



# Goostrey Parish Council

## ***Minutes of the Goostrey Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2023, at 7.30pm in the Village Hall***

**Present:** Cllrs. O'Donoghue (IOD Chairman), Morgan (PM Vice Chairman), Rathbone (TR), Morris (KM), Ross (CR), Sulej (JS), Craggs (DC) and Beckham (NB), Freeman (AF)

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

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

There were no members of the public present.

**03.23.1 Declarations of Interest:** No declarations of interest were made.

**03.23.2 Apologies for absence:** None

**03.23.3 Minutes of the meeting of 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023:**

***Resolved:*** *The Parish Council accepted the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023 as a true and accurate record of the meeting.*

**03.23.4 Cheshire East Matters:** AK advised the meeting of the following:

- Work to improve the pedestrian access between the two primary school sites has been authorised and will take place during the Easter holidays.
- It has been proposed by Cheshire East Council (CEC) that the 319 bus should be reduced to two days a week. This has not yet been confirmed; however, residents have been informed by the drivers that this is what will happen. AK advised that the bus company may have made this decision themselves for commercial reasons, based on the proposed reduction in subsidy. However, there hasn't been any consultation yet and it hasn't gone through CEC committee, so a decision has not been made. AK advised that he will write to the council to ask whether the rumours are true and to ask whether it is possible to prevent the bus company from taking this pre-emptive action.
- Residents on Church Bank have reported that the problem of sinking in this area has come up again. AK has informed Highways that this needs further work and needs a more permanent fix.
- The installation of Airband telegraph poles has created concern amongst residents. This work falls under permitted development so planning permission is not required. They can't, however, install poles on private land without a wayleave and permission which is something that has been reported by residents. Airband also appear not to have followed their own processes as no one saw any of the 28 day notice signs, although Airband say that they put them up and that they may have been ripped down.

**03.23.5 Committee Matters:** To receive reports from the Parish Council Committees:

- a) Village Hall Management Committee Minutes 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023.



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- The Clerk was asked to inform the Sub Postmaster about the committee's decision that the Village Hall would not be a suitable location for an Outreach Post Office despite a sincere wish to support the service in Goostrey. The committee recommended that all other avenues of enquiry are exhausted before any further review of the Village Hall as a site is considered.
- NB thanked the Village Hall Supervisors for their hard work and contribution towards the success of the Village Hall. It was agreed that an official letter of thanks would be sent to the Village Hall Supervisors for their hard work.
- NB thanked JS and former councillor, Dave Roberts for their contribution to the work of the committee.

**Resolved:** *The Parish Council resolved to accept the minutes of the Village Hall Management Committee meeting of 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023 and all the decisions therein.*

b) Amenities Committee Minutes 8<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

**Resolved:** *The Parish Council resolved to accept the minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting of 8<sup>th</sup> March 2023 and all the decisions therein.*

**03.23.6 Planning Matters:** All planning matters were considered at the Planning Committee meeting prior to the Parish Council meeting. Further planning applications had been received after the publication of the agenda but with comments deadlines before the next meeting. An additional Planning meeting has been scheduled for 2pm on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March to deal with these applications.

**03.23.7 Financial Payments:** To approve the payments in schedule 03/23.

**Resolved:** *The Parish Council approved the payments listed on Schedule 03/23.*

**03.23.8 Clerk's Report:** The contents of the Clerk's report were received and noted.

**03.23.9 Highways & Speedwatch**

a) **Speedwatch Report:** The contents of the reports were received and noted.

b) **Footpath Outside 77 Main Road:** A formal request was made to CEC Highways Department, as required by the Tree Officer, to seek a highways response to allow the matter of the footpath outside 77 Main Road to be progressed. The council's suggestion is that the footway is widened and the road narrowed to overcome the safety issue and also to provide traffic calming on a road where more than 70% of all vehicles regularly exceed the 30mph limit. The Parish Council are strongly against a solution that involves closing the footway and causing pedestrians, including children on their way to/from Goostrey Primary School, to cross the road twice shortly after a bend in the road. A response has not yet been received and the Clerk was asked to send this request to the head of highways.



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**03.23.10 Police Matters:** TR attended the Police Liaison meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> March. Our current PCSO and PC are moving on. They have been replaced but are still settling into post and this is delaying Speed Watch training and PCSO surgeries. The date of the next liaison meeting also hasn't been confirmed.

Crime in the Dane Valley area is generally down in all categories over the last six months although Goostrey is a very low crime area anyway. The only real area of concern on traffic matters is the A50/New Platt Lane Junction where there are repeat incidences. There is a concern that because the junction is on the boundary of parishes that issues may be reported twice and this is being investigated. There have been a few serious incidences at the junction but none resulting in injury so as a result doesn't get priority for any remedial work.

## **03.23.11 Grants and Donation Requests:**

- a) **Jodrell Side WI and Goostrey Arts Studio:** This grant application had been submitted following a visit by a member of Jodrell Side WI to talk about the project to create a community wall hanging to commemorate the coronation.

**Resolved:** *The Parish Council approved a grant of £428 to Jodrell Side WI to support the coronation wall hanging project. £300 to cover the installation of the wall hanging in the Village Hall Lounge and £128 to cover the cost of hiring the Village Hall for 8 hours on a date to be agreed.*

- b) **Goostrey Community Shed:** Following consideration of the grant application at the last meeting and a subsequent visit to the Community Shed by Cllrs. Ross and Craggs to gather further information, the recommendation was made that the grant application be approved for the full amount requested.

**Resolved:** *The Parish Council approved a grant of £1,500 to the Goostrey Community Shed for the purchase of the machinery as stated in the application.*

- c) **Goostrey Parish Archive:** The grant application was carefully considered and the council was concerned that an official quote for this project had not been supplied and that the information supplied was not sufficient to allow the council to make an informed decision on the costs and benefit to the community. The council decided against providing a grant at this time and asked that the Clerk advise the applicant of this and extend an invitation to attend a future meeting to provide further information about this project when the appropriate information was available and a specific request for the amount of grant funding required had been established.

**Resolved:** *The Parish Council resolved not to provide a grant to the Goostrey Parish Archive at this time.*

- d) **Goostrey Open Gardens:** The Open Gardens application was discussed in detail and whilst the council felt that this group did a fantastic job last year and were happy to assist with getting the event up and running, the event needed to be sustainable to have longevity. The money raised last year was impressive but it was felt that a proportion of it



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should have been reserved in order to fund future years. It was also noted that it was requested that the banners be designed to be reusable which would have reduced costs.

**Resolved:** *The Parish Council resolved not to provide a grant to Goostrey Open Gardens at this time but would like to invite the group to write or attend a future meeting to provide further information on the application.*

**03.23.12 Land Proposal:** There is now a rough draft of the Village Green application for the Bogbean. The formal application will require a statement of truth to be witnessed by a solicitor for which there will be a charge. The application will be processed by CEC and there is no charge for this.

**Resolved:** *The Parish Council resolved to approve that a statement of truth is produced as part of the application for Village Green status for the Bogbean and authorised the payment of a fee, not exceeding £50, to a solicitor to witness the signing of the document.*

**03.23.13 Minor items and items for the next agenda:**

- KM and AK attended the Sibelco Liaison meeting where they were given a tour of the site. KM asked that Sibelco measure what the particle size rate is as they don't currently do this at this site. Sibelco said they would discuss this with their dust expert. KM will follow this up.
- There is also a permissive footpath to be provided which joins Goostrey Lane and New Platt Lane. This should have been provided by now but they have experienced problems with a ditch so once this is resolved the footpath will be put in, although it might not be until the end of the year.
- KM and TR sat in on a CEC Highways briefing about HS2 just before the meeting.
- The Clerk confirmed that all the .gov email addresses were fully operational.
- IOD reminded committee chairs to provide information about their committees for the Annual Parish Meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> April.

**03.23.14 Date of Next Meeting:** Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.