



## **PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER**

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### **NEW GOOSTREY PARISH COUNCILLORS**

At the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council on 23<sup>rd</sup> May Peter Hall and Paddy Fagan were co-opted as members of the council to fill two of the three seats which remained vacant following the election. The Parish Council are delighted to welcome Peter and Paddy to their new roles and look forward to working with them.

There is still one vacancy to be filled, do you think that you've got what it takes to represent Goostrey residents and make a real difference in community? No specific experience is required to join the council, the appointment is official unpaid work, you are required to be over the age of 18 and a registered elector with a passion for serving your community. If you would like further information on how to become a Parish Councillor for Goostrey then please contact the Parish Clerk using the details below.

### **UNEVEN PAVEMENT ON MAIN ROAD**

The Parish Council continues to try to find a solution to the problem of a short stretch of pavement on Main Road which is being undermined by the roots of a large beech tree. The roots of the tree have damaged the pavement to such an extent that it has become hazardous for pedestrians, especially to young children in pushchairs and less able residents using mobility scooters or wheelchairs. There have been reports of a child on a scooter and a resident on a mobility scooter having been tipped into the road and it is fortunate that these incidents didn't result in serious injury.

The tree is the subject of a Tree Preservation Order and so cannot be removed which in any event is something that the council would wish to avoid. It does, however, remain the case that a suitable resolution needs to be found given the hazard that the pavement poses to pedestrians, the many concerns raised by residents and the level of traffic on this road.

There has been a great deal of work going on behind the scenes, by the Parish Council and Cheshire East Ward Councillor Andrew Kolker, over many months and involving multiple officers and departments at Cheshire East Council with little progress.

In March this year the Parish Council contacted Cheshire East Council and requested that a formal Highways Safety review of the pavement. In May the Parish Council was informed that Main Road is inspected for safety as part of a scheduled inspection regime 3 times per year. An inspection took place during May and it was reported that at that time there were no defects meeting the council's intervention levels at this location. The Parish Council took issue with this and responded robustly.

The matter has now been raised with both The Road Safety Team and The Design Team at Cheshire East Council with a view to widening the pavement and narrowing of the road which would also provide a traffic calming solution. As always, this will depend on the funding available and may take some time – we will keep you updated.

In the meantime, the Parish Council encourages residents to report any problems or concerns via telephone on 0300 123 5020, or by reporting a problem online at <https://fixmystreet.cheshireeast.gov.uk/> as Highways also respond to specific reports from residents and road users.

### **BANK VIEW PLANTER**

You may have noticed that the large concrete planter at the end of Bank View has recently had a makeover. The planter has been painted dark grey/black to give it an updated look and has also now been filled with its summer planting, courtesy of Cllr. Terence Rathbone, which should provide a glorious display.

### **PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS**

- **Finance Committee Meeting – 4<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at 7.30pm**
- **Amenities Committee Meeting – 5<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at 7.30pm**
- **Parish Council Meeting – 25<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at 7.30pm**

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>

### **PCSO SURGERIES**

There have been some changes within the Neighbourhood Policing team and currently PCSO surgeries are not taking place. 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.

**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. Email the Clerk at [clerk@goostreyparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@goostreyparishcouncil.gov.uk).

**NEW VILLAGE HALL CONTACT DETAILS** – [villagehall@goostreyparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:villagehall@goostreyparishcouncil.gov.uk) or 07425 511680.