

GOOSTREY PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

Annual Parish Meeting - 25th April 2024

The Annual Parish Meeting is hosted by the Parish Council on behalf of the community and is an important opportunity for residents to hear about the Council's activities over the last year and to comment or ask questions on local matters. This year the meeting will be held on Thursday 25th April at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. The council can only truly represent the community with your input so please come along and take part. Refreshments are served in

the Lounge after the meeting, offering a good opportunity to discuss local issues with residents and councillors.

The agenda is below and the draft minutes from last year's meeting are available on the website at www.goostreyparishcouncil.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/APM-Minutes-2023-Draft.pdf or contact the Clerk for a copy of the minutes in an alternative format.

Edited by

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**The Parish Office,
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Goostrey**

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AGENDA

1. Welcome & Introduction
2. Apologies for Absence
3. Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting 2023
4. Chairman's Report for the year 2023/24
5. Cllr. Andrew Kolker and Cllr. Russell Chadwick:
Cheshire East Council Update
4. Finance Review
7. Public Forum



Christmas Lights on The Bogbean



The Parish Council hopes that everyone enjoyed the new Christmas lights on The Bogbean. 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 would like to thank the Scouts for their hard work in organising this community event. The council have supported the event financially over the years and will consider what can be done going forward.



Goostrey Playground Community Project

Work to improve the Booth Bed Lane Play Area continues with the volunteer project team progressing grant applications to maximise what can be achieved on the site. The project team are also working closely with Cheshire East Council and Ansa, who will deliver the project. Further updates will be provided as they become available.



Seniors' Christmas Lunch Review

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.

New Benches

As mentioned previously, following its annual review of parish council owned assets three benches were identified as needing to be replaced; the bench on The Bogbean facing Main Road and the two rustic style benches at the rear of Booth Bed Lane Green.



The Bogbean



Booth Bed Lane Green

These have now been installed and are looking extremely smart. The seats themselves are made from recycled plastic and are therefore low maintenance, have a less harmful effect on the environment and should look good for many years to come.

New Tree Ranger

The Parish Council would like to thank Paul Kemsley for volunteering to become our new Tree Ranger and to welcome him to his new role. In this role, Paul will keep the Parish Council advised of any concerns regarding;

- the removal or mistreatment of trees with Tree Protection Orders on them,
- the replacement of trees with Tree Protection Orders on them which have been removed,
- trees which merit having a Tree Protection Order on them.

If you have any of the above concerns about any tree in the Village please contact Paul in the first instance on 07848 859405 or by email at Paulkemsley50@icloud.com or contact the Clerk.

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.

Chairman's Letter of Recognition

Do you know someone in Goostrey who has done something special that you think deserves recognition? If so, then please nominate them to receive an official letter of recognition and thanks from the Parish Council Chairman, on behalf of the council. The nomination could be for one person or a group, for volunteering or fundraising, it could be something that they have been doing for some time or a really special one off.

Many volunteers and good Samaritans work quietly and without expectation of reward or public thanks but a Chairman's Letter of Recognition is an ideal way to show quiet appreciation and gratitude for those who make an important contribution to the lives of others. If you would like to nominate someone to receive a letter then please contact the Clerk with that person/s name, address and details of the reason for the nomination.

Parish Council Grants

The Parish Council sets aside a sum of money each year in its budget to support good causes in the parish. This money is available to local groups and organisations as a grant and is available for distribution from 1st April each year.

Grants have been made during this financial year to the following groups:

- Goostrey Open Gardens 2023 to support the event which raises funds for East Cheshire Hospice.
- Jodrell Side Women's Institute as a contribution towards a joint venture with Goostrey Community Primary School and Goostrey WI to create a wall hanging to commemorate the King's Coronation.

- Goostrey Community Shed to fund new equipment for the group which provides a facility for any men in the area to meet and make new friends through craft skills.
- Goostrey Tots to purchase new toys and play equipment for this new group for babies, toddlers and their carers.
- Goostrey Methodist Church to contribute towards the costs of adapting part of the church to house the Post Office Outreach Service in the Village.

If you think your group may be eligible to apply for a grant, an application form and further information can be found on the council's website at www.goostreyparishcouncil.gov.uk/documents/grant-awarding-policy-application-form or you can contact the Clerk for a copy of the form.

Goostrey Tots

Goostrey Tots was established in September 2023 for children aged 0 to 4 and their carers. The group is run by volunteers from St. Luke's Church and is held every Tuesday during term time from 9.15—10.45am at Goostrey Sports Pavilion, Booth Bed Lane.

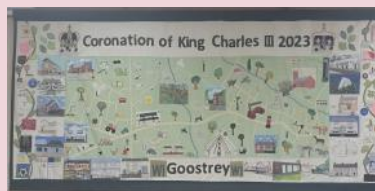
The group aims to enable babies and toddlers to have fun while developing their social skills and their carers to socialise with each other in a safe and friendly setting.

With an average weekly attendance of 12 tots and their carers, the group is proving to be popular. A donation of £3 to cover the cost of room hire is requested but no one is excluded if this is not possible. Everyone is welcome.

For further details contact Debs Hinson on 07805 160690 or by email at debhinson1@gmail.com.

Coronation Wall Hanging

The beautiful wall hanging created to mark the King's Coronation was officially unveiled on Friday 9th February in the Village Hall Lounge, with public viewings afterwards and at the weekend. The artwork was created with contributions from Goostrey and Jodrell Side WI's, primary school pupils and many other local volunteers who put their sewing skills to the test.



The wall hanging is a map of the village with local landmarks and features depicted as well as local

groups and clubs. Children from the Primary School visited after the wall hanging was installed and were clearly fascinated, asking lots of questions and pointing out the places and items they recognised.

D-Day 80th Anniversary Commemoration

A group of local volunteers led by Paddy Fagan is preparing to help Goostrey mark the commemoration by arranging for The Goostrey Archive Group to provide a display in the Scout Hut and Youth Centre on the afternoon of Saturday 8th June 2024. The Group is hoping to arrange an aerial display by an iconic Spitfire aeroplane over the field at the back of the building. The group is seeking donations to fund the hire of the Spitfire. Proceeds in excess of costs will be donated to the Royal British Legion. Further details to follow.

Post Office Service Update

The Post Office service move to the Methodist Church is progressing with a planning application having now been submitted to Cheshire East Council. The application is for partial change of use for part of the existing church building and the installation of a ramp and steps to ensure that the new service is fully accessible. The Parish Council has been notified of the application as a consultee and the Planning Committee agreed to support the application due to the importance of the continued provision of this service in the village.

The Council views the Post Office service in Goostrey as vital for our rural community and remains keen to support its relocation. Further updates will be provided as they become available.

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

Phone Numbers for Local Services

Bus Services to Holmes Chapel/Sandbach	0871 200 22 33
Cheshire East Council	0300 123 55 00
Cheshire Police Non-Emergency	101
Cheshire Police - PCSO	101
Chelford GP Surgery	01625 861316
Citizen's Advice Bureau, Congleton	03444 111 444
Goostrey Community Primary School	01270 685658
Goostrey Pharmacy	01477 549481
Goostrey Post Office	01477 549241

Goostrey Tots	07805 160690
Goostrey Tree Ranger - Paul Kemsley	07848 859405
Holmes Chapel Comprehensive School	01477 534513
Holmes Chapel Health Centre	01477 533100
Holmes Chapel Library	01477 689550
Member of Parliament - Fiona Bruce	01260 274044
Mobile Library Service	01270 375325
Parish Council (Clerk) - Emma Bambrook	01477 535825
Rail Services	0800 528 0200
Village Hall Supervisor - Bookings & Caretaker Arrangements	07425 511680

Parish Councillors

Cheshire East Councillors

Cllr I O'Donoghue -
 Chairman
 Cllr P Morgan - Vice
 Chairman
 Cllr K Morris
 Cllr T Rathbone
 Cllr N Beckham
 Cllr A Freeman
 Cllr D Craggs
 Cllr P Fagan
 Cllr P Hall
 Cllr. S Mooney

Cllr A Kolker
 Cllr R Chadwick

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
- **Phone:** 01477 535825 Answer phone out of hours

Police 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.

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'

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)

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**.