



NEW COUNCILLOR

At the council meeting on 26th September councillors reviewed applications from the three candidates hoping to become the Parish Council's newest member. A vote took place by show of hands and Sue Mooney was elected as councillor with an absolute majority. It was a difficult decision for members as all candidates had fantastic skills, knowledge and enthusiasm. Everyone is delighted to have Sue on board and the council back to its full complement of ten councillors. Thank you once again to those who got in touch to find out more about becoming a councillor and to those who applied.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS ON THE BOGBEAN

Work has continued throughout the year, via the Amenities Committee, to improve the Christmas lighting on The Bogbean. Additional funding for this project was approved by the council so that a professional lighting company could be brought in to offer their expertise and install the new lighting. The beech tree's trunk and lower branches will be wrapped with professional grade, warm white, LED pea-lights and the existing floodlights will be replaced with two uplighters positioned at the base of the trunk so that the light shines up through the branches. On the advice of the lighting company, the larch tree will not be dressed as it was felt that the branches are now too delicate so the committee has purchased an additional large, warm white lighting decoration. Work is being undertaken to establish a connection to the electricity for the new decoration and to make sure that everything is in place for the light switch on event on 26th November. The Amenities Committee will review the lighting provision again in the new year to establish whether further work is required and if additional funding will be required.

SENIORS' CHRISTMAS LUNCH TICKETS ON SALE

The Seniors' Christmas Lunch on Sunday 3rd December, 12 noon for 12.30pm in the Village Hall, is open to Goostrey residents aged 65 years of age and over. Tickets cost £9.50 each and are on sale from the Parish Council Office at the Village Hall from Wednesday 1st November between 1pm and 4pm.

NEW BENCHES

Following its annual review of parish council owned assets three benches were identified as needing to be replaced, they are the bench on The Bogbean facing Main Road and the two rustic style benches at the rear of Booth Bed Lane Green. One of these benches has a memorial plaque attached, this will be retained and re-instated on the new bench.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next council and committee meetings will take place in November as follows:

- **Amenities Committee Meeting – 1st November 2023 at 7.30pm**
- **Finance Committee Meeting (Budget Meeting) – 7th November 2023 at 7.30pm**
- **Parish Council Meeting – 28th November 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>

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.
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