



Goostrey Parish Council

DOCUMENT PACK FOR THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING on Wednesday 2nd July 2025

Agenda

- 1. Election of Committee Chairman:** To elect a Chairman for the new council year.
- 2. Election of Committee Vice Chairman:** To elect a Vice Chairman for the new council year.
- 3. Declarations of Interest:** To receive any declarations of interest.
- 4. Apologies for Absence:** To receive any apologies for unavoidable absence.
- 5. Minutes of the Meeting on 7th May 2025.** [View Amenities Committee Meeting Minutes 7th May 2025](#)
- 6. Tree Report:** To receive a report from the Tree Ranger.
- 7. Budget Review and Monitoring:** To review the budget and address any areas of concern. **See page 2.**
- 8. Annual Plan:** To review progress and update as required. **See page 4.**
- 9. Primrose Chase Project:** To receive quotes and approve a contractor for the work at Primrose Chase. **See page 5.**
- 10. Events:** To receive an update on planning for the following events:
 - a) Christmas Lights Switch On Event – 30th November.**
 - b) Seniors Christmas Lunch - 7th December.**
- 11. Environmental Improvements Programme:** To receive draft questions for the consultation and any information concerning the feasibility of suggested work. **Page 12.**
- 12. Goostrey Playground Community Project:** To receive an update from the project working group.
- 13. Speed Indicator Devices:** To receive an update from the Clerk and approve a course of action.
- 14. Environmental Policy:** To review and approve the policy. **See page 16.**
- 15. Correspondence:** To review any correspondence received since the last meeting.
- 16. Minor items and matters for the next meeting.**
- 17. Date of the next Amenities Committee Meeting:** Wednesday 3rd September 2025.
- 18. Close meeting**

2 Amenities

		Receipts			Payments			Net Position
Code	Title	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	+/- Under/over spend
29	Village Maintenance (incl grass cutting)				5,740.00	227.85	5,512.15	5,512.15 (96%)
30	Graveyard Maintenance				2,830.00	75.83	2,754.17	2,754.17 (97%)
¹ 31	Lengthsman Service				250.00	90.00	160.00	160.00 (64%)
33	SIDS & Speedwatch				300.00		300.00	300.00 (100%)
34	Seniors Lunch	980.00		-980.00	1,000.00		1,000.00	20.00 (1%)
² 65	Christmas Lights Switch On Event				1,000.00	187.50	812.50	812.50 (81%)
³ 66	VE Day Event		1,328.73	1,328.73	2,000.00	2,500.00	-500.00	828.73 (41%)
SUB TOTAL		980.00	1,328.73	348.73	13,120.00	3,081.18	10,038.82	10,387.55 (73%)

Summary

NET TOTAL	980.00	1,328.73	348.73	13,120.00	3,081.18	10,038.82	10,387.55 (73%)
V.A.T.					170.64		
GROSS TOTAL		1,328.73			3,251.82		

Notes

- 1. By the time of the meeting, a further £120 invoice will have been paid.
- 2. The budget may need to be increased for this event dependent on what extra activities are required.
- 3. By the time of the meeting the receipts for the VE Day event will have been donated to Help for Heroes. The expenditure on the event shows that the budget was overspent by £500. The £500 overspend was approved by council but was paid for from reserves. It was not possible to increase the actual budget as the increase was approved after the council's budget had been set and therefore would have unbalanced it.

Goostrey Parish Council
Reserves Balance
2025-2026

<u>Reserve</u>	<u>OpeningBalance</u>	<u>Transfers</u>	<u>Spend</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>CurrentBalance</u>
Capital					
Village Hall Projects	9,905.00				9,905.00
Village Projects	6,630.00				6,630.00
Capital General	4,606.00				4,606.00
Village Entrances Project	1,234.73				1,234.73
CIL Payment	4,529.08				4,529.08
Total Capital	26,904.81				26,904.81
Earmarked					
Operating Reserves	47,323.00	3,266.00			50,589.00
Election Fee	8,286.00				8,286.00
Neighbourhood Plan Review	12,000.00				12,000.00
Unallocated General Reserve	21,232.29	8,735.88			29,968.17
Christmas Lights for the Bogbean	1,705.30		62.15		1,643.15
Village Hall Laptop	524.18	-524.18			0.00
Defibrillator Supplies	806.60				806.60
Christmas Lights Switch On event 2024	20.65	-20.65			0.00
Village Hall Recharge 2023-2024	12,502.42				12,502.42
VH Recharges					0.00
Booth Bed Lane Playground Project	10,750.00				10,750.00
Village Hall Recharge 2024-2025	11,550.00				11,550.00
VH Boiler/Hall Floor Contingency	10,000.00	5,000.00			15,000.00
VH Maintenance	6,771.14	1,139.19			7,910.33
VHPFF Approved Grant	10,000.00	-5,627.00	4,373.00		0.00
Advanced Events Deposits	-880.14		-927.00	-46.86	0.00
SID/SpeedWatch Reserve		4,345.31			4,345.31
Total Earmarked	152,591.44	16,314.55	3,508.15	-46.86	165,350.98
TOTAL RESERVE	179,496.25	16,314.55	3,508.15	-46.86	192,255.79
GENERAL FUND					20,599.35
TOTAL FUNDS					212,855.14

Amenities Committee Annual Plan 2025/2026

- 1.** Annual Maintenance Programme – Monitor and achieve planned maintenance programme by contractor Congleton Town Council.
- 2.** Bogbean Christmas Lights – Monitor effectiveness of lighting including planning and management of event.
- 3.** Seniors Christmas Lunch – Plan and provide event.
- 4.** Environmental Improvements Programme – Implement approved works at:
 - a)** Primrose Chase – Work scoped and ready for quotes
 - b)** Station Area – To be defined in consultation with FOGS
- 5.** Consultation – To define and carry out a consultation with residents to identify objectives for inclusion on the Environmental Improvements Programme.
- 6.** Boothbed Lane Play Area Improvements – Support the Working Group to achieve the improvements. Contributing third party funds approved by the Parish Council to secure an FCC grant.
- 7.** Commemoration of 80th Anniversary of VE Day event 10th May 2025 – Parish Council Working Group to plan and deliver the event. Funded through the budget.

Quote 1

Goostrey Parish Council
Parish Clerk

12 June 2025

Dear Clerk,

Please find below quote for Environmental Improvements at Primrose Chase tender.

NETT for LABOUR, MATERIALS AND PLANT	£2,330.74
VAT@ 20%	£466.15
Total to invoice	£2,796.88

We appreciate the opportunity to quote for works to be carried out.

Kind regards

Goostrey Parish Council
Mrs Emma Bambrook
Goostrey Village Hall, Main Road
Goostrey
Cheshire
CW4 8PE

Quote 2

Date Sent: 28/05/2025

Quote information

Account No:	4778
Quote No:	7615
Surveyor:	
Site Ref No:	
Order No:	

Dear Mrs Bambrook

Site Address: Primrose Chase, Goostrey, Cheshire

Thank you for choosing [REDACTED] to provide you with a quotation for your required work.

All our tree work is conducted in compliance with BS3998 - Recommendations for Tree Work 2010.

We are comprehensively insured for public liability to £5 million and have employers liability cover of £10 million.

Unless otherwise stated in the quotation schedule, all woodchip, timber and waste from our work will be removed from site. This does not include arisings from stump grinding. Sites are always left clean and tidy and we aim to carry out our work with the minimum possible disruption to our clients and their neighbours.

Full terms & conditions are enclosed with our quotation. Acceptance of the quotation is understood to be acceptance of the terms & conditions.

Our preferred method of payment is BACS transfer - bank details are attached to our invoices. We also accept cash and cheques. Cheques should be made payable to [REDACTED]

If you would like to discuss any aspect of this quotation, or to accept it and make a booking, please do not hesitate to contact us, using the above email or contact numbers.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Goostrey Parish Council
Mrs Emma Bambrook
Goostrey Village Hall, Main Road
Goostrey
Cheshire
CW4 8PE

Date Sent: 28/05/2025
Quote information
Account No: 4778
Quote No: 7615
Surveyor: [REDACTED]
Site Ref No:
Order No:

Quotation

Site Address Primrose Chase, Goostrey, Cheshire

Item No	Item	Work Description	Value
1	Green space	Work as per tree management plan. Additional minor pruning to clear tree canopies from phone wires - this was noticed during site visit.	£800.00

Total Value: £800.00
Vat(20%): £160.00
Total Inc Vat: £960.00

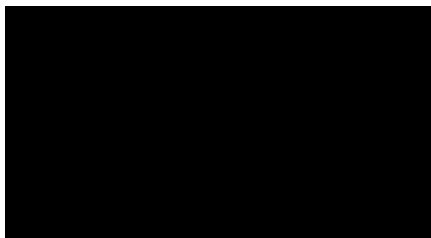
Work Schedule

Client Name:	Goostrey Parish Council	Contact Numbers:	Telephone: 01477535825 Mobile:
Site Contact Name:	Emma Bambrook	Site Specific Ref No:	
Contact No:	01477535825	Business Name:	Goostrey Parish Council
Site Address:	Primrose Chase Goostrey Cheshire		

Work Items

Quote Number: 7615

No:	1
Type:	Green space
Cost:	£800.00
Details:	Work as per tree management plan. Additional minor pruning to clear tree canopies from phone wires - this was noticed during site visit.



Terms and Conditions

We are very keen to provide a quality service and a high level of customer satisfaction. Please take a few minutes to read the information below as this forms the terms and conditions of our contract. Further information about the company is available on our website www.swifttreeservices.com

We agree to perform the work in a competent manner in compliance to the specification and price contained in our quotation. Amendments to the contract must be made in writing and any complaints, which may arise from work performed under any contract must be made within 7 days from the date of invoice, unless agreed in writing to the contrary.

Acceptance of the contract and programming of the work: When you accept the quotation we will start the work planning process which may include dealing with permissions from the Local Authority (see the clause below in respect of 'do I need permission?'). We will advise you of the estimated completion date for your work. All customers are entitled to a 14 day cooling off period following acceptance of the quotation and after this period, in the event of a cancellation at short notice, we may charge a percentage of the quotation to cover our costs. Any changes to the specified work must be notified a minimum of 14 days prior to the work commencing. Changes to the job specification on the day may incur additional charges, or the full original costs being applied, when the work specifications are reduced.

When do I pay?

Commercial Customers: Once the job is completed, it will be signed off by the Team Leader. If you feel the job was not completed to your satisfaction or if you have any queries relating to the work carried out, please discuss this with the Team Leader. Alternatively please contact the office within 48 hours of completion to discuss. The office will invoice 'signed off' jobs within 14 days. All contracts and instructions are accepted on the basis of payment of full invoice price within 30 days of the date of invoice. Where applicable, value added tax (VAT) shall be charged at the current rate.

Domestic Customers: Once the job is completed, it will be signed off by the Team Leader. If you feel the job was not completed to your satisfaction or if you have any queries relating to the work carried out, please discuss this with the Team Leader. Alternatively please contact the office within 48 hours of completion to discuss. The office will invoice 'signed off' jobs within 5 days. All contracts and instructions are accepted on the basis of payment of full invoice price within 7 days of the date of invoice. Where applicable, value added tax (VAT) shall be charged at the current rate.

Standard of work: All work shall be completed in line with BS3998 (Recommendations for Tree Work) where appropriate unless instructed otherwise by the customer.

Disposal of waste; do you take everything away? Most customers require removal of all arising waste material from site and this will normally be included in a standard quotation. Timber may be left for firewood if requested when the job is booked, or with a minimum of 14 days' notice. Timber is not normally left in sizes 'ready for the fire' unless specified in the quotation.

Stump grinding: Stump grindings are normally used to backfill the resulting hole as they decompose rapidly. They will normally be left mounded up, as removal of all the arisings will result in level sinkage as the material beneath degrades. The chippings can be removed from site but this would incur an additional cost. We will grind the main stump and any large lateral roots in the main area of the stump. We will not chase every root back from the stump unless by prior costed arrangement with the customer.

Domestic customers with dogs: Please ensure that your garden is free from dog excrement prior to the team arriving to carry out work. This is a health & safety requirement and the team will not commence work until the garden is free from hazards. Time delays due to this may be chargeable.

Changes in access following booking: We reserve the right to amend a quotation if access for personnel, machinery or vehicles has changed or become obstructed following the site survey. Cancellations due to site obstructions on the day, will be charged at the full amount.

Will my neighbours be affected? Sometimes it is necessary to have access to a neighbouring property, particularly when branches overhang. It would be very helpful if you could inform them of your intention to carry out work and the date on which it will take place. We will specify if access is required for machinery and are happy to communicate with neighbours to answer any questions they may have.

Do I need to protect my walls or lawns? Whilst our staff will operate with care and diligence often our work entails the carrying of large amount of material over lawns and past the house. Please make sure that vulnerable surfaces (such as white walls) are adequately protected (builders polythene is a good method) and that fragile objects are moved (such as pots etc). Our staff will be more than happy to move heavier objects for elderly or disabled clients. Lawns tend to recover rapidly but very wet weather can give rise to very muddy conditions. We are able to provide boards to protect the lawn. However, this is not a standard procedure and may incur an additional cost. If in doubt, please discuss with our office.

Crown reduction: This operation reduces the overall size of the crown. To avoid ambiguity, the specified end result will be stated either as the tree-height and branch-spread which are to remain, or the average equivalent in branch length (in metres). End results shall be specified for individual branches if the growth pattern of the tree creates a need for this, or where clearance from a specific object is required.

Crown thinning: In crown thinning, an even density of foliage is removed to create a well-spaced and balanced branch structure which could, if required, provide an adequate framework for a possible future crown reduction. If the objective is to lessen the overall loading on a defective branch or stem, crown reduction and reshaping should be chosen in preference to crown thinning. The percentage of the leaf-bearing twig structure to be removed in crown thinning should be kept to the minimum required to achieve the objective and in any case should not exceed 30%. The percentage shall be stated in the work specification. Material shall be removed systematically from throughout the tree rather than from the inner crown only. Cutting branches back to the main stem will generally be avoided, although structurally weak or hazardous branches shall be removed if there is no alternative.

What time will the team arrive? Most jobs are completed efficiently and on time. However, occasionally a job will over-run or the weather will prevent us from working to time. The earliest time the team will arrive is 8:00am. However, in the case of smaller contracts, we will advise either am or pm arrival. We will of course make every effort to please clients who particularly require a morning or afternoon visit, or more specific timings, although some flexibility must be anticipated.

Do I need permission? The trees within this contract specification may be in a Conservation Area or be subject to a Tree Preservation Order. Upon acceptance of our quotation, we shall check for the presence of legislative protection. We are always happy to make an application on your behalf but would advise that a charge may be made for this service. No additional charges shall be applied for this work without first seeking your acceptance. Investigation of Private Covenants shall be the responsibility of the Owner and no liability shall attach to Swift Tree & Arboricultural Services Ltd for a breach any such Covenant.

Bird Nesting Season and Bat Roosts: As contractors we must aim to avoid any impact to nesting birds, or roosting bats - both of which are protected by the *Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981*. We must avoid any breach of the *European Habitats Directive 1992/Nesting Birds Directive* and the *Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017*. Between the months of March & September we are legally required to avoid disturbing nesting birds. Whilst there is no legal restriction on undertaking tree work, we will always conduct a pre-work survey to check for active nests, or bat roosts. If a nest is discovered and suspected to be active, then works will be put on hold until any chicks have fledged and the nest is no longer in use. This may mean waiting until the following September. To avoid any inconvenience, we would request that trees & hedges booked for us to work on are monitored and any nesting activity reported to us in advance. If any uncertainty remains, we can arrange for an ecology survey to take place prior to the date planned for the work, so that rearrangements can be made as necessary. Active bat roosts will require inspection by an ecologist for advice on further courses of action.

Do you replace trees/shrubs that die? We endeavour to obtain good quality plants that comply to BS3936 (Nursery Stock – Specification for Trees and Shrubs) which are handled with care and planted to industry standard. It is important however that you look after your new plantings and ensure that they are regularly watered and maintained. Trees and shrubs that fail due to circumstances beyond our control shall not be replaced. This includes any damage arising from attributable factors of ground condition, aftercare or climatic factors. Please ask our staff for guidance on how to look after new trees if in doubt.

Do I need to treat the stump after felling? The majority of conifers will cease to grow following felling and will decay naturally. Some deciduous species will send up shoots. We try to avoid the use of chemicals but on request will apply a single treatment to manufacturer's specification. We use a pet & child safe system of treatment utilising sealed plugs inserted into the stump. Further treatments (if required) will attract additional cost. Alternatively we can provide advice on products that can be bought from garden centres that can be used to treat stumps to prevent re-growth. No guarantee can be given as to the efficiency of a pesticide after application, due to conditions beyond our control.

Underground and overhead services: Although every reasonable effort shall be made to locate the presence of underground services, unless a plan showing the exact location of underground pipes, wires or cables has been forwarded to us by the Owner of the land or his agent prior to the formation of the Contract; we shall be under no liability for any damage caused as a result of work performed under the Contract to such pipes, wires or cables, or for any damage to property resulting there from, and the Owner of the land or his agent shall be solely liable for any such damage. Any charge for the removal of power lines or telephone cables shall be the responsibility of the Owner, unless otherwise agreed in writing with us.

Tree Preservation Orders (TPO) and Conservation areas: All works carried out by [REDACTED] are subject to a full TPO and Conservation area status check with the local council. If an application to the council is required we can complete this on your behalf for an administration fee, subject to the work requirements.

Measurements: All measurements mentioned in any correspondence are approximate.

Insurance: All work carried out by us shall be covered by appropriate Public Liability Insurance. Documents can be provided on request.

Data Collection

We collect the following types of personal data:

Contact information (e.g., name, email address, phone number).

Account details (e.g., username, password).

Usage data (e.g., IP address, browser type, and activity on our website).

Other information you provide directly to us.

Purpose and Legal Basis for Processing

We process your data for the following purposes:

To provide our services and fulfil contractual obligations.

To improve our website and services.

For marketing, but only with your explicit consent.

To comply with legal obligations.

Your Rights

You have the following rights under GDPR:

Access: Request access to your personal data and know how it is used.

Rectification: Request correction of inaccurate or incomplete data.

Erasure: Request deletion of your personal data ("right to be forgotten").

Restriction: Restrict the processing of your data under certain circumstances.

Data Portability: Request a copy of your data in a commonly used format.

Object: Object to processing, including for direct marketing purposes.

To exercise these rights, please contact us at

Consent

By using our services, you consent to the collection and processing of your data as outlined in this agreement. You may withdraw consent at any time by contacting us at

Data Sharing with Third Parties

We may share your personal data with the following third parties:

Service providers who assist in delivering our services.

Legal or regulatory bodies, if required by law.

We ensure that all third parties comply with GDPR and maintain strict confidentiality.

Data Retention and Deletion

We retain your personal data for as long as necessary to fulfil the purposes outlined above. When data is no longer needed, it will be securely deleted or anonymized.

Cookies and Tracking Technologies

We use cookies and other tracking technologies to improve user experience and analyse website traffic. By using our website, you agree to our Cookie Policy:

Security Measures

We implement strict security measures to protect your personal data from unauthorised access, loss, or misuse.

General: [REDACTED] shall not be liable in damages or otherwise because of non-performance of a Contract arising on account of adverse weather conditions, strikes, lockdowns, war and civil commotion; or lack of adequately skilled labour due to causes beyond our control. Further, we retain the right in such circumstances to cancel the Contract in whole or in part. Completion dates shall be contingent upon weather conditions. With the exception of repeat annual, or 6-monthly tree/hedge maintenance, 90 days after the submission of the quotation, we reserve the right to withdraw and re-price work, unless otherwise agreed in writing on acceptance of instructions from the Owner. Repeat maintenance quotes will be subject to an annual price rise in line with costs. Quotations for felling are based upon the assumption of trees being free from metal, stone or other hidden obstructions. In the event of a tree being impossible to fell in the normal way [REDACTED] reserves the right to re-quote accordingly. The Contract price is based on the site conditions existing at the time of the preparation of the estimate remaining unchanged.

Copyright/Intellectual property: From time to time [REDACTED] may photograph the work completed, for example before and after photos to use for marketing purposes via social media and/or our website. We will ensure that the address of the location will not be visible in the photograph. We will ensure that on domestic work no images of the client will be used, unless permission has been agreed and documented. We will ensure with commercial work that if there are any images of employees of the organisation, we seek the permission to use the image. The copyright of all digital images and photographs is owned by [REDACTED]

Additional information for Construction clients

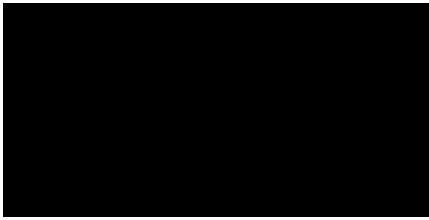
This quotation could be amended if the following occurs;

1. Amendments to job spec, or if additional work is added at a date later than specified on the quotation.
2. Ground conditions must be similar to time of providing quotation. In cases where access and ground conditions have significantly changed it may be required to amend quotation

Changes are to be agreed in writing by the client and [REDACTED] management team prior to work commencing.

A site visit between the client and [REDACTED] management near to the completion of the project is required to ensure all goals are met.

Time lost for ecological reasons will be charged at our standard day rate.



Time lost for incidents outside of our control such as complaints from public/residents, parking, traffic control issues, protestors or instances of extreme weather will be charged at our standard day rate or per hour where applicable

Underground services to be marked and schematics available to reference prior to starting work.

Stump grinding: Specification for stumps must be clarified prior to work starting. For example, cut to ground level, leave as 1m pole for extraction at a later date, grind to 12 inches below ground level. Stump grinding is usually carried out within a few days of tree works being completed and not on the same day. Arisings from stump grinding will be used to backfill the holes as they decompose rapidly. In cases where these arisings are to be removed, an additional cost may incur.

Delays to work due to access of site will be charged at our standard day rate or per hour where applicable.

Removal of waste: In most instances, all material shall be removed from site (or as agreed on the quotation) however some clients may request materials such as wood chip and timber be left on site for landscaping purposes. This must be agreed prior to works commencing.

We are not an end user for the purposes of section 55A VAT Act 1994 reverse charge for building and construction services. Please issue us with a VAT invoice including the domestic reverse charge

TERMS AND CONDITIONS



08/02/2024

Village Environmental Improvement Survey

The following suggestions had been made for inclusion in a new consultation and Environmental Improvements Programme:

- A small wildlife pond at the station to provide a new biodiversity project for Friends of Goostrey Station.
- Support for future defined footpaths projects by Goostrey Footpaths Group for the development, improvement and accessibility of the footpath network in Goostrey.
- Improvements to the short stretches of low lying wet ground at turf fields and The Bongs. The following information was provided by Goostrey Footpaths Group: ***The Footpaths Group has recently messaged Peter Sant, Land-Owner of The Bongs at the Mill Lane end. He appreciates the remedial work that is required and we are hopefully going to meet with him soon and discuss what can be done and who will do it. The Footpath Group is prepared to assist in the work by providing a small working party to complete the work, if required. Hopefully Peter Sant will pay the bill.***

The Turf fields is on the “to do” list. I will be contacting Cheshire East to confirm that this is their responsibility. It is likely that they will be reluctant to get involved for obvious reasons. If it is their responsibility, I will ask them for their opinion of the best form of remedial action to ensure that the problem does not reoccur. Having said that any actual work will depend on the nature of the work required, who will do it, equipment, costs etc.

- Supporting community groups to deliver further improvements at the Play Area.
- New dog waste bins at Mill Lane (entrance to The Bongs) and Hermitage Lane (next to the Turkey Farm). In January 2024, CEC were asked whether the Parish Council could purchase and install a new dog waste bin, at its own expense and whether this bin could be added to the emptying schedule. The following response was received: ***At this time Cheshire East is not placing out any additional litter bins and the stock of our litter bins is to be used to replace those that are currently out on site and no longer in a good state of repair. We are also not taking on any additional litter/dog bin emptying so will not be able to commit to this additional location in Goostrey, even though the Parish Council will fund the cost of the bin and installation. I have added the request to our litter bin request list and will update you if the situation changes.*** CEC were asked about the suggested dog waste bin again on 13th June 2025, as response is awaited.
- Improvement of the open grassed area and pruning of trees at the end of Bank View. Not sure how to frame this as a question but could be encompassed in question 4a?

The following are draft questions, based on the above questions, which could be used in a village survey.

Draft Village Environmental Improvement Survey Questions:

1. Parish Council Services and Activities:

Services and activities provided by the Parish Council's Amenities Committee include the village's planters and planting, village maintenance such as additional mowing of grassed areas and the cemetery, events like the Christmas Lights Switch on and the Seniors' Christmas Lunch, provision and maintenance of village assets for example benches, noticeboards and defibrillators, and the development and maintenance of Booth Bed Lane Play area, in conjunction with Cheshire East Council.

Cheshire East Council manage services such as highways, social services, waste management and planning.

Please tell us how important the following services and activities are to you:

a) Planting and planters

- Not at all important
- Somewhat important
- Fairly important
- Very important

b) Public space maintenance:

- Not at all important
- Somewhat important
- Fairly important
- Very important

c) Provision and maintenance of village assets:

- Not at all important
- Somewhat important
- Fairly important
- Very important

d) Village events:

- Not at all important
- Somewhat important
- Fairly important
- Very important

e) Booth Bed Lane Play Area

- Not at all important
- Somewhat important
- Fairly important
- Very important

- f) The council's Goostrey Community Playground Project Working Group continues to work with CEC to redevelop the Booth Bed Lane Play Area. Once the new equipment has been installed, the Parish Council would seek to support community groups to deliver further improvements at the Play Area.

Based on your answer to question 1e, how important do you consider community involvement to be in the delivery of future improvements to the play area?

- Not at all important
- Somewhat important
- Fairly important
- Very important

- g) **Would you be prepared to volunteer to be involved in a community led project?**

Yes/No

2. Station Area:

- a) **Do you use Goostrey Station?**

Yes/No

- b) **Thinking about the Station Area, Friends of Goostrey Station are trying to make the area a more wildlife friendly site and have introduced a number of plant species and habitats to encourage wildlife. Would you like to see a small wildlife pond established here to increase biodiversity?**

Yes/No/Don't Know

- c) **If you answered no, please explain your reasons.**

Open answer

3. Goostrey Footpath Network

- a) **The Parish Council supports Goostrey Footpaths Groups aims to promote and encourage the use of the villages footpath network, ensuring footpaths remain safe and accessible and the development of new footpaths. Do you use the public footpaths in Goostrey?**

Yes/No

- b) **If you answered yes, are there any walks that you take regularly and what are they?**

Open answer

- c) Noting that footpaths, or sections of footpaths, may require permission or co-operation of Cheshire East Council or private landowners, are there any walks which you feel could be improved?**

Open answer

- d) If you answered no, do you think there are there any improvements which could be made which would encourage you to use the footpaths?**

Open answer

4. General:

- a) If you could change or improve one thing in Goostrey, what would it be?**

Open answer



GOOSTREY PARISH COUNCIL

Environmental & Bio-Diversity Policy

REVISION DATE

July 2025

REPLACES POLICY

December 2019

POLICY AIM

The aim of this policy is to demonstrate how Goostrey Parish Council will support the long-term environmental, cultural, and economic health and vitality of the Parish, and will promote a community that is vibrant, safe, healthy, and inclusive.

POLICY STATEMENT

As a Parish Council:

- We are committed to continually improving environmental performance and prevent pollution.
- We will use resources efficiently and take appropriate opportunities to minimise waste through re-use and recycling.
- We will develop environmental improvement action plans with achievable and realistic targets which will be reviewed and updated periodically.

In its administration and activities Goostrey Parish Council will seek to:

- Protect the environment by encouraging reducing, reusing, and recycling within our community, to save money, energy, and natural resources.
- Protect and enhance the special landscape quality of the Parish and access to the countryside;
- Protect the character, identity, and rural setting of the village;
- Enhance the quality of the built environment and heritage features;
- Protect and enhance biodiversity including habitats and protected species;
- Protect valued green spaces within the village, including the Bog Bean, and recreation areas including sports and children's play facilities;
- Protect and enhance village services and local employment opportunities;
- Enhance safety for all road users including pedestrians.

In addition, the Parish Council will:

- Seek to conserve resources where practicable;
- Aim to reduce soil, water, air, light, and noise pollution, littering and fly-tipping;
- Promote non-motorised transport;
- Raise the profile of environmental issues, within the Parish and Borough
- Encourage volunteering and engage residents in environmental projects and issues;
- Enlist public engagement to report environmental issues;
- Review planning policies and proposals affecting the Parish and their likely environmental impacts and respond as appropriate;
- Engage with local environmental agencies, councils, and planning authorities;
- Ensure that the Amenities Committee monitors implementation of this policy as required and brings forward environmental initiatives as appropriate.

IMPLEMENTATION

The Amenities Committee and Parish Clerk

MONITORING

The policy will be monitored by the Amenities Committee

POLICY APPROVAL

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POLICY REVIEW DUE

May 2025