



# GOOSTREY PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



## Parish Council Matters

### Councillor Resignation

Councillor Bennett has resigned from the Parish Council with immediate effect. You may already be aware that Roger will soon be moving house to live in Holmes Chapel,

Roger has lived in Goostrey for 50 years, he has been on the Parish Council three times as a Councillor and was Chairman twice. He has also been a Borough Councillor. Roger has done a great deal for the Council and for the village through the Church and in many other ways and I'm sure we will be very sorry to lose him, though he will not be far away!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Roger for all his work and support, and wish him all the very best and every happiness for the future.

### Casual Vacancy

This means that we now have a Casual Vacancy which has been notified to the Electoral Department at Cheshire East and a notice has been placed on the Parish Council Notice boards.

At present we need to wait until 5th October to find out if we are required to hold an election. If this is not the case we will advertise for residents to put themselves forward for the role of Councillor.

### Parish Council Elections May 2019

We would like to encourage anyone who has an interest in becoming a Councillor to contact one of the

Councillors or the Clerk to find out what being a Councillor involves.

New Councillors will be needed as a number of the existing members will not be putting themselves forward at the 2019 elections.

If we are permitted to advertise the Casual Vacancy, it is an ideal opportunity for anyone thinking of putting themselves forward as a candidate at the Parish Council elections in May 2019, to gain first hand experience of being a Councillor in the lead up to the elections.

### Local Council Awards Scheme

We are delighted to announce that in July we gained accreditation at Foundation Level. This award means that we have met specific criteria for having policies and procedures in place and for compliance with the transparency code (we publish all required documents on our web site). The Council intends to try to proceed to the Quality Standard award by the end of March 2019.

### Jodrell Bank UNESCO World Heritage Site Bid

Jodrell Bank has formed a steering group to support the bid to become a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and we are pleased to confirm that Goostrey Parish Council is represented on the steering group.

*Cllr Ken Morris*

**Chairman—Goostrey Parish Council**

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## Seniors' Lunch - Sunday 25th November 2018

Each year the Parish Council hosts a lunch for the more Senior Residents of Goostrey at the Village Hall. This year we are offering a delicious 3 course meal with tea, coffee and water for £7 per head (those attending are welcome to bring their own drinks). Tickets are only available from the Parish Office from 1st November, call to book tickets on 535825. Please arrange to collect and pay for them within a week. There are only 100 tickets available so

you need to be quick (only Goostrey Residents aged 65 years & over are eligible to attend).



*Nearly 100 people attended the Seniors' Lunch last year, make sure you get a ticket this year!*

### SpeedWatch

The SpeedWatch volunteers continue to carry out SpeedWatch sessions in various approved locations around the village.

Log sheets from SpeedWatch sessions are reported directly to Cheshire Constabulary, where our PCSO sends letters to the drivers of those travelling at 36 mph and above.

During the week of SpeedWatch in June we ran 10 sessions. Speeds between 35 and 48 mph were recorded, and reported to the police.

Since then we have run a further 7 sessions at which speeds between 35

and 46 mph were recorded.

We are now counting the number of vehicles which pass the SpeedWatch team during a one hour session. It is staggering to see that on a number of sessions on Main Road that the number of vehicles passing in both directions adds up to as many as 348!

We will be arranging for two teams to run sessions simultaneously in the near future which will mean that we need more than our current 14 volunteers.

If you would like to join our team please contact the Clerk for details.

### VACANCY!

#### School Crossing Patrol and Road Safety Officer

Sadly, this vacancy has still not been filled.

The job is 14 hours a week and is a mixture of School Crossing Patrol and work assisting with the Running of SpeedWatch in the Village.

We would encourage anyone who is interested in this position to contact Daniel Murphy on 01270 371473 for further information.

### 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](mailto: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>

## Scout Hut & Youth Facility

At the May Parish Council meeting this year, the Parish Council agreed to assist the Scouts in paying off the loan to build the facility on a Matched Funding basis up to a value of £25,000, to be paid on funds raised by the Scouts between 1st April 2018 and 31st March 2019.

We are pleased to announce that the Scouts have now raised, in the given time scale, £25,000 and the Parish Council have now made the payment of the remaining £25,000 to the Scouts to pay off their loan.

The Parish Council congratulates the Scouts on their amazing achievements in creating such a wonderful and much needed resource for the Village.

## Goostrey Village Archive

The contents of the Village Archive has now been transferred to the Committee Room at the Village Hall which will be its permanent home.

Secure cabinets have been installed to house the Archive. The room has also been redecorated and new furniture has been provided by the Parish Council.

The Archive Group will re-launch the Archive at St Luke's Christmas Fair on 24th November 2018, where they will also hold an Open Day.

We hope that the Archive will be open for people to view on a more regular basis in the future.

## Royal British Legion Remembers Goostrey Residents Who Died in the 1914-18 World War

The Goostrey branch of the Royal British Legion will be holding a short ceremony to dedicate an Oak tree with a plaque to those residents who died in the First World War. It will be held on 10th November at 10.30am on the Bog Bean.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

## Christmas Lights "Switch-On"

This annual event will take place on Sunday 2nd December, 2018. Further details will be published nearer the time. 1st Goostrey Scouts will be organising the event again this year on behalf of the Parish Council.

## Planning

Last year CEC published a 'Local Plan Strategy' which contains the Policies for new housing across the borough up until 2030. CEC have now produced a draft of the next level of detail in a document called 'Site Allocations and Development Policies' (SADPD). This includes the number of houses that CEC have allocated to the Local Service Centres. For Goostrey, no further houses and no sites have been allocated. This is mainly due to the fact that Goostrey lies in one of the most sensitive areas for radio interference by the Jodrell Bank Observatory. The absence of a specific allocation does not

necessarily mean that no new houses will be approved, but it recognises that there is a significant constraint. The SADPD also contains policies on matters such as density, distance between houses, lighting and other planning rules. There is also a range of supporting documents. If you would like to support, object or comment on the SADPD, you can find it by searching online for 'Cheshire East SADPD'.

*Cllr Ken Morris*

**Chairman—Goostrey Parish Council**

## New Homes Bonus Community Fund

Cheshire East Council (CEC) have allocated £1m for 2018-19 and £1M for 2019-20.

The money is to be split up by Highway area. This means that Goostrey is in the Congleton Area which has been allocated is £328K for 2018-19.

Bids can be made by Town & Parish Councils (there around 20 in Congleton area) and Voluntary, Community & Faith groups, and CEC Commissioning Teams.

Bids must be at least £10K and can be schemes for things like sport, transport, libraries, allotments, energy, youth, flood protection, homelessness, parks and road safety.

Successful bids will be decided by an Award Group made up of the 21 Congleton Ward

Councillors, one CEC officer and one parish councillor (who will not have any voting rights, but is expected to communicate with the Parish Councils).

For the Congleton area the Parish Council representative will be Cllr Geoff Bell, Chairman of Somerford PC.

The Award Group will set the overall "Priorities" for 2018-19 in a meeting in early October.

**Application forms will be available in late October and must be returned by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018.**

The scoring system includes a weighting for the impact of housing growth. Scoring will be done by CEC officers, considered by the Award group and the final approval will be by Cllr Paul Bates (Portfolio Holder for Finance).

Final decisions will be in January 2019.

## Capital Projects

We have received a small number of residents' suggestions for projects within Goostrey which they feel may benefit the Community and last for a number of years.

The Capital Projects Working Party is reviewing submitted projects with a view to putting forward a list of viable project to the Parish Council for approval.

We are still accepting project suggestions and we would ask that you submit your ideas to the Clerk by 30th October 2018.

## Do you know someone whose voluntary activities make a real contribution to life in Goostrey?

We need your help again to identify the unsung heroes and heroines whose voluntary contributions to our village being the thriving community it is. This is an exercise we conduct twice a year in order to enable the Parish Council to send Letters of Thanks to deserving residents of the parish on behalf of the whole community. The Parish Council selects the people to receive such a letter from your nominations.

Names of both the recipients and the people who nominate them are kept confidential as the aim of the scheme is to discreetly acknowledge contributions voluntarily made to village life but people who have received letters in the past have said how much they valued receiving one.

Please send your nominations to the Clerk before the end of November. You should include the following information, your name, your nominee's name and a brief description of the voluntary activities they undertake which benefit the village.

### Parish Councillors

Cllr K Morris (Chairman)

Cllr I O'Donoghue (Vice Chairman)

Cllr D Craggs

Cllr P Godfrey

Cllr G Lenihan

Cllr I Macfarlane

Cllr C McCubbin

Cllr T Rathbone

Cllr E Williams