



Goostrey Parish Council

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Agenda

- 1. Apologies for Absence:** To receive any apologies for unavoidable absence.
- 2. Declarations of Interest:** To receive any declarations of interest.
- 3. Minutes of the Meeting on 22nd October 2025.** [View Amenities Committee Meeting Minutes 22nd October 2025](#)
- 4. Tree Report:** To receive a report from the Tree Ranger. **See page 2.**
- 5. Budget Review and Monitoring:** To review the budget and address any areas of concern. **See page 3.**
- 6. Annual Plan:** To review progress and update as required. **See page 5.**
- 7. Environmental Hedge:** To confirm whether the Clerk should pursue the remedial work with the interim village maintenance contractor.
- 8. Village Gates:** To confirm whether to proceed with the Village Gates project following Road Safety meeting.
- 9. Village Improvement Plan Survey:** To confirm the content of the survey and any updates required.
- 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. Goostrey Playground Community Project:** To receive an update from the project working group.
- 12. Correspondence:** To review any correspondence received since the last meeting.
- 13. Minor items and matters for the next meeting.**
- 14. Date of the next Amenities Committee Meeting:** Wednesday 7th January 2026. meeting.

Item 4 Tree Report - Tree Ranger Paul Kemsley

[25/3858/TPO](#) There is no justification provided for the felling of the tree, and no proposal to replant so an objection should be raised unless there is a document missing from the planning page.

[24/2878T](#) - I was wondering if a reminder should be sent to the homeowner on this approved application as the planting season is now upon us: In the first planting season following the removal of the Silver birch identified as Tree T1 on the plan a 10cm to 12cm standard *Betula pendula* shall be planted (as close as practicable to the base of the felled tree The new tree shall comply with the requirements of British Standard BS3936, Nursery Stock Specification.

I reported the removal of the hedge row at Holly Bank Farm and got an acknowledgement back, but nothing else.

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Summary of Receipts and Payments
Cost Centre 2

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%)
31	Lengthsman Service				250.00	210.00	40.00	40.00 (16%)
33	SIDS & Speedwatch				300.00		300.00	300.00 (100%)
34	Seniors Lunch	980.00		-980.00	1,000.00	7.07	992.93	12.93 (0%)
65	Christmas Lights Switch On Event				1,000.00	303.23	696.77	696.77 (69%)
66	VE Day Event		1,328.73	1,328.73	2,000.00	3,828.73	-1,828.73	-500.00 (-25%)
SUB TOTAL		980.00	1,328.73	348.73	13,120.00	4,652.71	8,467.29	8,816.02 (62%)

Summary

NET TOTAL	980.00	1,328.73	348.73	13,120.00	4,652.71	8,467.29	8,816.02 (62%)
V.A.T.					192.50		
GROSS TOTAL		1,328.73			4,845.21		

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		5,566.17		4,338.83
Village Projects	6,630.00	1,234.73	800.00		7,064.73
Capital General	4,606.00				4,606.00
Village Entrances Project	1,234.73	-1,234.73			0.00
CIL Payment	4,529.08				4,529.08
Total Capital	26,904.81		6,366.17		20,538.64
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	-21,232.29			0.00
Christmas Lights for the Bogbean	1,705.30	1,294.70	62.15		2,937.85
Village Hall Laptop	524.18	-524.18			0.00
Defibrillator Supplies	806.60		289.00		517.60
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	4,121.05			15,671.05
VH Energy Projects	10,000.00	14,552.42			24,552.42
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
Grant Funding		5,000.00	200.00		4,800.00
IT Equipment		2,000.00			2,000.00
VH Hall Floor Replacement		8,000.00			8,000.00
Total Earmarked	152,591.44	16,314.55	3,997.15	-46.86	164,861.98
TOTAL RESERVE	179,496.25	16,314.55	10,363.32	-46.86	185,400.62
GENERAL FUND					37,955.29
TOTAL FUNDS					223,355.91

Amenities Committee Annual Plan 2025/2026

1. Annual Maintenance Programme – Monitor and achieve planned maintenance programme by contractor Congleton Town Council. Ongoing.
2. Bogbean Christmas Lights – Monitor effectiveness of lighting including planning and management of event. Ongoing.
3. Seniors Christmas Lunch – Plan and provide event.
4. Environmental Improvements Programme – Implement approved works at:
 - a) Primrose Chase – Completed
 - b) Station Area – To be defined in consultation with FOGS. To be consulted on as part of the new survey.
5. Consultation – To define and carry out a consultation with residents to identify objectives for inclusion on the Environmental Improvements Programme. Draft surveys being checked by committee.
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. Ongoing.
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. Complete