

GOOSTREY PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

Annual Parish Meeting Report 2024/25

The Annual Parish Meeting took place on Thursday 24th April with all councillors present as well as Cheshire East Ward Councillors Andrew Kolker and Russell Chadwick, who gave interesting and informative presentations on the latest updates from Cheshire East Council and plans for devolution.

Cllr. Ian O'Donoghue gave the Chairman's Report noting that Goostrey can be seen as a small village but which does have a very hard working parish council. The council looks after the needs and aspirations of its residents as well as managing the village hall and keeping it open for the community. All the Parish Councillors are unpaid and give their time to council duties because they want the best for the village and its residents.

Thanks were given to retired councillors Peter Hall and David Craggs for their hard work and a moment was taken to remember Cllr. Mooney who passed away in August; her hard work and enthusiasm are still missed.

The report covered the achievements, events and progress that has been made in the village over the past year as well as

grants and donations which have been made to support local organisations and events. Updates were provided on the Goostrey Community Playground Project (improvements to Booth Bed Lane Play Area) and the project to replace the remaining single glazed windows in the Village Hall.

In his report Cllr. O'Donoghue looked forward to events which will be taking place in the village in the coming year as well as projects such as improvements to Primrose Chase and a new Village Survey.

Cllr. Ken Morris, Chairman of the Finance Committee presented an overview of Parish Council's finances for 2024/25.

Members of the public present asked questions of both the Parish Council and Cheshire East Councillors, any questions which were not answered at the meeting will be addressed as soon as possible.

The minutes of the meeting which includes the full Chairman's report, along with the presentation can be viewed on the website at

www.goostreyparishcouncil.gov.uk or can be provided in an alternative format by contacting the Clerk.

Edited by

Cllr. P Morgan & E Bambrook

**The Parish Office,
Village Hall,
Goostrey**

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New Council Chairman and Vice Chairman



Cllr. Paul Morgan

In May the Parish Council held the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council which is different from the Annual Parish Meeting. Each year at the meeting a Chairman and Vice Chairman are elected by council members.

This year Cllr. Paul Morgan will be the new Chairman and Cllr. Ian O'Donoghue will be the Vice Chairman.



Cllr. Ian O'Donoghue

Your Council Needs You

Parish Councillors do much more than attend meetings, they can be involved in working groups that progress important projects, such as the improvements to the play area. They can be instrumental in organising events and can help to protect and improve their village. Interested? Find out more by contacting the Clerk or any of our current councillors to find out more.

VE Day Celebrations

On Saturday 10th May, Goostrey marked 80 years since the end of the war in Europe with a fantastic 1940's themed celebration.

A true village event with bunting lining the roads, the tree on The Bogbean illuminated in red, white and blue to match, and residents dressed in period costume to enjoy a sunny, fun-filled day.

Musical entertainment was provided by the amazing Audley Brass Band and Daisy Belles Singers.



Delicious teas and cakes were made and served by Jodrell Side WI and there was also the Space Invader Pop-up Bar, Matt's Fish & Chip Van and Bidlea Ice Creams to tempt everyone.



There were games such as hopscotch, Splat the Rat and Tin Can Alley to play, a vintage vehicle display and stalls provided by the detectorists and Goostrey Parish Archive who provided some thought provoking and moving information about what VE Day was like for Goostrey Residents in 1945.



At 8pm the beacon was lit which symbolised the light of peace emerging from the darkness of war, and this brought the day to a close.

All proceeds from the raffle, teas and cakes were in aid of Help For Heroes, a charity which helps veterans and their families to live well after service. The parish council also donated the unspent budget for the event and the total donation made was £1,328.73. Help for Heroes representatives also collected donations throughout the day and raised a further £319.

The Goostrey branch of the Royal British Legion was also present and raised £107.



Thank you to everyone who came along, donated generously and took part so enthusiastically making it a day to remember.

Heartfelt thanks must also go to all the members of the working group who planned and organised the event and to all the very many volunteers who helped before, during and after and without whom none of this would have been possible.



VJ Day 15th August

As the fighting in Europe ended, the war continued in the east. Friday 15th August will mark 80 years since the end of the war in the Pacific. VJ Day marks the day in 1945 when Japan surrendered, finally bringing World War Two to an end. To commemorate this important occasion, the Parish Council will illuminate the tree on The Bogbean over that weekend in August.

The Great British Spring Clean

Pupils from Goostrey Community Primary school took part in the Great Big School Clean Up as part of Keep Britain Tidy's Great British Spring Clean campaign which the Parish Council is always keen to support.



The children used new, child sized, litter picking equipment provided by the Parish Council to support their

efforts and are always enthusiastic about being involved.

Goostrey is fortunate that it doesn't have a very big litter problem, thanks to residents doing their bit to keep the village tidy.

Teaching our youngest residents to care about their environment develops good habits for the future and ensures Goostrey stays beautiful.

Goostrey Community Playground Project

The project to redevelop Booth Bed Lane Play Area continues. In early 2025 a funding bid for £100,000 was made to add to the £40,000 already allocated. The bid was not successful in that funding round and was resubmitted for consideration in June 2025. To inform the bid, five play companies on Cheshire East Council's preferred supplier list were asked to tender for the project. Two submissions were received to deliver a scheme within a set budget (which assumed the funding bid would be successful). One company's scheme was selected based on an outline design which can be viewed on posters in the noticeboards around the village and at the play area itself. This image however will not be the final design, for example, much of the equipment will be wooden and the final design will be revised based on our survey feedback and budget. At time of writing we still don't know whether the bid was successful but as soon as there is an update we will make sure residents are informed.

Highways Liaison Meeting

The regular Highways Liaison meeting was held in June with the Local Highways Officer. You will have noticed that the white lines at the junctions of Booth Bed Lane, Hermitage Lane and Main Road have now been completed. Potholes have been filled at Shearbrook although it has been noted that excessive water continues to collect there, despite the recent dry weather and this requires further investigation. The collapse of the embankment at Shearbrook bridge continues to be kept under review and a new Senior Highways Officer for the area is now in post.

Speed Watch

Speed Watch made a welcome return in January with five new volunteers and sessions continue to take place. Speed Watch Co-ordinator, Cllr. Paddy Fagan is asking for more volunteers so that the number of Speed Watch sessions can be increased. If you would like more information or think you could help, please contact the Clerk for more information.

The Village Hall

For the social media inclined the Goostrey Village Hall Facebook page provides useful information on the activities and events taking place there. Find out about Baby Sparks, the baby and toddler sessions which are new to the Village Hall, charity and live cultural events, plus groups and clubs that call the Village Hall home, including the newly formed Goostrey Community Choir. Follow our page to get the latest news.

Lost Property

Over the last few months the amount of property left at the Village Hall has increased dramatically and we would love to reunite them with their owners. If you have lost something recently contact the Village Hall Supervisors or the Clerk, have a look the next time you are at the Village Hall, the lost property is in the cloakroom or visit the Facebook page where there is a video of the items we have. If no-one comes forward to claim the items then we will donate them to charity if possible or dispose of them as appropriate.

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	01565 723712

Parish Councillors

Cllr P Morgan - Chairman
Cllr I O'Donoghue - Chairman
Cllr K Morris
Cllr T Rathbone
Cllr N Beckham
Cllr A Freeman
Cllr P Fagan
Cllr. S Harvey
Cllr. J Lynch
Vacancy

Cheshire East Councillors

Cllr A Kolker
Cllr R Chadwick

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 - Sarah Russell sarah.russell.mp@parliament.uk	
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

Council Information:

Contact Councillors via email or speak to the Clerk.

- **Parish Office Hours:** Mon, Wed & Fri 1pm to 4pm
- **Email:** clerk@goostreyparishcouncil.gov.uk
- **Phone:** 01477 535825 Answer phone out of hours
- **Website:** www.goostreyparishcouncil.gov.uk
- **Social Media:** Twitter @GoostreyPC

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 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 'Fixmystreet 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**.