



GOOSTREY PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



Neighbourhood Plan

The Neighbourhood Plan is currently in the Regulation 16 consultation phase which ends on 17th April 2017. After that, it will go to an independent examiner who will decide if any changes are needed, taking into account all feedback. The

revised Plan will then be put to a referendum of all those eligible to vote in Goostrey parish. The referendum will be arranged by Cheshire East Council Electoral Services and everyone will be notified in due course.

Planning

A planning application made by Henderson Homes Ltd last year for 6 new houses off Main Road (16/4306C). This was opposed by Jodrell Bank and by the Parish Council and it was refused by Cheshire East Council in October 2016, due to the radio interference that it would generate for JBO. The applicant has now made an Appeal which will be decided by a Planning Inspector at a Public

Inquiry. Anyone who wishes to object to, or support, the appeal should send their comments to the Planning Inspectorate before the closing date of 25th April 2017. The number of the Appeal is APP/R0660/W/16/3166025 and details can be found on the Planning Inspectorate's website. The Parish Council have been accepted to give evidence opposing the Appeal at the Public Inquiry.

Goostrey Rose Festival

On Saturday 24th June 2017, we will continue a tradition that began over 100 years ago. The Rose Day procession will travel from Booth Bed Lane along Main Road to the field near the school and the new Rose Queen, twelve year old Abigail Burgess, will lay a wreath at the cenotaph before being crowned. The president for 2017 is Martin Leake. During the afternoon, visitors will be entertained by bands and dancing and, in the evening, there will be a ceilidh with hog roast.

The Rose Festival committee is looking for village organisations to take part in the tug-of-war; teams of eight with little or no experience are required. Stalls are available for hire in the marquee or around the field and this year, money raised from the teas will go to a charity which supports children with diabetes. As well as the usual competitions there will be a new one for those who knit or crochet; they need to make an item which includes at least one rose.

To help to pay for children from our partner school in South Africa to visit Goostrey again and take part in Rose Day, there will be a **Frog Racing evening at the village hall on 22nd April** - think donkey derby but with frogs! Adults and older children are welcome and tickets are £10. Doors open 7pm, the first race will be at 7.30pm and there will be a pie and pea supper (plus vegetarian option) with a cash bar.



Rose Queen for 2017 Abigail Burgess with her attendants Rebecca Main, Mika Mizunoue and Evie Thirlwell

While the committee work throughout the year to make sure that events run smoothly, other volunteers are essential. Donations for the plant, cake and tombola stalls are requested while many people will be needed to help with equipment on the field, decorating floats, car parking, marshalling the procession and serving teas. Thank you to everyone in advance!

There is more information on our website and Facebook page (<http://www.goostreyrosefestival.co.uk/index.html> and <https://www.facebook.com/GoostreyRoseFestival/?fref=nf>). The programme and draw tickets will be available early in June.

Christina Burgess

Chair of Goostrey Rose Festival Committee(01477 535443)

Highways Matters

We would like to take this opportunity to update you with regard to the scheme for the Station Bridge and the Speed Indicator Devices.

Station Bridge

The survey of the bridge has now been completed and a detailed plan of the proposed works is now being drawn up.

We hope to have a draft plan in the next month or so which we will be able to share with residents.

Speed Indicator Devices

As you will be aware there are four devices in the Village and over the winter months we have had problems particularly with the unit on New Platt Lane.

This is due entirely to the lack of sunlight in that location caused by lower levels of sunlight in the winter and because of the density of the trees, which block what sunlight there is to the solar panel that powers the device.

After some investigation we have come to the decision that as it is not possible to get mains power to the unit (except at a huge cost) we will purchase a 5th unit of a new design which works off lower power and has a higher powered solar panel.

Once this is installed the current unit will be moved to the post opposite the Crown which we hope will remind motorists to keep to the speed limit near the school and the new Scout Hut and Youth Facility.

We expect Speedwatch sessions to resume now that the lighter evenings are here.

Edited by Cllr P Godfrey & S Jones, The Parish Office, Village Hall, Goostrey

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Points of interest:

- **Parish Council** - If you would like to speak to a member of the Parish Council please contact them directly (contact details for councillors are on the website) or contact the Clerk to arrange a appointment.
- **Parish Office Hours**
Monday 09.30 to 12.30,
Wednesday & Friday 13.00 to 16.00
- **Contact** - E-mail ParishCouncil@Goostrey.info
Phone: 01477 535825
Answer phone service out of office hours
- **Web Site** - For a calendar of local events, Parish Council Meetings, Village Hall booking information and forms visit <https://goostrey.info>

Capital Works Projects Burial Ground Extension

The Parish Council propose to carry out a number of Capital Works Projects this summer. These will include the provision of six new village signs to replace the old Cheshire County signs many of which are illegible or damaged.

The village hall kitchen will be refurbished to a modern standard, including a fast dishwasher!! And a new direct access formed between the kitchen and the hall.

In addition the hall and lounge will be redecorated and the stage will be resurfaced. Unfortunately this will require the complete closure of the hall and lounge for five weeks in August. We apologise for any inconvenience caused to our regular hirers. Further projects are under consideration.

The Parish Council has agreed to transfer the plot of land it owns adjacent to the existing burial ground to St Luke's church to enable the Goostrey burial ground to be extended.

It is estimated that this will accommodate approximately fifty new graves which is sufficient for about ten years at the current rate of usage.

Goosfest '17

Please put the following Goosfest '17 dates in your diary: **Friday 6th to Sunday 22nd October.**

The festival has now become a fixture in the Goostrey calendar. This year you can be assured of a varied programme of arts events from pop to plays, Bollywood to brass, Prof Cox to comedy, art installations to topical presentations plus handy workshops to hone your skills.

Tickets will be available from the beginning of September but you can reserve your seats from June onwards via our web-site: www.goosfest.com. A brochure with details of all the events will be delivered to all houses in Goostrey in August. The Goosfest Committee would like to thank the Parish Council for their continued support and sponsorship.

1st Goostrey Scouts

Open Invitation to Official Opening of the new Scout Hut and Youth Centre (SHAYC)

1st Goostrey Scouts invites all residents to attend the Official Opening of the new Scout Hut and Youth Centre from 2.00 – 4.00 pm on Saturday 6th May 2017. Fiona Bruce MP will be joining the Chairman and members of the Parish Council at the ceremony together with representatives of the Scout and Guiding organisations and a wide range of local community groups, who have all supported and donated to this initiative.

A representative will also be present from the Landfill charity WREN, which awarded a £50,000 grant, matched by the Parish Council's £50,000 donation made on behalf of the village. It is hoped



that the whole community will come together to celebrate the opening of the new building, to see inside and to meet the members of the team who have worked unstintingly over the last three years to realise this project.

Tea and cakes will be served.

Fundraising

Fundraising continues for the remaining £40,000 of the build cost of the Scout Hut and Youth Centre. Donations can be made directly to the Scout Hut and Youth Centre at: <https://mydonate.bt.com/charities/1stgoostreyscoutgroup>

Dates for the Diary

The Annual Big Bike Ride in Goostrey will be held on 13th May – friends and neighbours are encouraged to be generous in sponsoring all the keen cyclists for this good cause.

The Goostrey Summer Ball will be held on 15th July, which is being organised in association with the Parent Teacher Association of Goostrey Primary School.

Get the best from our website

As you may know our new website at <https://goostrey.info>, went live in January this year.

On the site you can find the latest minutes, notices and events information for the Parish Council and Village Groups. If you sign up to become a member of the site you will receive an e-mail when new info is added to the web site.

To sign up go to the bottom of the home page at

<https://goostrey.info> and fill in the form with your name and e-mail address and press *Subscribe*.

You will receive an e-mail to confirm that you wish to join, follow the instructions in the mail and you will be signed up to the site.

Emails are sent out every time a post is made to the site or a document is added.

Parish Councillors	Cllr R Bennett	Cllr I O'Donoghue
Cllr P Godfrey (Chairman)	Cllr D Craggs	Cllr T Rathbone
Cllr C M'Cubbin (Vice Chairman)	Cllr G Lenihan	Cllr E Williams
	Cllr K Morris	

Goostrey Parish Council

Dear Resident,

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2017: MONDAY 8TH MAY 2016.

On behalf of Goostrey Parish Council, I invite you to attend the Annual Parish Meeting to be held on Monday, 8th May 2017 in the Village Hall commencing at 7.30 pm.

This Meeting, which is a mandatory requirement of Parish Councils, gives an opportunity to review the last council year and to consult with yourselves on relevant issues you may wish to raise.

The Parish Council continues to have an important role to play in influencing policies and decisions affecting this parish. In this respect it represents the residents of Goostrey and only with your input can that representation truly reflect your views.

I would therefore ask you to attend and participate in this meeting and also consider attending the monthly meetings of the Parish Council when time is set aside for you to have your say and ask questions.

AGENDA

1. Welcome & Introduction
2. Apologies.
3. Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting 2016
4. Chairman's Report.
5. Statement of Accounts

6. Neighbourhood Plan
7. Public Forum.

Please join us for tea / coffee and biscuits following the Meeting, at the new Scout Hut and Youth Centre.

Yours faithfully

Peter Godfrey

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Chairman - Goostrey Parish Council