resolved to approve the Privacy Notice.*

iii. Data Protection Policy

[View Data Protection Policy](#)

Resolved: *The Parish Council resolved to approve the Data Protection Policy.*

iv. Complaints Policy

[View Complaints Policy](#)

Resolved: *The Parish Council resolved to approve the Complaints Policy subject to amending Item 4 to read their instead of her.*

15. Support for Ukraine – To consider what actions the Parish Council could take to support the people of Ukraine.

Resolved: *The Parish Council resolved to make a donation, under the General Power of Competence, of £250 to The British Red Cross immediately and to place an item on the Finance Committee Agenda to review the council's financial situation and make further recommendations to council based on this.*

16. Social Media - To agree the council's policy on responses to social media posts.

It was agreed that, in line with the Council's Communication and Community Engagement Policy, it was not always appropriate to comment on social media posts. Where councillors felt that a comment must be made, for example in the case of a contentious or complex issue, then a simple comment referring the public to the Clerk via email, post or telephone is all that is required.

Action: The Clerk will work with KM on suitable wording for use as a statement referring the public to the Clerk and this along with the above agreement will be circulated to all councillors

17. Minor items and items for the next agenda. No items were requested.

18. Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 26th April 2022

Resolved: *The Parish Council resolved to move to Part Two to discuss confidential items relating to the staff payments.*

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.

20. Staff Matters

21. Close meeting – The meeting closed at 9.25pm

The minutes of the meeting remain draft until they are approved at the next Parish Council meeting.

APPENDICES

ITEM 03.22.07 FINANCIAL PAYMENTS				
		Payment Schedule 03/22 March 2022		
Payment Date				
Date	Payee	Money Out	Description	
04/03/2022	1 Staff Salaries	£4,386.66	Staff salaries for February 2022	Paid
04/03/2022	2 HMRC	£1,027.84	Tax & NI for February 2022	Paid
11/03/2022	3 Nest	£126.66	Pension Payment	Paid
21/03/2022	4 Plusnet	£40.78	Telephone and Broadband for March	Paid
16/03/2022	5 Vodafone	£9.60	Mobile phones March	Paid
28/03/2022	6 K.Morris	£100.00	Retirement Gift	
28/03/2022	7 Gallagher Insurance	£897.14	AJG Community Schemes	
28/03/2022	8 Combat Doors Ltd	£167.64	Roller Shutter Service	
15/03/2022	9 Natwest	£25.85	Bankline Charges March	Paid
23/03/2022	10 Land Registry	£80.00	Fees (chq)	
		£6,862.17	inc VAT	
Receipts				
	Village Hall income	£508.35		
	Total Receipts	£508.35		
Account Balances at 15th March 2022				
	Current Account	£32,870.48		
	Santander Capital Account	£77,508.99		
	Skipton Capital & General	£40,886.26		
	Nat Savings General	£30,595.15		
	TOTAL	£181,860.88		
Caxton Card Report 15 March 2022				
	Description	Amount	Description	
Transaction Date	Balance brought forward	£214.45		
	Spend	£0.00		
	Total Fees	£0.00		
	Total Spend inc Fees	£0.00		
	Card Balance at 15 Mar 2022	£214.45		

ITEM 03.22.08 – CLERK’S REPORT**Actions from Last Meeting**

- a. Clerk to contact the “Goostrey Shed” project co-ordinator to arrange a visit for PM, IO’D and CR. Complete – Clerk has circulated the date of the Open Day to members.
- b. Clerk to confirm the situation with regard to the council’s LCAS Gold application and award if membership of ChALC were not renewed and report to council. Complete - Clerk circulated the following information to members: Should the council decide not to renew our membership then the application and award would not be in jeopardy however, we would not be entitled to the discount which we receive as members so the fee may increase from £160 to £320.

Correspondence

- a) Your Society Membership Renewal
- b) Bluedot Festival 2022 - update
- c) Resident RE: Goostrey Lane Footpath proposal
- d) Resident Goostrey Sign on Station Road
- e) CEHStreetworks Cheshire East Highways - Traffic Management Area Highway Group Report
- f) Local Council Award Scheme RE: Local Council Award Scheme GOLD AWARD Application -
- g) ChALC Weekly Bulletin 25.02.22
- h) CVS Membership - Change in the CVS Membership fee
- i) National Association of Local Councils CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S BULLETIN
- j) Planning Lists Week 2208
- k) planning@cheshireeast.gov.uk 22/0792C Holly Bank Farm, 65, MAIN ROAD, GOOSTREY,
- l) National Association of Local Councils NALC EVENTS
- m) Northwich TC Goostrey Parish Council SLA 22-23
- n) Civic Voice Membership of Civic Voice for 2022-2023
- o) Highways Officer RE: Highways Issues Update
- p) Re: Local Council Award Scheme - Quality Gold Triage
- q) Gateway Confirmation Successful Receipt of Online Submission for Reference 709/NTG544
- r) CEHStreetworks Cheshire East Highways - Traffic Management Area Highway Group Report
- s) Resident Re: Station Road Sign
- t) Local Council Award Scheme RE: Local Council Award Scheme - Quality Gold Triage
- u) SLCC Membership News Bulletin - 4 March 2022
- v) Resident GOOSTREY FLOWER CLUB
- w) National Association of Local Councils CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S BULLETIN
- x) ChALC Springing in! ChALC News Roundup for 4th March
- y) Resident Re: Queen's Jubilee Events
- z) Rudheath Quarry Liaison Meeting - Tuesday 8th March 2022
- aa) Resident Re: Goostrey Sign on Station Road
- bb) PCSO RE: [EXTERNAL] PCSO Surgeries
- cc) Combat Doors Invoice and Worksheet for Roller Shutter Service - Goostrey Village Hall
- dd) Resident Park issues
- ee) Information Commissioner's Office Latest news from ICO
- ff) Resident Grant application from VHPFF
- gg) Resident Ukrainian refugees

hh) Resident 2 Separate areas of unsafe pavement on Main Road Goostrey

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ITEM 02.22.09 – HIGHWAYS AND SPEEDWATCH

GOOSTREY PARISH COUNCIL SPEEDWATCH REPORT - March 2022 Meeting

DATE & TIME	LOCATION	LOW SPEED MPH	TOP SPEED MPH	NUMBER OF VEHICLES LOGGED	TOTAL NUMBER OF VEHICLES PASSING
Lack of Volunteer resources has resulted in no further sessions since last reported session on 05/01/2022					

Speedwatch Activity Summary GPC Current Year To-date

Speedwatch sessions resumed On 26th July 2021 having been suspended on 4th November 2020 due Covid 19 issues. Thirty sessions have been held. A total of 6505 vehicles have been monitored with 162 vehicles logged at 35mph and above. The maximum speed monitored is 43 mph.

TR 01/03/22

Main Road Shearbrook SID Summary Data

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Month 2021	Total Number of Vehicles	% Travelling at over 35MPH	Highest Speed and time	Comments
February	20,931	24.1	61.3mph 21.00	Highest previous Speed 88.3mph 02.00 January 2021
March	27,630	23.9	60.3mph 01.00 & 18.00	
April	31,453	26.6	65mph Midnight & 07.00	
May	42,455	27	59 mph 16.00 & 23.00	
June	34,485	26	63.3mph 16.00	
July	34,239	29.5	59mph 13.00, 20.00,22.00, 24.00 & 24.00	
August	35,902	22.1	64mph 13.00	
September	34,981	21.1	67.2mph 19.00	
October	35,369	20.2	60.4mph 17.00	
November	36,340	18.0	60.3mph 22.00	
December	33,306	16.4	64.4mph 15.00	
January 2022	33,406	18.0	64.6mph 12 noon	

Note for January 2022 Data – Total number of vehicles has stabilised at just over 33,000. Approximately 6,000 vehicles were travelling at 35mph and above in the month which gives an average of 194 vehicles per day, which is an increase from the previous month. However, 153 vehicles were travelling in excess of 45 mph, typically 9 vehicles per hour between 09.00 and 22.00. The improvement in speeding indicated last month has not been sustained.

01/02/2022 Report for February 2022 GPC meeting.