



GOOSTREY PARISH COUNCIL ACHIEVE THE GOLD QUALITY AWARD

The Local Council Award Scheme announced that Goostrey Parish Council has achieved The Quality Gold Award. The scheme seeks to celebrate the successes of the very best local councils and to provide a framework to support all councils to meet their full potential.

The Gold Award demonstrates that, “a council is at the forefront of best practice and achieves excellence through governance, community leadership and council development.” There are three award levels and councils must demonstrate that they meet certain standards and criteria which are set by the sector and assessed by their peers. A mechanism for continuous improvement must also be established.

Former Clerk, Sharon Jones, has taken the council from The Foundation Award through to The Quality Award and on to The Gold Award in a little over a year and it is a testament to her hard work that the feedback the council received stated, “Many congratulations on this significant achievement and for the high standard of work put into your application. The panel commended it and agreed the award was thoroughly deserved.”

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2022

The Annual Parish Meeting took place on Tuesday 28th April at the Village Hall with 24 members of the public present. The Chairman, Cllr. Ken Morris, gave a presentation detailing the work of the Parish Council over the last year. This covered, recent achievements, village improvements, donations and support provided to the community, responses to planning applications and consultations and plans for the future.

The Chairman of the Finance Committee, Cllr. Paul Morgen, provided a review of the council’s finances, the budget and precept setting process and the challenges and impacts which the council has faced over the past year. Cllr. Morgan forecast more uncertainty ahead but assured the community that the council would do its best to keep any future increases as low as possible, if not zero.

There was an open question and answer session which prompted a lively debate before everyone retired to the Lounge to enjoy light refreshments.

Draft minutes of the meeting are available on the council website, www.goostreyparishcouncil.gov.uk parish council along with the a copy of the Chairman’s Annual Report. If you would like to receive a copy of either in an alternative format then please contact the Clerk on 01477 535825 or clerk@goostreyparishcouncil.gov.uk.

PCSO SURGERIES

The next beat surgery will be held in the Village Hall Lounge from 10.30am to 11.30am on Saturday 11th June Saturday 2nd July. Everyone is welcome to come along and talk to PCSO Chadwick about any issues or concerns.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS – Did you know that members of the public are welcome to attend our meetings which are held in the Village Hall? Time is set aside at our monthly Parish Council meetings for you to have your say and ask questions.

All meeting notices will be displayed on the notice boards at the Village Hall and on the corner of Bank View and Main Road and on the website at <https://goostreyparishcouncil.gov.uk>

- Village Hall Management Committee – 7th June 2022 at 6pm
- Parish Council Meeting – 28th June 2022 at 7.30pm

PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS AND CONTACT DETAILS - The Parish Office is open from 1pm-4pm on a Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Phone 01477 535825 (answerphone out of office hours) or, in an emergency call the Clerk on 07726 460477.

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