



Goostrey Parish Council Strategic Plan 2024 - 2028

The Parish Council's Strategic Plan sets out the Council's planned projects and objectives for the years 2024 - 2028. These projects have been allocated to the appropriate committee, are either in development or have already been fully scoped and are included in the council's medium term financial planning.

Project List

No.	Project Title	Summary	Justification	Funding Requirements	Funding Source(s)	Responsible Member/ Committee	Planning period	Recommendation/ Updates
1	Village Environment Improvement Project	Public survey completed April 2021. The program of improvements is monitored and updated by the Amenities Committee as projects are brought forward for completion.	Remaining projects requiring scoping are as follows: • Primrose Chase • Station Area • Outside Mini Market Main Road.	Funding from Capital Reserves. The Village Projects Reserve balance is £7,064.73	Adopted Parish Council Project	Amenities Committee	2024 – 2025	Primrose Chase Project has been completed. Mini Market item to be removed as be removed as this is a small, busy space and there was little which could be changed or added. New projects will be identified after the results of the new survey are collated. Complete

2	Booth Bed Lane Play Area Improvements	New equipment and facilities for the play area.	Approximately £40k is available via S106 funding. Consultation with residents has taken place and the Goostrey Playground Community Project Working Group has been established, reporting to the Amenities Committee and Council. The group is working with CEC to deliver the project.	The council has placed £10,750 in Earmarked Reserves as a third party contribution to access a larger (£100,00) FCC grant.	Adopted Parish Council Project	Amenities Committee	2025 - 2028	Funding bid resubmitted for consideration in June 2025 was not successful. Based on feedback a further funding application bid is to be made to the FCC Community Action Fund - aiming for February 2026 submission. CEC to review the budget and costs associated with the previous application to see how it can be scaled back. An updated scheme will need to be obtained from contractors on the CEC framework. A community fundraising drive is to be undertaken to try to boost the budget. A request to GPC is to be made for £10,000 towards the project (noting that the third party contribution that GPC underwrote last time was only noted and but scored to the detriment of the bid. CEC's Parks
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								Development Fund will contribute the third party support.
3	Village Gates Project	To install village gates as a visual speeding deterrent.	Data from SIDs continues to show a worrying level of speeding through the village. The installation of Village Gates would seek to control this.	Original estimate £7,000. Suggest funding from Unallocated Capital Reserves in the first instance, £4,606 available. Any underspend from the Village Entrances Project (approx. £1,234).	Project in development. To be approved by Parish Council.	Amenities Committee		Project needs to be defined and approved. Clerk to contact CEC to establish whether a licence fee would be payable as part of establishing the feasibility of the project. Confirmed no licence fee payable.
4	Average Speed Cameras	To install average speed cameras in the village.	Data from SIDs continues to show a worrying level of speeding through the village. Applications to join pilot schemes have been unsuccessful in the	Previous estimates were costs upwards of £50,000.	Project in development. To be approved by Parish Council.	Amenities Committee	2024 to end of 2025 2026 - 2028	Continue to pursue the new PCC regarding inclusion in future pilot schemes. If the above fails then obtain technical approval for

			past.					installation by Parish Council plus consideration of how this could be funded.
5	Village Survey	To identify what improvements residents would like to see following the last survey in 2021.	To provide ongoing engagement with residents and inform future project plans	Funding to be via the Amenities Committee budget 2025/26 Approx. £1,000	Adopted Parish Council Project.	Amenities Committee	2025 - 2026	New survey to be distributed early 2026 to inform further environmental improvement projects.
6	Repainting the Main Hall	Required to maintain the hall in good condition.	Regular repainting of at least the lower walls is required to keep the hall in good condition for the school and hirers.	£7,910.33 available in VH Maintenance reserve.	Adopted Parish Council Project.	VHMC	Autumn 2025	Work scheduled for Christmas 2025.
7	Installation of wall covering to protect the Chair Store in the Main Hall	Required to maintain the hall in good condition.	To provide long lasting protection for the walls and maintain cleanliness	£7,910.33 available in VH Maintenance reserve.	Adopted Parish Council Project	VHMC	Autumn 2025	Completed 29th October 2025.

8	Replacement of windows in the Parish Office, Committee Room and toilets.	Replacement of remaining single glazed windows in the Parish Office, Committee Room and toilets.	To reduce energy costs and create a warmer, more pleasant environment for hirers.	Funding earmarked in Capital reserves – Village Hall Projects of £8,800. Funding will also be sought from the Improved, Greener Community Facilities Fund which offers 75% of projects costs up to a maximum of £15,000	Adopted Parish Council Project	VHMC	March 2024 – February 2025	Completed May 2025.
9	Replacement of lighting in the Parish Office and Committee Room.	Replacement of remaining fluorescent lighting in the Parish Office and Committee Room.	To move to more energy efficient LED lighting, as in the rest of the building, especially as these type of bulbs can't be replaced.	Indicative Quote £1,2000 Suggest funding through remainder of Capital reserves – Village Hall Projects.	Adopted Parish Council Project	VHMC	2025	Work scheduled October 2025.

10	New ceiling/wall mounted projector screen for the Lounge.	To install a wall/ceiling mounted projector screen in the Lounge. Preferably operated by remote control and perhaps including the projector itself.	The Coronation wall hanging covers a wall that was used to project meeting documents. The current screen is broken and is difficult to set up. This would improve the facility for Village Hall hirers as well as the council.	Quotes to be obtained. Proposed funding from the VHMC budget – Village Hall Improvements	Project in development. To be approved by Parish Council.	VHMC		
11	Sand and reseal of the Main Hall Floor	Required to maintain the hall in good condition.	Regular maintenance is required to keep the hall in good condition for the school and hirers.	£7,910.33 available in VH Maintenance reserve.	Project in development. To be approved by Parish Council.	VHMC	Summer 2026	Confirmed with school that they will have funds in the budget to share costs.
12	Replacement of Main Hall Floor	Planning required for the eventual replacement of the Main Hall floor.	Forward planning for a contribution towards the eventual replacement of the original floor.	£8,000 earmarked in reserves.	Project in development. To be approved by Parish Council.	VHMC	Not known – Longterm	
13	Village Hall Energy Projects	Planning required for eventual replacement of the boiler and possible installation of green technology, such as solar panels and heat pump.	Forward planning for a contribution towards the eventual replacement of the boiler which is 20 years old and possible replacement with solar panels	Approximately £24,500 earmarked in reserves. A line has also been incorporated into the VHMC 3 year	Project in development. To be approved by Parish Council.	VHMC	Not known - Longterm	Work started to establish indicative costs, suitability of site and landlord permission in principle.

			and/or heat pumps. This will improve the Village Hall's carbon footprint and reduce energy costs. The funds may also help to unlock grant funding to assist with such costs and earmarking this money enables the council to be prepared as opportunities arise.	budget plan to increase this reserve.				
14	Painting of Village Hall Lounge, Foyer and Corridors	Required to maintain the hall in good condition	Regular maintenance is required to keep the hall in good condition for the hirers.	£1,310 in VH Budget 2026/27. £7,910.33 available in VH Maintenance reserve.	Adopted Parish Council Project.	VHMC	2025 for 2026/27	
15	Neighbourhood Plan Review	To review the Neighbourhood Plan Made in 2017.	Review will be required in light of the changes to the CEC Local Plan.	Funding from existing Earmarked reserves £12,000	Adopted Parish Council Project	Planning Committee	Timescales will depend on the completion of the Local Plan.	Reviewed in 2022 and policies found to be still relevant. This is kept under close review due to changes to the planning system and the need for CEC to complete its Local Plan.

Adopted at the Meeting of Goostrey Parish Council on 17th December 2024.

Updated at the Meeting of Goostrey Parish Council on 22nd July 2025.

Reviewed and updated at the meeting of Goostrey Parish Council on 28th October 2025.

Objectives

Amenities Committee

1. Implement the works remaining on Environmental Improvements Plan identified by the Village Improvements Survey:
 - a) Primrose Chase
 - b) Station Area
 - c) Boothbed Lane Green - Completed

A detailed specification and scoping document will be provided for each project based on the requirements in the Environmental Improvements Plan, which will be agreed by council.

2. Define and consider the feasibility of installing village 'gates' as visual speeding deterrents.
3. Support the Goostrey Playground Community Project Group to achieve the improvements to the Boothbed Lane Play Area. S106 Funding to be committed/used by August 2025. Contributing third party funds approved by the Parish Council to secure an FCC grant.
4. Installation of Average Speed Cameras. Continue to pursue the new PCC regarding inclusion in future pilot schemes.
5. To carry out a Village Survey in order to provide ongoing engagement with residents and inform future project plans.
6. Continue to formalise ownership of The Bogbean.

Village Hall Management Committee

1. Consider the potential to provide electric car/van charging points (environmental improvement) at the village hall at regular intervals.
2. Review and implement any asset servicing costs.
3. Review and plan for any asset replacements.
4. Review and plan for any asset maintenance.
5. Repainting of the Main Hall. Clerk to obtain quotes and the school have confirmed that they will make a contribution to the cost.
6. Replacement of remaining single glazed windows in the Parish Office, Committee Room and toilets. Quotes have been obtained for fitting the new windows and carrying out the R&D survey for asbestos. Clerk to investigate removal of identified asbestos if possible and to include a contingency for this and any other measures required during work, such as air testing.
7. Removal of asbestos in the Village Hall where it is identified as a proactive measure for the future of the building.
8. Replacement of remaining fluorescent lighting in the Parish Office and Committee Room. Clerk to obtain quotes.
9. New ceiling/wall mounted projector screen for the Lounge. Clerk to obtain quotes.
10. Forward financial planning for a contribution towards the eventual replacement of the boiler and main hall floor.

Finance Committee

1. Review the Council's deposit accounts with a view to gaining online access to accounts and to ensure the best interest rates are obtained.
2. To consider creating a Reserves Policy.

Planning Committee

1. To fully engage with the CEC's new Local Plan consultations.
2. To review the Neighbourhood Plan in light of the changes to the Local Plan.

Staff Committee

1. To continue to encourage its staff, members and volunteers to participate in relevant training and to view ongoing training as necessary to ensuring that the Parish Council maintains the highest standards in carrying out its functions.
2. To encourage all councillors to participate in introductory and advance training offered by the Cheshire Association of Local Councils, the National Association of Local Councils, the Society of Local Council Clerks and other courses relevant to their council and committee roles.
3. The committee will ensure that there is adequate budget provision to support training for the council.

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