



# Goostrey Parish Council

## DOCUMENT PACK FOR THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING

on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2022 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

### Agenda

1. **Declarations of Interest**
2. **Apologies for Absence**
3. **Minutes of the Meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2022.** [View minutes.](#)
4. **Tree Report** - To receive a report from the Goostrey Tree Warden
5. **Actions from the Amenities Meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2022**
  - a) SDU on New Platt Lane – To consider investigating a mains electrical supply to the unit. **To be kept under review.**
  - b) Clerk to obtain quotes and permission for work to the oaks on Boothbed Lane.  
**Update:** It was agreed that this should be considered again at a later date.
  - c) Village Environmental Improvements Working Group – **Actions Booth Bed Lane Village Entrance:** Three quotes have been received.  
**Action Shearbrook Bank:** This work will be undertaken by Northwich Town Council.
6. **Senior's Christmas Lunch:** Clerk to provide an update on planning.
7. **Christmas Lighting** - To receive an update on this project.
8. **Bank View Planter** - To consider painting the sides and top edges of the planter with masonry paint.
9. **Annual Plan** – To review progress on the items in the Annual Plan. **Document pack page 2.**
10. **Environmental Improvements Project** – To review progress. **Document pack page 4.**
11. **Update on Boothbed Lane Play Area Project** – To receive an update on the project from PM. **Document Pack page 5.**
12. **Highways Update** – To receive a report from the Clerk on Highways Matters:
  - a) **Tree Stump on Boothbed Lane** – To progress this in terms of plan of work and cost.
  - b) **Tree on Main Road**
13. **Correspondence**
14. **Minor items and matters for the next meeting**
15. **Date of the next Amenities Committee Meeting** – To confirm the date of the next meeting.
16. **Close meeting**

## Item 9

## Goostrey Parish Council Plan

### Presented by Responsibility

#### Amenities Committee

- A) Revise the Resilience Plan to take account of learnings from the Covid-19 situation Including an emergency network of support for any purpose** (e.g., extreme weather event recovery), with appropriate training (e.g., on PPE, CPR) with a mechanism to keep lists up to date. To include any learnings from Holmes Chapel and surrounding villages resilience plans.

SL and PM volunteered to undertake the review/update with support from the Clerk with a view to them producing a first revised draft by end of December 2020. Clerk to circulate draft.

**Update:** The plan has been updated and there is now a public plan for the website and a full plan to be issued to the distribution list. The Planning and Exercise Officer at CEC has reviewed the full document and made a few minor recommendations which the Clerk has completed. The Officer will send the plan to the Cheshire Resilience Forum partners for any comments they may have.

- B) Get feedback from villagers on their views on what they want to see in the village for the future.**

Publish a plan to improve every area of the village. To include Church Bank/Main Road, Main Road/Booth Bed Lane, Booth Bed Lane Green, Primrose Chase, outside Main Road Newsagent and Station area.

A questionnaire will be produced by NB & TR by end February 2021

Distribution of the Questionnaire both physically and via Survey Monkey and analyse results to take place in 21/22. ***Distribution to take place wc 26<sup>th</sup> April 2021.***

Survey complete. Working Groups set up to review the output, members of the group will be DR, NB, and TR.

Anonymous survey results to be posted on the website with TR summary report.

#### **Complete**

- C) Create a Plan to implement the Environmental Policy utilising the Environmental group as well as deciding what a longer-term strategy would look like.**

PM to liaise with the Environmental Group to confirm membership and to arrange a joint meeting of Amenities Committee and Environmental Group in January 2021 to consider development of plan.

**Action:** PM to arrange a meeting of the Environmental group before the Amenities Meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2021.

#### **In Progress.**

- D) Implement the plans outlined in A, B & C (above) and make a positive difference to the village commencing 2021-22, potentially using a village volunteer network and the owners of commercial premises for feedback and implementation.**

Pending actions from items A, B & C.

**E) Define and implement visual speeding deterrents, including resolution on the proposal to install village 'gates'.**

Progressing following decision by PC at meeting on 22/09/20 to accept recommendations of report to that meeting. KM has written to CEC asking them to consider funding and implementing works.

TR reported that KM was trying to secure the trial extra works money to fund this as well as the some of the Ward Councillors' budget. No response from CEC, Clerk to chase CEC Highways regarding funding status.

**Action:** Clerk to check with the Chairman to establish whether he has received any feedback regarding CEC Ward Councillors' budget.

**F) Consider the potential to provide electric car/van charging points (environmental improvement) at the village hall?**

After some initial investigation there appears to be no appetite for this at the present time.

**Action:** Review in January 2023. To be added to the VHMC meeting agenda for the final meeting of 2022.

**G) Investigate and implement improvements to the Booth bed Lane play area.**

- a. S106 Monies for the Booth Bed Lane Play Area** – The amount of funding has been confirmed by ANSA and is now available to be spent. The Council has agreed that the Amenities Committee will lead this project and that any contact or correspondence from ANSA and other stakeholders, should be directed to the Clerk.

**Update:** PM has written to the resident co-ordinating the project to request an update on the project status.

**PM has received a response from the co-ordinator, and they will be meeting to review the results of the last consultation. PM will review potential additional funding sources and will work with the co-ordinator to plan the way ahead. A further consultation with residents will be required once a plan of suitable options is available.**

**Update:** Report Submitted by PM and included

## Item 10

### Goostrey Parish Council – Amenities Committee - Environmental Improvements Project

#### Programme Monitor

Location	Scope Prepared by Working Group	Scope Reviewed & Approved by Amenities Committee	Quotes Invited	Quotes Accepted	Start	Completion	Comments
1.Church Bank	12/10/21						
2.Main Road/Boothbed Lane Junction	12/10/21	12/01/22					
3.Primrose Chase	12/10/21						
4.Station Area	12/10/21						
5.Shearbrook Bank	12/10/21	12/01/22	Sept 2022	Sept 2022			During planting season
6.Boothbed Lane Green	12/10/21	Sept 2022	October 2022	October 2022			
7.Outside Newsagents, Main Road	12/10/21						
8.Bogbean	12/10/21						

Updated 27/10/2022

## Item 11

### DEVELOPMENT OF THE BOOTHBED LANE PLAY AREA

#### Introduction

Following the completion of a local Bloor Homes residential development around £40k was released to be invested in an area in Goostrey to be used for play. In reality, the only area that could benefit from the money is the Boothbed Lane Play Area. Although the development completed several years ago the money was only released in 2020 and has to be spent within five years.

Prior to the Parish Council becoming aware of any interest a local resident undertook to consult local residents on what they would like to see. The PC has not seen the consultation but it is understood a long list of ideas was generated.

The PC has struggled to engage with the organiser of this consultation so has PC decided to make progress itself.

#### An outline scheme

A meeting was held with ANSA Environmental Services (Cheshire East Council's arms length environmental services company which normally delivers section 106 projects), Councillor Kolker and Councillor Morgan to understand what could be done with £40k. In the world of play equipment £40k does not go far and a scheme to instal a hardcore path around the play area which could be used to teach youngsters to ride bikes or be used for walking/toddling safely. This could be delivered for £40k.



#### Community involvement

To date there has been no targeted consultation with the wider community. Understanding what £40k can provide gives us a backstop design that could be delivered if no other achievable and sustainable designs come forward.

It is suggested that, with the PC's agreement, the community is consulted to obtain views on the backstop design and to illicit views on expanding the design which require significantly more than the money available.

This will then inform next steps.

### Delivering the project

The backstop design could be delivered by ANSA with little input and involvement of the PC.

Any expanded project would require a team to support the search for additional funding (and nowadays skills in the areas of grant applications, publicity and social media, project management etc. are required) as developing and delivering a larger project is beyond the capacity of the PC. Therefore, volunteers would be required and ideally from the sector of the community who likely to benefit the most from upgraded facilities. However, we know getting volunteers is a challenge.

It is proposed that a targeted SurveyMonkey survey is used to gather the aspirations of the community (initial thoughts on questions are attached at Appendix 1). From this we will gain an understanding of what the community's aspirations are and what level of commitment there is to help deliver the project. This approach is not without its risks (such as heightening expectations and impacting the reputation of the PC) but there are risks to not consulting.

### Next steps

Following discussion at Amenities Committee and agreement the following actions are proposed:

1. Draft an article for Love Goostrey on the play area highlighting actions to date, what is achievable with the £40k and signpost a targeted SurveyMonkey survey to gauge aspirations and to seek volunteers (deadline of four week).
2. Print the article as a leaflet and ask the school to distribute to parents (this will require some financial support from the PC).
3. Analyse the responses.
4. Recruit a project team – making it clear that involvement could be for 12+ months and if not enough volunteers come forward the PC will commission the backstop design.
5. Commission the backstop if action 4 fails.
6. Develop and deliver the project if action 4 is successful.

### Associated points

If the backstop design is commissioned the PC may want to take the opportunity to allocate some capital to deliver some other improvements (such as a refurbishment of equipment).

If a larger scheme is fully supported, the PC may want to be seen to be making a contribution to the project to help kickstart fundraising (but only on the basis that the scheme goes ahead, otherwise the point above comes into consideration).

## Appendix 1 Draft/Suggested SurveyMonkey questionnaire

The community of Goostrey has received nearly £40,000 to spend on play and amenity space within the village. In reality the only area that could benefit from this money is the Boothbed Lane Play Area.

Sadly, £40,000 does not go very far in the world of play equipment and Goostrey parish Council asked Ansa Environmental Services (Cheshire East's provider and maintainer of play areas) to draw up a basic scheme to utilise the money. This design would see the installation of a hardcore track around the play area field where youngsters could ride bicycles safely and provide a path for toddlers.

This may not sound a lot so to provide new play equipment and facilities would need in excess of £100,000. This will need some serious fundraising and a project team to develop a scheme, publicise it, fundraise, write grant applications and to oversee delivery of the project. The Parish Council does not have the resources or capacity to do this on its own. This would be a community project so it makes sense for parents to be members of that project team over a period of 12 months or so. If a suitable project team cannot be established then the backstop design will be installed.

So, we are keen to understand what the community would like to see but recognising that without dedicated and passionate volunteers anything other than the path around the play area field will not be possible.

So, to the questions...

1. Would you be happy with the scheme to develop a path around the play area field?

Yes                      No

2. If no, what would you like to see? Please use the box below which is limited to 50 words.

[free text box]

3. If you answered yes, would you be prepared to volunteer to be a member of the project team to help deliver a larger scheme? We will need volunteers to help plan the scheme, raise funds, manage social media, write grant applications etc. and it will be for a period of 12 months or more.

Yes                      No

4. If yes, please provide your name and email address below.

[free text box] – alternative is to email the PC.