



Goostrey Parish Council

DOCUMENT PACK FOR THE FINANCE COMMITTEE BUDGET MEETING on Tuesday 4th November 2025

Agenda

- 1. Apologies for absence**
- 2. Declaration of Interests**
- 3. Minutes of meeting of 14th October 2025:** To approve the minutes. [View Finance Committee Meeting Minutes 14th October 2025.](#)

Motion: The minutes of the meeting on 14th October 2025 were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

- 4. Budget Planning 2026/27:** To review the proposed budgets from the council's committees, including requests within the Strategic Plan, and to formulate a budget to submit to the Parish Council for approval. **See page 2.**
- 5. 3 Year Budget Planning:** To review the proposed 3 year budget plans from the council's committees, including requests within the Strategic Plan, and formulate a 3 year budget for council approval. **See page 21.**
- 6. Cash Withdrawal for Event Float:** To approve the withdrawal of funds from the council's current account for use as a cash float at the Christmas Lights Switch On event.
- 7. Minor items and items for the next agenda.**
- 8. Next meeting:** 13th January 2026
- 9. Close meeting**

Draft Budget Summary

Cost Centre	2025 - 2026		2026 - 2027		Budget Variance	
	Receipts	Payments	Receipts	Payments	Receipts	Payments
Parish Council	57,820.00	37,215.00	62,020.00	39,044.00	7.26%	4.91%
Amenities	980.00	13,120.00	1,040.00	15,810.00	6.12%	20.50%
Village Hall	17,975.00	26,440.00	18,865.00	29,198.00	4.95%	10.43%
Totals	76,775.00	76,775.00	81,925.00	84,052.00		

Surplus/Deficit	-2,127.00
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1. This is the % difference between last year's precept request and what the council may need to request in 2026/27.
2. This is the figure above plus the approx .4% shortfall due to the reduction in the tax base from 1092.27 to 1093.23.
3. This figure is the additional money required from each Band D household due to the reduction in the tax base and is based on the precept request in 2025/26. This will increase if the precept request increases.

Draft Budget for Parish Council Cost Centre for Consideration.

Goostrey Parish Council

Draft Budget 2026 - 2027

The draft budget gives costs for the financial year 2025-2026 to date and estimated costs for 2026-2027. While clearly there are some estimated costs to which the Parish Council is committed, other figures are suggestions, and are equally open to increase, decrease or elimination.

Current Year 2025-2026					Next Year 2026-2027		Notes
Parish Council	Receipts		Payments		Receipts	Payments	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget	
1 Precept	56,210.00	56,210.00			59,020.00		5.00% This figure is taken from the 3 year budget plan but may need to be changed and is only included as an indication of what may be required.
8 Bank Interest	1,610.00	1,824.91			3,000.00		86.34% Increased as set too low previously.
10 Exceptional Income	0.00	0.00			0.00		
11 Audit			790.00	800.00		820.00	3.80%
12 Bank Charge			450.00	199.25		450.00	0.00% Caxton fees haven't increased although the total will fluctuate depending on the number of payments made. Bankline payment fees have increased from 45p to 50p per transaction for a future dated payment.
13 Computer			330.00	179.36		345.00	4.55% MS Licence, email hosting, cloud storage.
14 Telephone and Broadband			800.00	371.64		840.00	5.00%
15 Website			410.00	390.00		430.00	4.88% Website Hosting and maintenance plus .gov.uk domain name.
16 Office Supplies, Printing & Postage			280.00	206.93		295.00	5.36%
17 Insurance			945.00	0.00		995.00	5.29% The final year of the LTA with Zurich was 2025/26 and was paid at the end of February 2025 so appeared last financial year at £893.75. New quotes will be required for 2026/27 cover.

18 Legal and Professional Fees	0.00	14.00	0.00	0.00%	No expenses anticipated. Any costs associated with projects should be costed into the project.
19 Subs	1,050.00	843.54	1,105.00	5.24%	
20 Councillors/General Expenses	75.00	0.00	75.00	0.00%	
21 Accounting System	385.00	0.00	500.00	29.87%	Subscriptions are reviewed every 3 years and the council has paid £345.60 for the last 3 years. The subscription will be £483.84 for 2026/27 (paid in 2025/26). So budgeting £500 for the following year seems prudent.
22 Parish Magazine	280.00	0.00	280.00	0.00%	The subscription has remained the same since 2017/2018
24 Grant Funding	1,000.00	1,000.00	500.00	100.00%	£5,000 was been set aside in earmarked reserves for grant funding, currently £300 has been awarded. Consideration needs to be given to how much needs to be entered into the budget to top up the reserve or if this
25 Clerk's Expenses	50.00	0.00	50.00	0.00%	For general expenses such as mileage not associated with a cost code
26 Clerk's Salary	24,060.00	14,033.16	25,635.00	6.55%	Based on previous Local Government Pay Agreement increase of 3.2% plus a possible performance based increase of 1 SCP. The 6.55% increase on the budget from last year is down to the pay award exceeding the budgeted amount. The increase on actual pay is 3.2%.
27 Employers NIC	2,735.00	1,532.96	2,957.00	8.12%	Based on previous Local Government Pay Agreement increase of 3.2% plus a possible performance based increase of 1 SCP. The 6.55% increase on the budget from last year is down to the pay award exceeding the budgeted amount. The increase on actual pay is 3.2%.

28 Training	500.00	260.00			525.00	5.00%	
32 Rose Day Stand and Toilets	510.00	487.50			535.00	4.90%	
35 Christmas Lights (Bogbean)	100.00	0.00			100.00	0.00%	Covers £50 for St. Luke's Christmas Lights and £50 for the electricity for the lights on the Bogbean.
54 Recruitment Costs	0.00	0.00			0.00		
56 PC ERS Pension	1,205.00	701.67			1,282.00	6.39%	Based on previous Local Government Pay Agreement increase of 3.2% plus a possible performance based increase of 1 SCP. The 6.55% increase on the budget from last year is down to the pay award exceeding the budgeted amount. The increase on actual pay is 3.2%.
64 Newsletter	1,260.00	644.80			1,325.00	5.16%	Includes printing,distribution and postage for 4 issues per year.
TOTAL	57,820.00	58,034.91	37,215.00	21,664.81	62,020.00	39,044.00	
					7.26%	4.91%	

Goostrey Parish Council
Draft Budget 2026 - 2027

Current Year 2025-2026						Next Year 2026-2027				Notes
2 Amenities		Receipts		Payments		Receipts		Payments		
Code	Title	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget		Budget		
29	Village Maintenance			5,740.00	227.85			8,775.00	52.87%	These two cost codes form part of the same contract. The rate provided by the current contractor is no longer available and previous quotes indicate much higher costs going forwards. The low actual figure here is due to the issues with the contract and lack of invoicing. This is being resolved and the actual figure to date for 2025/26 is approximately £3,750. In addition grass cutting at the Bogbean will also need to be factored in from April 2026.
30	Graveyard Maintenance			2,830.00	75.83			2,925.00	3.36%	
31	Lengthsman Service			250.00	210.00			250.00	0.00%	
33	Speedwatch/ SIDs			300.00	0.00			300.00	0.00%	
34	Seniors Lunch	980.00	0.00	1,000.00	7.07	1,040.00	6.12%	1,060.00	6.00%	To cover Speedwatch and maintenance of SIDs with any unspent budget from this line added to the earmarked reserve. This is suggested as the spend on this item isn't necessarily required each year but costs can be high when a spend is required. In addition, due to the age of the equipment, provision needs to be made to replace failing devices. See note 1.
65	Christmas Lights Switch on event			1000.00	303.23			1,500.00	50.00%	
The increased size and complexity of this event requires a more significant increase in budget to cover gazebo hire, installation plus lighting, seating and flooring. Hire of the band and first aid cover.										

66	Events		2000.00	3828.73			£500.00	-75.00%	The committee requests a figure here each year to prepare for other important events from 2026/27 onwards. Funds will either be spent or placed in a reserve for future years.
XX	Defibrillator Supplies						£500.00	100.00%	The defibrillator supplies reserve needs replenishing. This may also need to cover supplies for additional devices in the village. Consideration also needs to be given to putting aside reserves for replacing the two PC devices and the possible replacement of the device at The Trading Post. See note 2.
TOTAL		980.00	0.00	13,120.00	4,652.71	1,040.00	6.12%	15,810.00	20.50%

Notes/Recommendations

- 1 The surplus from last year's Amenities budget was placed in an earmarked reserve for anticipated SIDs and Speedwatch costs, this stands at £4,345.31 which is approximately enough to cover the cost of one new SID. The committee requests that consideration is given to earmarking part of the unallocated Capital reserve to allow the committee to build funds for a rolling replacement programme of one every five years. The committee will also make provision within the three year budget plan for the replacement programme and will include this in the council's Strategic Plan.
- 2 The age of the defibrillators in the Village Hall and on Main Road means that provision should be made for their eventual replacement, as well as the replacement of the Trading Post device if that is required. The committee requests that consideration is given to earmarking part of the unallocated Capital reserve to allow for this .

Goostrey Parish Council
Draft Budget 2026-2027

Current Year 2025-2026						Next Year 2026-2027		Notes
3 Village Hall								
Code	Title	Receipts		Payments		Receipts		
		Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget	
2	VH Lettings - Hall	10,710.00	5,332.62			11,245.00	5.00%	The committee agreed that Village Hall hire rates would remain unchanged for 2026/27 with the increase in receipts coming from a projected increase in hires.
3	VH Lettings - Lounge	6,825.00	3,027.10			7,165.00	4.98%	
4	VH Lettings - Committee	315.00	321.28			330.00	4.76%	
5	VH Lettings - School Kitchen	125.00	0.00	125.00		125.00	0.00%	
6	VH Lettings - Caretaker Servs Charge	0.00	877.00			0.00	0.00	0.00% Collected by GPC & paid to school at the end of the year. No budget required.
7	VH Lettings - Caretaker Servs Payment	0.00				0.00	0.00	
9	VH - Lettings early/late fees	0.00	50.00			0.00	0.00	This item doesn't require a budget as any income from this would be likely to be paid out to cover additional staffing etc.

37	VH Recharge	12,600.00	0.00	13,230.00	5.00%	Final recharge figures are extremely difficult to predict as much of the spending is outside of the council's control e.g. heating oil. The committee agreed that based on previous experience, this figure is reasonable but should future recharges remain high then the committee may have to budget much larger amounts and place any underspend in an earmarked reserve to cover any subsequent shortfalls.
38	VH Planned Maintenance & Improvements	1,250.00	0.00	1,310.00	4.80%	This figure is set based on the Asset Review Document which sets out the planned replacement, maintenance and decoration of the village hall. See attached.
39	Performing Rights Licence	175.00	231.58	500.00	185.71%	This licence has increased this year and due to the number of events held at the venue the committee needs to make provision for a further increase next year.
40	VH General Maintenance & Supplies	2,500.00	2,758.83	0.00	-100.00%	The budget for maintenance and supplies has previously been covered by one general cost code and the budget and actual figures for 2025/26 relate to this. The recommendation now is for this code to be split into separate codes for more precise budgeting and transparency, these are shown below.
XX	Cleaning			525.00		New code.
XX	Office Supplies			180.00		New code.
XX	Repairs & Maintenance			615.00		New code.
XX	Annual School Charges			400.00		New code. Joint Use costs not split via Unit 4 PO's which includes grounds maintenance, gritting, tree surveys/work. Previous cost £363.44 but this can vary depending on things like the number of times gritting has to take place.

XX	Compliance Inspection Reports			575.00		New Code. The school currently pays in full for the annual asbestos re-inspection, the fire risk assessment and the monthly legionella tests. For the next school year, the cost of this will be £2,058 and the school requested that the council consider a 25% contribution to this cost i.e. half of the infant school site. This would be approximately £514 and would appear on the annual maintenance invoice which includes the council's contribution to grounds maintenance.
XX	Hallmaster Annual Licence			230.00		New code. Previous cost £220
XX	PAT Testing			105.00		New code. Previous cost £100
XX	Paxton/CCTV Servicing			190.00		New code. Previous cost £180
XX	Lounge Carpet & Chair Cleaning			400.00		New code. Previous cost £378
XX	Roller Shutter Servicing			175.00		New code. Previous cost £170
XX	Kitchen Equipment Servicing			200.00		New code. Introduced in 2025/26. Previous cost £195
42	Advertising / Entertainment	50.00	21.65	50.00	0.00%	No change requested.
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44	VH Clerk Salary	1,890.00	942.16	2,010.00	6.35%	Based on previous Local Government Pay Agreement increase of 3.2% plus a possible performance based increase of 1 SCP.
46	VH Staff Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00		No change requested.
58	VH Employers NIC	255.00	109.89	270.00	5.88%	Based on previous Local Government Pay Agreement increase of 3.2% plus a possible performance based increase of 1 SCP. This accounts for the Clerk's Employers NI and a notional amount for the VH Supervisors' salary excluding caretaker's services pay.
59	VH EES Pension	0.00		0.00		No budget required.

67	VH ERS Pension	95.00	47.11		102.00	7.37%	Based on previous Local Government Pay Agreement increase of 3.2% plus a possible performance based increase of 1 SCP. Also, this makes the assumption that it continues to be only the Clerk who is auto enrolled for a pesion.		
		17,975.00	9,608.00	26,440.00	7,832.37	18,865.00	4.95%	29,197.00	10.43%

Notes:

1. Sand and reseal of hall floor costs quoted at £2,400 excl. VAT in 2024. VH Maintenance reserve has funding earmarked for this. A contribution from the school is anticipated.

2.



Supporting Documents for the Village Hall Draft Budget

Village Hall Asset Review Document

Location	Asset	Date Acquired	Purchase Value	Estimated Life	Review Required?	Budget Required	2026_27	2027_28	2028_29
Office	Dell Monitor	22/07/2025	£180	5 Years	No				
Office	CCTV/Door Entry System	01/01/2019	£4,370.40		Regularly serviced	Budgeted annually			
Office	HP Desktop PC	22/07/2025	789.91	5 years	No				
Office	Laptop	11/12/2024	457.5	5 years	No				
Lounge	Cooker Hood	01/09/2017	£2,721.60		No				
					Not heavily used. Regular servicing may increase life expectancy	Budgeted annually			
Lounge	Bain Marie	01/09/2017	£549.60	Unknown					
Lounge	Lounge Chair (40)	01/03/2015	£2,040.00		No	Cleaning budgeted annually			
Lounge	Cutlery	01/02/2010	£276.26		No				
					Not heavily used. Regular servicing may increase life expectancy	Budgeted annually			
Lounge	Dishwahr	01/09/2017	£2,376.00	Unknown					
					Not heavily used. Regular servicing may increase life expectancy	Budgeted annually			
Lounge	Refrigerator	01/09/2017	£652.80	Unknown					
					Not heavily used. Regular servicing may increase life expectancy.	Budgeted annually			
Lounge	Water Heater	01/12/2009	£750.00	Unknown					
Lounge	Stainless Steel Table	01/09/2017	£270.00	Unknown	No				
Committee Room	Archive Cabinets & Furniture	01/07/2018	£1,701.26	Unknown	No				
Toilets	Baby Changing Unit	01/01/2009	£216	Unknown	No				
					Would not necessarily be replaced.				
Foyer/Corridors	Card Tables	Unknown	£1,000.00	Unknown					

Foyer/Corridors	Display Boards	01/06/2013	£288.00	Unknown	No
Foyer/Corridors	Defibrillator	Unknown	0	Unknown	Reserves to be maintained for replacement
Foyer/Corridors	Dysun Vacuum	01/10/2009	£156.51	Unknown	Repairs and maintenance budget available for repair or replacement
Foyer/Corridors	Numatic Floor Cleaner	01/04/2015	£821.56	Unknown	Parts still available
Foyer/Corridors	Vacuum	Unknown	£35.00	Unknown	Repairs and maintenance budget available for repair or replacement
Hall	Tables and Trolleys	01/07/2019	£2,400.00	Unknown	replacement
Hall	Chairs (150)	01/03/2015	£2,040.00	Unknown	No
Hall	Sound System	01/07/2005	£980.00	Unknown	No
Hall	Stage Backdrop Curtains	01/02/2007	£981.54	Unknown	No
Hall	Stage Curtains	Unknown	£0.00	Unknown	No
Hall	Stage Lighting	0/12/2012	£189.80	Unknown	No
Hall	Stage Safety Lighting & Components	01/11/2011	£550.00	Unknown	Mainly used by Goosfest & Rural Touring. Further information required
Hall	Stage Lighting System	01/07/2019	£4,460.71	Unknown	required
Hall	Stage Lighting Unit	01/09/2011	£1,528.40	Unknown	No
General	Blinds	01/05/2010	£1,080.00	Unknown	No
General	Carpet	01/09/2005	£1,349.79	Unknown	No
General	Christmas Decorations	28/10/2022	£300.00	5 years	Reviewed no action required
General	Curtains	01/03/2013	£1,644.80	Unknown	

General	Furnishings?	Unknown	£1,500.00	Unknown	No
General	Hearing Loop	Unknown	£620.00	Unknown	No
			Actual date		
External	Bench	01/06/2024	£1.00	donated 2000	No
External	Floodlighting	Unknown	£1,800.00	Unknown	No
External	VH Sign & Light	01/03/2019	£635.64	Unknown	No

Village Hall Asset Maintenance

Location	Maintenance Type	Action Required?	Budget Required?	2026_27	2027_28	2028_29
Lounge	Carpet Cleaning	Yes	Yes			
Lounge	Chair Cleaning	Yes	Yes	£400		
Lounge	Curtain Cleaning	No	No			
			Yes. VH Planned			
			Maintenance &			
Lounge	Painting	Yes	Improvements			
			Yes. VH Planned			
			Maintenance &	£1,310		
Foyer	Painting	Yes	Improvements			
			Yes. VH Planned			
			Maintenance &			
Corridors	Painting	Yes	Improvements			
Office	Painting	No	No			
Committee Room	Painting	No	No			
Toilets	Painting	No	No			
		No. To be painted				
Hall	Painting	Dec. 2025	No			
Hall	Floor sand & seal	Yes	No. Earmarked Reserves			

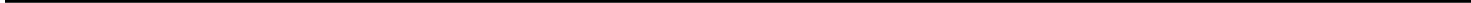
Village Hall Asset Servicing

Item	Frequency
Hallmaster Licence	Annual
PAT Testing	Annual
Paxton/CCTV Servicing	Annual
Lounge Carpet & Chair Cleaning	Annual
Roller Shutter Servicing	Annual
Kitchen Equipment Servicing	Annual
Compliance Inspection Reports	Annual

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

Goostrey Parish Council
Reserve Notes Report
Reserves Report with Notes



Name	Budget	Notes	Type	Status
Village Hall Projects	9,905.00	New Windows for Office and Committee Room, replacement of old lighting in the rest of the Village Hall and cladding of the chair store in the main hall.	Capital	Open
Village Projects	6,630.00	Village Improvements as described in the Environmental Improvements Plan.	Capital	Open
Capital General	4,606.00	General capital reserves	Capital	Open
CIL Payment	4,529.08	Community Infrastructure Levy payment. To be used by 29th April 2029.	Capital	Open

Goostrey Parish Council
Reserve Notes Report
Reserves Report with Notes

Name	Budget	Notes	Type	Status
Operating Reserves	47,323.00	Operating Reserve consisting of 90% of precept. Reviewed and agreed as part of the budgeting process in 2023/24.	Earmarked	Open
Election Fee	8,286.00	Funds required to be held in reserves to pay for an election if required	Earmarked	Open
Neighbourhood Plan Review	12,000.00	Funds to pay for reviewing and updating the Neighbourhood Plan	Earmarked	Open
Christmas Lights for the Bogbean	1,705.30	Costs associated with new Christmas lights for the Bogbean	Earmarked	Open
Defibrillator Supplies	806.60	To cover supplies for the two Parish Council defibrillators.	Earmarked	Open
Village Hall Recharge 2023-2024	12,502.42	Funds held in reserve for the Village Hall Recharge 2023-2024	Earmarked	Open
VH Recharges		Used to transfer annual recharges from the budget to a reserve to be allocated to a specific year's reserve.	Earmarked	Open
Booth Bed Lane Playground Proje	10,750.00	Contributing Third Party funds to secure FCC grant for improvements to the Booth Bed Lane Playground.	Earmarked	Open
Village Hall Recharge 2024-2025	11,550.00	Funds held in reserve for the Village Hall Recharge 2024-2025. To be invoiced by CEC the following year.	Earmarked	Open
VH Energy Projects	10,000.00	Earmarked Reserve for the replacement of the Village Hall Boiler and Main Hall floor. Finance approved 05/11/2024. Renamed and repurposed . FC minute 08/07/2025 item 8. PC minute 07.25.5.b	Earmarked	Open
VH Maintenance	6,771.14	Reserve earmarked for the sand and reseal of the main hall floor, repainting of the village hall . Finance Committee 05/11/2024.	Earmarked	Open
Advanced Events Deposits	-880.14	To account for deposits for events which need to be paid in the financial year prior to the event. Budgeted in the year of the actual event.	Earmarked	Open
SID/SpeedWatch Reserve		To accrue funds to cover SpeedWatch costs and the replacement/repair of SIDs.	Earmarked	Open
Grant Funding		Funding set aside for grants.	Earmarked	Open
IT Equipment		To replace IT equipment as necessary.	Earmarked	Open
VH Hall Floor Replacement		FC minute 08/07/2025 item 8. PC minute 07.25.5.b Funds set aside for the replacement of the hall floor.	Earmarked	Open

Provisional Tax Base Information and Precept Calculator

PARISH PRECEPT AND TAXBASE ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2026/27
DEADLINE – January 2026 TBC

Cheshire East Council is due to fix its Taxbase for the financial year 2026/27 by Resolution of the Council in December 2025 (date to be confirmed). The taxbase for Goostrey Parish Council area is likely to be 1093.23 compared to a current amount of 1097.27. As an indication, if the current Band D Council Tax (of £51.23) remained the same, this would decrease the precept from £56,210 to £56,006. Alternatively, if the precept remained at £56,210, then Band D Council Tax would increase to £51.42 when using the new taxbase. An adjustment factor of 99.00% is already included to calculate the taxbase figure to allow for potential losses on collection.

Inputs
1093.23 Tax Base
56,210.00 Precept Requirement (£)

Band	DIS	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Ratio	5/9	6/9	7/9	8/9	9/9	11/9	13/9	15/9	18/9
Precept	28.56	34.28	39.99	45.70	51.42	62.84	74.27	85.69	102.83

Precept	Band D Property
£56,006	£51.23

Item 5 3 Year Budget Planning
Draft 3 Year Budget Document with Proposals from the
Amenities and Village Hall Management Committees

Goostrey Parish Council
Draft 3 Year Budget

		2026-2027		2027-2028		2028-2029		Notes
Parish Council		Receipts	Payments	Receipts	Payments	Receipts	Payments	
1	Precept	59,020.00		61,970.00				
8	Bank Interest	1,000.00		1,000.00				
10	Exceptional Income	0.00		0.00				
11	Audit		830.00		870.00			
12	Bank Charge		470.00		490.00			
13	Computer		345.00		360.00			
14	Telephone and Broadband		840.00		880.00			
15	Website		430.00		450.00			
16	Office Supplies, Printing & Postage		295.00		310.00			
17	Insurance		995.00		1,045.00			
18	Legal and Professional Fees		0.00		0.00			
19	Subscriptions		1,105.00		1,160.00			
20	Councillors/General Expenses		75.00		75.00			
21	Accounting System		405.00		425.00			
22	Parish Magazine		295.00		310.00			

24	Grant Funding	1,500.00	2,000.00
25	Clerk's Expenses	50.00	50.00
26	Clerk's Salary	25,260.00	26,525.00
27	Employers NIC	2,870.00	3,015.00
28	Training	525.00	550.00
32	Rose Day Stand and Toilets	535.00	560.00
35	Christmas Lights (Bogbean)	100.00	100.00
47	Employee NIC	0.00	0.00
48	Employee Income Tax	0.00	0.00
54	Recruitment Costs	0.00	0.00
55	PC EES Pension	0.00	0.00
56	PC ERS Pension	1,265.00	1,330.00
64	Newsletter	1,325.00	1,390.00
X	Elections	2,500.00	2,500.00

This will no longer be required as the situation has been clarified by CEC and sufficient funds are held in earmarked reserves.

SUB TOTAL	60,020.00	42,015.00	62,970.00	44,395.00	0.00	0.00
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2026-2027

2027-2028

2028-2029

Amenities

	Receipts	Payments	Receipts	Payments	Receipts	Payments
29 Village Maintenance		8,775.00		8,950.00		9,130.00
30 Graveyard Maintenance		2,925.00		2,985.00		3,045.00
31 Lengthsman Service		250.00		255.00		305.00
33 Speedwatch/SIDs		300.00		1,000.00		1,000.00
34 Seniors Lunch	1,040.00	1,060.00	1,060.00	1,270.00	1,080.00	1,295.00

The committee decided to recommend applying an approximate 2% increase for inflation for 2027/28 and 2028/29 inline with estimated CPI figures. The exceptions to this are the Events, SIDs and Defibrillator budget lines.

Due to the age of the SIDs, provision needs to be made within the three year budget plan for a rolling replacement programme to be included in the council's Strategic Plan.

65 Christmas Lights Switch on Event	1,500.00		1,530.00		1,560.00	
66 Events	500.00		500.00		500.00	Provision to prepare for important events from 2026/27 onwards. Funds will either be spent or placed in a reserve for future years. The committee felt that this line could remain unchanged unless a specific event was highlighted.
XX Defibrillator Supplies	500.00		510.00		520.00	Provision is required in the budget to cover the costs of pads and batteries for the community defibrillators. Whilst not necessarily required every year, the expense can be high when a spend is required. Any unspent budget should be transferred to the earmarked reserve to allow funds to build and be available when needed.
SUB TOTAL	1,040.00	15,810.00	1,060.00	17,000.00	1,080.00	17,355.00

Village Hall

		2026-2027		2027-2028		2028-2029	
		Receipts	Payments	Receipts	Payments	Receipts	Payments
2	VH Lettings - Hall	11,245.00		11,805.00		12,400.00	
3	VH Lettings - Lounge	7,165.00		7,525.00		7,900.00	
4	VH Lettings - Committee	330.00		345.00		365.00	
5	VH Lettings - School Kitchen	125.00	125.00	125.00	125.00	125.00	125.00
6	VH Lettings - Caretaker Servs Charge	0.00		0.00		0.00	
7	VH Lettings - Caretaker Servs Payment		0.00		0.00		0.00
9	VH - Lettings early/late fees	0.00		0.00		0.00	
37	VH Recharge		13,230.00		13,890.00		14,585.00

Regular reviews of hire rates will need to be carried out to address the gap between income and expenditure and the amount of support required from the precept.

The caretaker services pay is fully funded by the charge therefore it is reasonable to remove budgeting figures for this cost code, particularly as the total hours requested by hirers is extremely variable.

38	VH Planned Maintenance & Improvements	1,310.00	1,375.00	1,445.00
39	Performing Rights Licence	500.00	525.00	550.00
40	VH Gen Maintenance & Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00
XX	Cleaning Supplies	525.00	550.00	575.00
XX	Office Supplies	180.00	190.00	200.00
XX	Repairs & Maintenance	615.00	645.00	675.00
XX	Annual School Charges	400.00	420.00	440.00
XX	Compliance Inspection Reports	575.00	605.00	635.00
XX	Hallmaster Annual Licence	230.00	240.00	250.00
XX	PAT Testing	105.00	110.00	115.00
XX	Paxton/CCTV Servicing	190.00	200.00	210.00
XX	Lounge Carpet & Chair Cleaning	400.00	420.00	440.00
XX	Roller Shutter Servicing	175.00	185.00	195.00
XX	Kitchen Equipment Servicing	200.00	210.00	220.00
42	VH Advertising/Entertainment Budget	50.00	50.00	50.00
43				

The budget for maintenance and supplies has previously been covered by one general cost code and the budget and actual figures for 2025/26 relate to this. The recommendation now is for this code to be split into separate codes for more precise budgeting and transparency, these are shown below.

44	VH Clerk Salary	2,010.00		2,115.00		2,220.00
46	VH Staff Expenses	0.00		0.00		0.00
58	VH Employers NIC	270.00		285.00		300.00
59	VH EES Pension	0.00		0.00		0.00
67	VH ERS Pension	102.00		110.00		115.00
SUB TOTAL		18,865.00	29,197.00	19,800.00	30,655.00	20,790.00
TOTAL		79,925.00	87,022.00	20,860.00	92,050.00	21,870.00



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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