



# Goostrey Parish Council

## ***Minutes of the Goostrey Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2022, at 7.30pm in the Village Hall***

**Present:** Cllrs. O'Donoghue (IOD) (Chairman), Rathbone (TR) (Sulej (JS), Beckham (NB) and Morris (KM)

**In Attendance:** E Bambrook, Clerk to the Council (EB) and Cllr. A Kolker, CEC Ward Councillor (AK)

### **PART ONE MEMBERS OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC PRESENT**

There were no members of the press or public present.

**08.22.1 Declarations of Interest:** No declarations were made.

**08.22.2 Apologies for absence:** Apologies were received from Cllrs. Ross, Roberts, Morgan, Freeman and Williams.

**08.22.3 Minutes of the meeting of 28<sup>th</sup> June 2022:** [View draft minutes.](#)

***Resolved:*** *The Parish Council accepted the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2022 as a true and accurate record of the meeting.*

**08.22.4 Cheshire East Matters:** AK provided the following update. Applications are being invited for community grants for which the deadline is approaching. Crewe have been shortlisted for the national railway headquarters and the public can vote for this online. Planning Officers are being actively recruited by Cheshire East Council. Planning permission has been granted for additional classrooms at Holmes Chapel Comprehensive School. There was a fatal road accident in Holmes Chapel on Middlewich Road recently. AK has been pushing to get the steps redone at the primary school but needs a meeting with the school; it was suggested that the Business Manager may be working and contactable.

The council received a letter from a member of the public (included in the Clerk's correspondence) questioning the use of Blackden Lane and Church Bank by vehicles from AM Skips who have recently been given permission, on appeal to the Planning Inspectorate, to operate. The correspondent highlights that the Inspector's judgement mentions access to the site via Bridge Lane and doesn't mention Blackden Lane or Church Bank. However, Cheshire East Highways made no objection or requests to restrict access to certain roads and, while the council is sympathetic, it was agreed that as the appeal had already been decided, there is nothing that could be done at this point. The only route would be to go to the High Court where the chances of success would be vanishingly small and the risk of incurring huge costs would be high. Cheshire East Highways didn't object and therefore there would be no grounds to go to the High Court. The vehicles are within the 7.5 tonne weight limit zone and therefore they are entitled to access their premises using these roads. It was agreed that AK would respond.

IOD raised the issue that during the last couple of weeks of term, pupils from Holmes Chapel Comprehensive were left at school because the school bus service in Goostrey had been reduced from two to one. Parents had received calls to collect their children from school as there wasn't room on



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the bus and other children had to stand on the journey home. AK agreed that this was unacceptable and agreed to investigate.

## 08.22.5 Committee Matters: To receive reports from the Parish Council Committees:

- a) Finance Committee Meeting 5<sup>th</sup> July 2022. [View draft minutes.](#)

**Resolved:** The Parish Council resolved to accept the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2022 and all the decisions therein.

- b) Amenities Committee Meeting 6<sup>th</sup> July 2022. View minutes at [View draft minutes.](#) IOD confirmed that he would be arranging a meeting with a contractor to discuss the logistics of improved Christmas lighting on the Bogbean and will keep TR informed. TR is progressing with a document for improving the Booth Bed Lane Village Entrance. TR highlighted that the council must ensure that sufficient numbers of councillors are available to support events in future.

**Resolved:** The Parish Council resolved to accept the minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> July and all the decisions therein.

- c) Planning Committee Meeting 13<sup>th</sup> July 2022. [View draft minutes.](#)

**Resolved:** The Parish Council resolved to accept the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2022 and all the decisions therein.

## 08.22.6 Planning Matters:

- a) To receive and consider the following planning applications:

[22/3005C](#) 29, WOODLANDS DRIVE, GOOSTREY, CW4 8JH. Side facing pitched roof dormers. comments deadline to 16<sup>th</sup> August.

**Resolved:** The Parish Council resolved to submit no comment for planning application 22/3005C.

- b) To ratify the comments made for the following planning application where the comments deadline fell before the meeting:

[22/2826C](#) Firbank, SANDY LANE, GOOSTREY, CW4 8NT. reconfigure the front elevation, converting the existing garage into a gym and storage space. Reconfiguration to the conservatory roof. Comments deadline 10<sup>th</sup> August.

**Resolved:** *The Planning Committee resolved to submit no comment for planning application 22/2826C.*

**Resolved:** The Parish Council resolved to approve the decision of the Planning Committee on planning application 22/2826C.

- c) To review the outcome of the Planning Application at 61A Main Road.

The Parish Council objected to planning application 21/2569C because it directly conflicts with Goostrey Neighbourhood Plan Policy SC2, impairment of the radio telescopes at Jodrell Bank. Jodrell Bank Observatory also objected to the application on the grounds that it would impair the efficiency of the telescopes. Planning permission was granted and the Officer's report does not mention this policy nor is it mentioned in their approval letter. KM proposed that the



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council ask Cheshire East Planning to provide an explanation as to why they have not mentioned or considered the Neighbourhood Plan Policy SC2. This raises concerns that this may set a precedent for future developments. **Action:** AK to make enquiries and the Clerk to write to the head of planning with the Council's concerns and to ask for an explanation.

**Resolved:** The Parish Council resolved that the Clerk would write to the head of planning with the Council's concerns about the granting of planning permission for application 21/2569C and to ask for an explanation.

## 08.22.7 Financial Payments:

**Resolved:** The Parish Council approved the payments listed on Schedule 07-08/22.

**08.22.8 Clerk's Report:** The contents of the Clerk's report were received and noted. In relation to parking in the Village Hall car park and on the crossings it was confirmed that a letter had been drafted in order to try to resolve this and that further actions were also planned. Correspondence on an accident with a cyclist was received after the document pack was issued. It was confirmed that the council would raise awareness with the cycle clubs that hire the Village Hall to ask them to be courteous and considerate to other road users. An additional item of correspondence expressing concern about the banner on The Red Lion pub advertising a McDonald's Drive-Thru was received. The Clerk has asked the new owner's to remove the sign as it is causing unnecessary concern to residents. The correspondence related to the skip vehicles was addressed with AK under item 08.22.04.

## 08.22.9 Highways & Speedwatch

- a) **Speedwatch Report:** The report was received and noted. TR reported that there were still no volunteers but that a report would continue to be submitted in order to maintain visibility.
  - **SDU at Shearbrook, Main Road - Summary Report August 2022:** The report was received and noted.
- b) **Footpath/Tree on Main Road:** The tree report has now been received and was circulated to all members. It was agreed that the Clerk should ask the Tree Consultant to restrict his recommended solutions to those relating to the tree. The Clerk will then continue to progress the application.
- c) **Highways Liaison Role:** KM proposed that there should be a councillor with responsibility for monitoring highways issues and being proactive in highlighting problems. There are liaison roles in other areas but not for highways which has quite a high priority with the public. **Action:** KM and IOD to draft a scope for the role to go on the next council agenda and to seek a volunteer.
- d) **Highways Priority Survey:** The council agreed that the priorities for the Highways Priority Survey as follows:
  1. Road Signage at Cross Lane/Bomish Lane



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2. Tree Roots raising footway on Main Road
3. Degraded Footway between Red Lion and Station (tripping hazard)
4. Depleted white lining at most junctions – especially Boothbed/Hermitage/Main Road
5. Unresolved issue of water running down Main Road at bottom of Dromedary Lodge. Water freezes in winter and creates potholes.

It was further agreed that the following should also be included as they are major issues which continue to be a problem:

1. Station Bridge – No footway and danger of collision with oncoming traffic
2. Improvements to Booth Bed Lane/Main Road Junction
3. Speed limits too high e.g. Goostrey Lane approaching the village from A50, Blackden Lane etc.

**Action:** Clerk to completed the survey and submit before deadline.

**08.22.10 Police Matters:** TR attended the Dane Valley and Brereton Rural area meeting. TR highlighted the figures for burglaries in the Crime and Disorder Review where the number of incidents appeared to have risen sharply. A significant number of these incidents had been reported by an individual with mental health problems where no burglary had taken place. Once an incident has been logged on the system it cannot be removed and so the figures are distorted.

**08.22.11 Goostrey Residents in need:** The Council considered a proposal to use the Village Hall Lounge during the Autumn and Winter to support Goostrey residents in need due to the rise in the cost of living, particularly energy prices. Councillors agreed to the proposal in principle and asked for this to be placed on the next Village Hall Management Committee meeting agenda so that the logistics of this initiative can be agreed.

**08.22.12 Internal Audit Recommendations:** To agree to accept the insurers revised quote to remove items from the schedule and to increase the level of fidelity cover to cover the maximum projected cash and bank balances as recommended by the Internal auditor.

**Resolved:** The Council resolved to accept the additional insurance premium of £187.84 including IPT to remove the playground equipment from the schedule and increase the Employees Dishonesty cover (also known as Fidelity) to £300,000.

**08.22.13 Minor items and items for the next agenda.**

- The Clerk asked the councillors to confirm that they are happy with the newsletter so that it could go to print. This was agreed.

**08.22.14 Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2022.**

**Close meeting – The meeting closed at 8.50pm**



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