



# GOOSTREY PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

Spring 2023



## Parish Council Elections - 4th May

Voting will take place on 4<sup>th</sup> May to elect a new Parish Council and all 10 of the Parish Council's seats will be up for election. The Parish Council and the village need passionate and committed individuals with a desire to act on behalf of the community to stand as councillors. To find out more about becoming a councillor visit

[https://www.chalc.org.uk/about-local-](https://www.chalc.org.uk/about-local-councils/)

councils/how-to-become-councillor.html for more information or contact the Clerk. The Parish Clerk provides an induction for all new councillors and part of her role is provide advice and support. Experienced councillors are also happy to support new starters and training is available which all members are encouraged to undertake relevant to their roles and the needs of the council.

## Don't Miss Out!

Don't miss out on your opportunity to vote in this year's local elections. Make sure that you are registered to vote, you can check this by visiting [www.gov.uk/contact-electoral-registration-office](http://www.gov.uk/contact-electoral-registration-office) or you can register online using this link [www.gov.uk/register-to-vote](http://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote).

For the first time residents in Cheshire East will need to show photographic identification to vote and are being urged to make sure they are ready to vote in May by checking they have an accepted form of ID. Anyone who does not have one of the accepted forms of ID will be able to apply for free online via the gov.uk website or by completing a paper form. The full list of accepted identification is available on the Electoral Commission's website, along with more information about the new requirement and details of how to apply for the free ID, at [www.electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID](http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID).



## Annual Parish Meeting - 27th April

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Thursday 27th April at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Main Hall. In addition to a review of the council's activities over the past year, we will also have a guest speaker. Cllr. Andrew Kolker is your Dane Valley Ward Councillor and he will be talking about Cheshire East Council and its Services. There will be an opportunity to comment and ask questions and light refreshments will be served in the Lounge after the meeting.

### AGENDA

1. Welcome & Introduction
2. Apologies for Absence
3. Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting 2022
4. Chairman's Report for the year 2022/23
5. Cllr. Andrew Kolker, Cheshire East Council and Services
6. Finance Review
7. Public Forum

The Annual Parish Meeting is hosted by the council on behalf of the community; it is your meeting so please do consider attending and taking part. We look forward to seeing you there.

The draft minutes from last year's meeting are available at [www.goostreyparishcouncil.gov.uk/documents/annual-parish-meeting-minutes-28th-april-2022-draft](http://www.goostreyparishcouncil.gov.uk/documents/annual-parish-meeting-minutes-28th-april-2022-draft) or contact the Clerk for a copy of the minutes in an alternative format.

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## Environmental Improvements Project Updates

### **Shearbrook Bank Environmental Hedging**

At the end of December an environmental hedge was planted at the top of Shearbrook Bank. The hedge consists of native, blackthorn-based plants. Weed control fabric has been used to allow the hedge to grow and avoid the need for harmful chemicals.

This type of hedging encourages wildlife by providing a natural habitat and a source of food.

The hedge will take some time to establish itself but should be a welcome addition to the bulbs that were planted on the bank previously.

### **Boothbed Lane/Main Road Village Entrance**

Work has now been completed on this project to enhance the village entrance at Boothbed Lane junction. The area now has additional seating, a new large planter and a bike rack. Nell's bench is still in pride of place and has been given a clean by the contractors. The painted stones have been placed at the base of the planter so that people can add to them over time if they wish. A 'Manchester Bee' motif on the planter is



also planned.

The style of the benches were chosen to match Nell's bench but, unfortunately, the company who make the benches no longer produces this item in green, although we think that this makes Nell's bench stand out nicely.

The remaining bare areas of grass have been reseeded and the area should look refreshed and beautiful later

on in the year. The Amenities Committee will keep a close eye on the reseeded areas to ensure that the grass grows well and is then maintained properly so that the area continues to look good.

The planter currently contains winter bedding and the council's village maintenance contractors will replace the planting twice a year. The original concrete planters have been relocated to Boothbed Lane Green as they match the existing planters and provide added protection.

Both of these projects were undertaken as a result of the responses provided by residents to the Village Environmental Improvement Plan questionnaire. The Council's Amenities Committee continues to progress the various projects and ideas that this process identified.

### **Boothbed Lane Play Area Project**

The Parish Council's consultation on how to spend the s106 funding closed at the end of February; thank you to everyone who completed the Boothbed Lane Play Area survey, this is an important community project and the feedback we've received is vital in helping the Parish Council to understand what the residents of Goostrey would like to see and how this may be achieved.

The consultation received 79 responses of which 92% felt that the play area should be improved, with 81% wanting a more ambitious project than developing the path around the field. It was fantastic to have 38% of respondents offering to volunteer to be a member of the project team and we will follow this up. Further analysis of the results is needed and there is a long way to go but it's a great start and we can't

### **Speed Watch Sessions**

Thanks go to our three new Speed Watch volunteers who will join Cllr. Rathbone to become the new Speed Watch Team. This means that the Speed Watch Sessions can restart once the new recruits have had their training. Due to some significant changes in personnel within the Neighbourhood Policing Team (for further information please see page 3) the provision of training has been delayed but it is hoped that this will be back on track soon.

The data provided by the SID (Speed Indicator Devices) in the village show that sadly, speeding continues to be a problem and that the presence of the speed Watch Team has proved to be an effective deterrent in the past.

## New Council Email Addresses

The Parish Council email addresses have changed so that all staff and councillors have the same .gov.uk address which is best practice for local councils. There is no change to the Clerk's email address which is still [clerk@goostryparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@goostryparishcouncil.gov.uk), the new email addresses are as follows:

### Councillors:

[ian.odonoghue@goostryparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:ian.odonoghue@goostryparishcouncil.gov.uk)  
[paul.morgan@goostryparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:paul.morgan@goostryparishcouncil.gov.uk)  
[ken.morris@goostryparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:ken.morris@goostryparishcouncil.gov.uk)  
[terence.rathbone@goostryparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:terence.rathbone@goostryparishcouncil.gov.uk)  
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### Village Hall Supervisors:

[villagehall@goostryparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:villagehall@goostryparishcouncil.gov.uk)



Don't worry if you use the old email addresses by mistake your email will be redirected while everyone gets used to the change.

## Neighbourhood Policing Team

The Parish Council have been informed by Sergeant Craig Hodson from the Sandbach Neighbourhood Team that, due to retirements and staff movement Cheshire Police have had to make some amendments to the Neighbourhood Policing Team team and the areas they cover. Our new policing team will be:

PC Lawrence Price –  
[Lawrence.Price@cheshire.police.uk](mailto:Lawrence.Price@cheshire.police.uk)  
 PCSO Amy Heath –  
[Amy.Heath@cheshire.police.uk](mailto:Amy.Heath@cheshire.police.uk)  
 With support provided by PC Oli Hopwood and PCSO Tom Faulkner.

While our area remains a very safe place to live and work, with some of the lowest crime and anti-social behaviour figures in the country, the Neighbourhood Policing Team continues to assess and deliver on community priorities including road safety, anti-social behaviour and crime and are dedicated to the Constabularies' priorities:

- Tackling Violence and Intimidation Against Women and Girls (Domestic Abuse and Night Time Economy)
- Ensuring Response times to incidents are met.
- Tackling Residential Burglaries.

## The Coronation

King Charles' Coronation will take place on 6th May and the council is sure that everyone is making plans to mark this historic event and take advantage of the long bank holiday weekend.

The council have arranged to present commemorative mugs to the children at Goostry Pre-School and Goostry Community Primary School on 5th May.

On 6th May, the beech tree on the Bogbean will be lit gold on the evening of Coronation Day itself. There will be a Churches Together Celebratory Service on Sunday 7th May, in St. Luke's Church at

10am.

Jodrell Side and Goostry Womens' Institutes have joined together with Goostry Community Primary School to produce a wall hanging which celebrates the village and its landmarks in the year of the King's Coronation. Members of the WI groups, school children and Goostry residents will all help to produce the art work which, it is hoped, will be completed and hung in the Village Hall sometime in the autumn.

Goostry Parish Council wishes everyone well, whatever your plans with fingers crossed for some lovely spring sunshine!

## Residents Information (stick this on your fridge or notice board!)

### Phone Numbers for Local Services

<b>Bus Services to Holmes Chapel/Sandbach</b>	0871 200 22 33	<b>Goostrey Tree Warden - Thelma Carter</b>	01477 533760
<b>Cheshire East Council</b>	0300 123 55 00	<b>Holmes Chapel Comprehensive School</b>	01477 534513
<b>Cheshire Police Non-Emergency</b>	101	<b>Holmes Chapel Health Centre</b>	01477 533100
<b>Cheshire Police - PCSO</b>	101	<b>Holmes Chapel Library</b>	01477 689550
<b>Chelford GP Surgery</b>	01625 861316	<b>Member of Parliament - Fiona Bruce</b>	01260 274044
<b>Citizen's Advice Bureau, Congleton</b>	03444 111 444	<b>Mobile Library Service</b>	01270 375325
<b>Goostrey Community Primary School</b>	01270 685658	<b>Parish Council (Clerk)</b>	01477 535825
<b>Goostrey Pharmacy</b>	01477 549481	<b>Rail Services</b>	0800 528 0200
<b>Goostrey Post Office</b>	01477 549241	<b>Village Hall Supervisor - Bookings &amp; Caretaker Arrangements</b>	07425 511680

<b>Parish Councillors</b>	<b>Cheshire East Councillors</b>
Cllr I O'Donoghue - Chairman	Cllr A Kolker
Cllr P Morgan - Vice Chairman	Cllr L Gilbert
Cllr K Morris	
Cllr T Rathbone	
Cllr N Beckham	
Cllr A Freeman	
Cllr D Craggs	
Cllr C Ross	
Cllr J Sulej	
Vacancy	

### Cheshire East Borough Council Services

In Goostrey, many of the services are provided by the Borough Council rather than the Parish Council and are paid for by your Council Tax. Residents can contact the Borough Council online with any issues. Examples are:

**Roads** – potholes, white lining, street lighting, gullies, road signs, pavements and other Highways matters. These can be reported by Googling for 'Report IT Cheshire East'.

**Bins, waste and recycling** – Google for 'Cheshire East Waste'.

**Grass verges and weed control** Google for 'Cheshire East Grass Verges'

### Council Information:

Contact Councillors via email or speak to the Clerk.

- **Parish Office Hours:** Mon, Wed & Fri 1pm to 4pm
- **E-mail:** [clerk@goostreyparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@goostreyparishcouncil.gov.uk)
- **Phone:** 01477 535825 Answer phone out of hours
- **Website:** [www.goostreyparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.goostreyparishcouncil.gov.uk)
- **Social Media:** Twitter @GoostreyPC

**Police Surgeries**—As mentioned in our Neighbourhood Policing Team article on page 3, there have been some changes within the team. As soon as the dates of future surgeries have been confirmed with our new PCSO, Amy Heath, they will be posted on the council website and noticeboards

**Street Cleansing** – fly-tipping, litter, graffiti. Report it by Googling for 'Cheshire East Street Cleansing'.

**Environment** – noise nuisance (Google 'Cheshire East Noise'), air pollution (email [environmentalprotection@cheshireeast.gov.uk](mailto:environmentalprotection@cheshireeast.gov.uk))

**Planning** – enforcement issues. Report suspected breaches of planning or damage to protected trees by Googling for 'Cheshire East Planning Enforcement'.

If in doubt, the Cheshire East Council general telephone number is: **0300 123 5500**.