



# Goostrey Parish Council

The Village Hall  
Goostrey  
Cheshire  
CW4 8PE

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD

ON TUESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018 at 7.30pm IN THE VILLAGE HALL, LOUNGE

Present: Cllrs Morris (KM)(Chairman), O'Donoghue (IO'D)(Vice Chairman), Bennett(RB), Craggs (DC), Lenihan (GL), Rathbone (TR) & Williams (EW)

In attendance: Sharon Jones, Clerk to the Council, Cllr Kolker (CEC) and 6 residents

- 09.18.1. Declaration of Interests:** There were no declarations of interest received from councillors.
- 2. Apologies for absence:** Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Godfrey, McCubbin and Macfarlane.
- 3. Minutes:** To approve & sign the Minutes of the meetings of 10<sup>th</sup> July 2018.  
*Resolved: The Minutes of the Meeting of the 10<sup>th</sup> July 2018 were accepted as a true record of the meeting.*
- 4. Cheshire East Council Matters:** To receive a report on Cheshire East Council Matters. To deal with any questions by Members relating to the report and any questions by Members notified in advance to the Chairman and the CE Councillor.

Cllr Kolker apologised in advance as he would need to leave early to attend Cranage PC Meeting.

**Replacement bins and charges** - CEC will impose charges of £30 per bin (houses typically have 3 bins ie 3x £30) for new houses. AK recommended that residents take their bins with them if they move. If a bin is destroyed the replacement will cost £30. However, a stolen bin will be replaced on the first occasion free of charge. If the bin is stolen a second time within a 3 year period it will cost £30. All new bins will be uniquely identified to the property.

**The Grange Application** – AK said that if the Planning Officer is minded to approve the application it will be heard by Committee.

**CEC Schools** – Holmes Chapel Academy is top of the list of the best schools in the area.

**Cultural Review, CEC** – AK reported that this is progressing, and a lot of posters have been put up in the council building. The review is in response to the bullying allegations. AK responded to the request to look into the settlement for Mr Suarez when he left CEC. He reported that nothing other than salary and holiday payments were made to him. There was no golden handshake.

**Steps opposite the School** - AK and the School Business Manager have met with CEC Highways. There is potentially a funding source available, for which the school will have to apply.

**Waste Site at Blackden Firs** – The Clerk reported that she had already spoken to the Environment Agency and had informed AK it was not necessary for him to speak to them regarding this issue.

KM confirmed that the Planning Committee intended to write to the CEC Enforcement Officer about the waste site.

KM also asked if there was any news about the Sibelco quarry. AK confirmed that there is nothing new to report, but he would let the Council know if he hears anything.

- 5. Committee Matters:** To receive reports from the Parish Council Committees:
- **Amenities Committee on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2018**  
The Minutes of the Meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> September were taken as read (the minutes are available on the web site).
- Motions:**
- To approve the recommendation of the Amenities Committee to pay a contribution towards the cost of the tree and plaque to commemorate the men from Goostrey who died

in the 1<sup>st</sup> World War. The contribution to be 50% of the cost or £250 whichever is the lower figure.

**Resolved:** *The Parish Council resolved to approved the motion to contribute 50% of the cost of the costs of the Royal British Legion commemorative tree and the plaque or £250 whichever is the lower figure.*

KM said that the British Legion are holding a Planting Ceremony on the Bogbean at 10:30am on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November. All members of the Parish Council are encouraged to attend if possible.

- To approve the increase in sale price of the tickets for the Seniors' Lunch to £7.00.

**Resolved:** *The Parish Council resolved to approved the motion to increase the price of the Seniors' Lunch tickets to £7.00.*

- **Staff Committee Meetings on 20<sup>th</sup> August & 7<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

The Chairman asked for the Clerk to amend the minutes of the meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> September to say that Cllr O'Donoghue was elected Vice Chairman of the Staff Committee, not Chairman.

**Action:** Clerk to amend the minutes for the Staff Committee Meeting of 7<sup>th</sup> September to read as the Chairman suggested.

**6. Planning Matters:** To receive a report from the Planning Committee Meetings on 6<sup>th</sup> August & 11<sup>th</sup> September.

The Chairman made a report from the Planning Meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> September (the minutes for both meetings are available on the web site).

**7. Financial Payments:** To approve payments in Schedules 08/18 and 09/18. Includes: Salaries & expenses.

- **Motion:** To approve the payment of £25,000 for matched Funding for 1<sup>st</sup> Goostrey Scouts

**Resolved:** *The Parish Council resolved to approve the payment of £25,000 for matched funding for 1<sup>st</sup> Goostrey Scouts.*

- **Motion:** To approve 08/18 & 09/18 Schedules of payments.

**Resolved:** *The Parish Council resolved to approve the payments on the Payment Schedules for 08/18 and 09/18.*

The payment schedule was signed by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman

**8. Clerk's Report**

**Actions from Last Meeting**

- a. Cllr Kolker to confirm the terms of the severance package for the Chief Executive, ie is he receiving a lump sum payment
- b. AK to check the licensing situation for the site with the Environment Agency
- c. Clerk to send the EA reference to AK – Completed.
- d. Clerk to ask Blue Dot and Jodrell Bank for any large vehicles destined for their sites not to come through Goostrey – Completed.
- e. Clerk to report dip on Main Road at Bank View junction plus one near the shops on Main Road – Completed.
- f. Clerk to find speed management strategy and criteria for speed limits- on CEC site, also to find out if there is a weight limit on the bridge at the station.
- g. Clerk to send drawings of signs to the Chairman – Completed.
- h. Clerk to find out how to apply for the New Homes bonus – Chairman attended seminar
- i. Clerk to report the recent accident at the junction of Main Road, Hermitage Lane, and Booth Bed Lane to CEC Highways - Completed
- j. Clerk to send a copy of the SpeedWatch results report to the SpeedWatch team. – Completed
- k. Clerk to arrange for the logo to be put on the website and the headed paper – Headed Paper Completed. Request made for the logo to be put on the website.
- l. PG to find out how much the donation from Blue Dot was to our local charity last year – Completed.

**Correspondence**

- a. CEC -TOWN AND PARISH COUNCILS [OFFICIAL] Town and Parish Council Conference Agenda 26.09.18
- b. Manchester Airport FW: Invitation to Manchester Airport Town/Parish Council Meetings September 2018
- c. Royal British Legion - Memorial plaque

- d. CEC Planning Enforcement – Acknowledgement of Letter of Complaint re state of pavement etc between 51 & 61 Main Road
- e. Jodrell Bank RE: Parish Council Meeting Dates
- f. CEC Footpaths - FW: Broken Footpath signpost
- g. Resident Complaint Re: Broken Footpath sign
- h. GILBERT, Les (Councillor) - Fwd: [OFFICIAL] RE: Area Highways Group Meeting
- i. Resident Suggestion - Parish Projects
- j. PCSO - Community SpeedWatch documents. Passed to Capital Projects Working Group
- k. PPL PRS Ltd – The Music Licence
- l. 1<sup>st</sup> Goostrey Scouts Match Funding – Letter of thanks
- m. CEC Tree Officer - RE: 18-3442T – Beech Tree in St Luke’s Church Yard
- n. NALC - LCAS Achieved - Foundation
- o. CEC Planning Enforcement - Blue Fence on Meadow Avenue.
- p. Crabtree Homes Ltd RE: Planning Goostrey
- q. Resident Complaint Re: Dangerous Driving

**9. Highways & SpeedWatch:** To consider any Highways & SpeedWatch matters and to take any appropriate action.

- **Highways** - Cllr Craggs reported that a meeting with CEC Highways had been arranged for 25th September to discuss the list of possible improvements raised by the Working Group at their meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> July. Further to that a meeting was held with Cllr Les Gilbert where funding was discussed for the signage project on Main Road. Funding of only £70K is allocated to minor highways improvements projects for the Congleton Area of Cheshire East for this budget year. KM indicated that it was very unlikely that any of the improvements Goostrey has requested will get to the top of the list. However, it is possible that the signage could be funded out of reserves or match funded. **Action:** Clerk to arrange regular meetings for DC with our CEC Highways contact to progress highways issues such as the dip in Main Road, at the junction with Bank View, white lining and road signs etc. KM encouraged everyone to report potholes and other issues on the CEC Highways online reporting tool or by phone.
- **SpeedWatch** – Cllr Rathbone referred to the circulated report and that all the log sheets are reported to the Cheshire Constabulary via our PCSO. Regular sessions are being arranged and that it would be useful if the PCSO could attend. The Chairman endorsed the initiative. **Action:** Clerk to invite PCSO to attend some sessions.

**10. Local Policing:** TR reported he and GL had attended the Dane Valley and Brereton Rural Meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> July. He explained that the PCSO does not spend a lot of time in Goostrey because of the low crime rate in the village and this level of attendance would continue. The PCSO is handing out visiting cards. Cllr Rathbone drew attention to a handout distributed at the meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> July. It shows markings which potential thieves may chalk onto a fence/garden wall or house wall to indicate to other potential thieves how easy it would be to steal from the property (see Appendix). If residents see any of these signs on their property, they should remove them.

**11. Goostrey Annual Plan 2018/19** – The Chairman reviewed progress on the Annual Plan for 2018/19. The Council is making good progress and the updated plan will be posted on the website.

**Action:** Clerk to contact CCA to find out when the entry forms will be sent out for the Best Kept Village, and the categories.

**Action:** Clerk to progress achieving CiLCA qualification by Christmas. Clerk to circulate the criteria for LCAS Quality and Quality Gold awards.

**Action:** EW agreed to create an Environmental Policy based on policies from other Parish Councils.

**12. New Homes Bonus Community Fund** - KM referred to the circulated document (see Appendix) and suggested that a decision regarding an application for the available funds should be made at the October 2018 meeting.

**13. Goostrey Parish Archive** - Cllr Bennett announced that the Archive had been moved to the Committee Room at the Village Hall. The cataloguing of the items in the Archive needs to be completed. The Archive will be relaunched at the St Luke’s Christmas Fair. He thanked Roger Burgess and Derek Hardacre for transferring the Archive to the Village Hall and he also thanked the Clerk for

her assistance ordering the furniture. The Chairman also thanked Cllr Bennett for his part in the project.

- 14. Capital Projects Working Party** - DC reported from the Meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> September. DC started by asking for volunteers to join the Working Party - KM and EW volunteered.  
**Examples of projects which were currently being considered:**
- Entrance gates to the village – from the Highways Improvements Working Party – They would need to be where 30mph signs are located but the verges are very narrow at these points therefore it would be difficult to implement. This will be on the agenda for the CEC Highways meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> September.
  - Hermitage Bridge resurfacing and Railway Sidings – Unfortunately the bridge is not within the Parish and therefore it cannot be considered as money must be spent within the Parish. The Railway sidings are privately owned. **Action:** Clerk to write to the proposer to explain.
  - Play area and s106 monies – **Action:** Clerk to ask for a plan for how the money will be spent. **Action:** Open communication with CEC regarding the s106 monies.
  - Bar servery and new tables and chairs for the Village Hall – **Action:** Clerk to ask VHMC to put forward a proposal for the updating of the Bar Servery. Clerk to arrange a meeting with the School Business Manager regarding new tables and chairs.
- 15. General Data Protection Regulation Compliance – ICO Membership Renewal Fee**  
**Resolved:** The Parish Council resolved to approve the payment of £40 ICO Membership Renewal Fee for 2018/19.
- 16. Connected Communities** - The Clerk reported that she was still liaising with CEC regarding the completion of the Grippe process.
- 17. Parish Council Newsletter – Action:** Clerk to mail a list of potential articles for the Newsletter to the members of the Council by the end of the week.
- 18. Minor Items & Items for the Next Agenda:**
- The UNESCO assessment of JBO's World Heritage application is underway and the Parish Council will be represented by KM on the Steering Group.
  - ChALC Meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> October – GL and SJ to attend
  - Town and Parish Council Conference 26<sup>th</sup> September– KM to attend.
- 19. Date of Next Meeting:** To confirm the date of the next Meeting – 9<sup>th</sup> October 2018.
- 20. PART TWO**  
**MEMBERS OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC ARE ASKED TO RETIRE.**  
 In accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, as extended by the Local Government Act of 1972, the press and public are excluded from the meeting for the discussion of the undermentioned items on the grounds that the publication of the matters would be prejudicial to public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.
- Parking Matters - KM updated the council on car parking in the village.
  - Staff Matters – Staff Confidential
- 21. Closure of Meeting:** The meeting was closed at 9.35.pm.

### Public Forum

Questions from residents were received on the following subjects:

- Fencing on path between the School and Village Hall car park is in a very dilapidated condition – **Action:** Clerk to speak to School and Sanctuary Housing to see what can be done to improve the fencing.
- Dip in Main Road at junction with Bank View – What are the blue markings? – Blue is usually an indication of water pipes. **Action:** Clerk to check.
- Who is the best person to contact regarding the footpath to Jodrell bank – KM advised it is Roger Dyke from the Goostrey Footpaths Group.

*These minutes will be submitted for approval at the next meeting. Until then they are draft minutes.*

## APPENDIX

**ITEM 9.18.10 LOCAL POLICING****Markings on Properties****ITEM 9.18.12 NEW HOMES COMMUNITY BONUS FUND**

The Chairman has already communicated the details below by e-mail to all councillors.

Parish Council to consider if it should bid for funds under this scheme.

Key points of the scheme are listed below:

- CEC have allocated £1m for 2018-19 and £1M for 2019-20.
- The money is to be split up by Highway area. Goostrey is in the Congleton Area.
- The allocation to Congleton Area 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 20 PC's!).
- For Congleton area the parish council rep will be 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 then 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.