



PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

A very Happy New Year from Councillors and staff at the Parish Council. We all hope that you had wonderful Christmas period, however you spent it, and are looking forward to 2024.

GOOSTREY CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

The Parish Council hopes that everyone enjoyed the new Christmas lights on The Bogbean. This year the lights were also set to come on for a short time in the mornings to cheer up the work commute or walk to school. As mentioned in previous articles, the Amenities Committee will review the lights and decide whether further work is required and if the funding is available to do this. The committee will also discuss what form the Christmas Lights Switch On event will take in 2024 as the Scouts have decided not to continue with this due to low numbers of volunteers. The Parish Council have supported the event financially over the years and will consider what can be done going forward.

SENIORS' CHRISTMAS LUNCH

The Seniors' Christmas Lunch was a great success with everyone making it to the Village Hall in spite of the inclement (though very festive) weather. Guests were resplendent in sparkle and Christmas jumpers and socks. Thank you to Goostrey Girl Guides for helping on the day and providing the musical entertainment.

There were some new faces amongst the guests this year and we look forward to seeing everyone again. The Seniors' Christmas Lunch is open to all Goostrey residents aged 65 years and over so, if you are in this category and haven't been before, please do consider coming along next time. The ticket price is subsidised by the council, however, if you do know anyone that would like to attend in future but who may find it difficult to buy a ticket then please ask them to contact the Clerk or contact the Clerk on their behalf.

HIGHWAYS LIAISON MEETING UPDATE

The second Highways Liaison meeting was held at the end of November with the local Highways Officer. Items of note include confirmation from the Officer that road markings at the Cross Lane/Bomish Lane crossroads will be re-instated and that he was awaiting a start date from the company who will carry out the work. Following the most recent near miss at this junction, the Road Safety Team have been asked by Cllr. Andrew Kolker, Cheshire East Council Ward Councillor, to look at the road safety issue in this area and they have agreed. Slurry seal work to address the issue of loose chippings on the path at Sandy Lane causing the path to become uneven has been placed on a list for future schemes. It has been confirmed that depleted white lining at junctions in the village, particularly Boothbed, Hermitage and Main Road junction will take place. Residents may have noticed the barriers at Shearbrook Bridge, Highways are monitoring the bank there and considering the need for remedial works. The next meeting will take place in March.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

- **Village Hall Management Committee Meeting – 9th January 2024 at 6pm.**

- **Amenities Committee Meeting – 10th February 2024 at 7.30pm**
- **Parish Council Meeting – 23rd January 2024 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

PSCO Graham holds beat surgeries in the Village Hall Lounge, the dates will be published on the council website. If you have any issues or concerns please come along and discuss them, everyone is welcome.

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.

VILLAGE HALL CONTACT DETAILS – villagehall@goostreyparishcouncil.gov.uk or 07425 511680.