



Goostrey Parish Council

**The Village Hall
Goostrey
Cheshire
CW4 8PE**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD

ON TUESDAY 22ND JANUARY 2019 at 7.30pm IN THE VILLAGE HALL, LOUNGE

Present: Cllrs Morris (KM)(Chairman), Craggs (DC), Godfrey (PG), Lord (SL) Morgan (PM), Rathbone (TR), Roberts (DR) and Williams (EW)

In attendance: Sharon Jones, Clerk to the Council, Cllr A Kolker, CEC and 5 residents

- 01.19.1. Declaration of Interests:** There were no declarations of interest received from councillors.
- 2. Apologies for absence:** Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs O'Donoghue and Beckham.
- 3. Casual Vacancy**
- To co-opt a new member to fill the current vacancy – applications had been received from two residents for this position.
 - Vote is to be by secret ballot – The councillors voted by secret ballot. The votes were counted by the Clerk and the candidate, with most votes, was announced by the Chairman.
 - Successful councillor to sign declaration of acceptance of office form and to join the meeting. – Cllr Sara Lord signed the declaration of acceptance of office form in the presence of the Clerk. The form was signed by the Clerk, and Cllr Lord joined the meeting. Cllr Lord made no declarations of interest.
 - The Chairman announced that Cllr Craggs intended to resign at the end of the meeting.
Resolved: *The Parish Council resolved to advertise the vacancy, for co-option at the February meeting.*
- 4. Minutes:** To approve & sign the Minutes of the meeting of 11th December 2018.
- **Motion:** To approve Minutes of the meeting of 11th December 2018
Resolved: *The Minutes of the Meeting of the 11th December 2018 were accepted as a true record of the meeting.*
- 5. 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 reported that he went to a meeting recently regarding the new roundabout in Holmes Chapel as there were concerns it was not going ahead. He was assured that the land was available and that so long as the no major services would need to be moved it would go ahead. The planning and consultation process is now in progress. However, no firm date has been set for the start of the building project.

There will be a shortage of places at senior schools in Holmes Chapel by as many as 120 places. It is the same at Middlewich and Sandbach. Children at feeder schools should not have a problem getting a place but it will affect families moving into the area.

AK updated the meeting on the status of the Sibelco Sand Quarry Application. The CEC Planning Committee meeting will be held at the end of January and subject to the application appearing on the agenda it will be reviewed at that meeting (it is possible the application could be deferred to the February meeting). The application can be refused on the merits of the new information.

Cllr Kolker met with Adrian Fisher regarding Jodrell Bank (JB). Developers in the area are interested in how JB will be viewed from a planning perspective going forward. Mr Fischer confirmed that JB will be protected by CEC Planning, to ensure that JB's application to become a world heritage site is protected.

At the December meeting Cllr Godfrey had asked where the £350,000 legal costs for the Ex Chief Constable of Cheshire came from. AK confirmed that the funds for legal action came from the Police

Budget. The previous PCC was advised by Yorkshire PCC that there was no case to answer, however, at the PCC Meeting with Parish Council's the current PCC was reported to have said that there were a lot of misconduct issues which aggregated to a charge of gross misconduct. There are at least 50 of these cases in process in the country. PG commented that this is disappointing as the Police were asking for additional funds through council tax.

Action: AK to arrange a meeting to discuss the School steps.

Cllr Morgan mentioned how helpful the ANSA refuse truck staff had been in controlling the traffic at an accident on the A535 junction with Bomish Lane. He asked that Cllr Kolker express the Parish Council's thanks to the ANSA team for their efforts to control the traffic at the site of the accident.

6. Committee Matters: To receive reports from the Parish Council Committees:

- **Finance Committee Meeting on 8th January 2019** - The Chairman reviewed the minutes (available on the website).

Motion 1: The Parish Council approves the Budget vs Actuals report for Q3 2018/19

Resolved: *The Parish Council resolved to approve the Budget vs Actuals report for Q3 2018/19.*

Motion 2: The Parish Council approves the Unaudited Accounts for Q3 2018/19

Resolved: *The Parish Council resolved to approve the Unaudited Accounts for Q3 2018/19.*

The Chairman explained that Finance Committee had decided to pay the budgeted donation to FOGS immediately as the method for paying donations in 2019/20 would change.

Resolved: *The Parish Council resolved to accept the Minutes of the Finance Committee on 8th January 2019 and all the resolutions included in those minutes.*

- **Village Hall Management Committee Meeting 8th January 2019** – Cllr Godfrey reviewed the minutes (available on the website)

Motion 3: To approve the proposed schedule of hire fees for the year beginning 1st April 2019.

Resolved: *The Parish Council resolved to accept the proposed schedule of hire fees for the year beginning 1st April 2019.*

Motion 4: To approve the recommendation of the Finance Committee that the hire fees be reviewed again in September 2019.

Resolved: *The Parish Council resolved to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee that the hire fees be reviewed again in September 2019.*

Resolved: *The Parish Council resolved to accept the minutes of the Village Hall Management Committee on 8th January 2019 and all the resolutions therein.*

- **Amenities Committee Meeting on 17th January 2019** – Cllr Godfrey reviewed the minutes (available on the website)

- TR asked that the Amenities Committee consider that the gateways to the village are both visibility splays and this should be taken into consideration if any street furniture and planting is changed.

- In the past the Parish Council had a Tree Warden to keep an eye on local trees and in particular those with preservation orders on them. The last person who held the position was Zena Lloyd who sadly died in 2011. A resident, Thelma Carter, has come forward to say that she would like to take up this position. The Amenities Committee is supportive of her proposal and would ask the Council to approve her appointment. The Amenities Committee will be the Tree Warden's point of contact with the Parish Council.

- The Chairman remarked that the Capital Projects Working Party would not be meeting again, and that, in future, capital projects would be reviewed by the Finance Committee. The Clerk amended the minutes of the Amenities Committee Meeting on 17th January to reflect this change.

Resolved: *The Parish Council resolved to accept the amended minutes of the Amenities Committee on 17th January 2019 and all the resolutions therein.*

- **To appoint new member to Committees** – Cllr Lord volunteered to join the Planning and Amenities Committees

Resolved: *The Parish Council resolved to appoint Cllr Lord to the Planning and Amenities Committees.*

7. **Planning Matters** To review the outcome of the Planning Meetings on 7th & 22nd January 2019 at 7.00pm.

The Chairman made a report from the Planning Meetings on 7th & 22nd January (the minutes for the meeting are available on the web site).

8. **Financial Payments:** To approve payments in Schedule 01/19. Includes: Salaries & expenses.

- **Motion:** To approve 01/19 Schedule of payments.
- The Clerk informed the Council that there was an additional item on the Payment Schedule of £1000 (donation to FOGS).
- Chairman and Vice Chairman (or any other councillor) to sign the 01/19 Schedule of Payments.
Resolved: *The Parish Council resolved to approve the payments on the Payment Schedule for 01/19 included the additional payment of £1000.*

The payment schedule was signed by the Chairman and Cllr Godfrey

- **Additional Bank/Cheque Signatories**
The Clerk explained that Cllr O'Donoghue was the only remaining signatory and that two more were required.
Resolved: *The Parish Council resolved to appoint Cllrs Morgan and Lord as bank/cheque signatories on all Parish Council accounts.*

9. Clerk's Report

Actions from Last Meeting

- a. Clerk to put up notice of Co-option for the casual vacancy.
- b. Clerk to complete the precept request form and send it to CEC before 11th January 2019. Completed.
- c. Clerk to find out if the windows in the Parish Office and in the Committee Room could be replaced at the same time as those in the Hall and Lounge and if there would be any additional cost.
- d. Letters of thanks to be sent to Cllrs Bennett, McCubbin and Macfarlane. Completed.
- e. Cllr Kolker to arrange a meeting with CEC Highways regarding rebuilding of school steps – DC to attend on behalf of the Parish Council. Update required from Cllr Kolker.
- f. Clerk to approach CEC to put this the Crossing Guard vacancy on their jobs website
- g. Clerk to add all outstanding Highways Fault items to the list - Completed
- h. Permission from Network Rail for traffic light equipment for Station Bridge is still awaited. There is an issue with the design in that there is not enough space to implement it. Highways have this on a high priority to come up with a "buildable" solution. The road closure will not go ahead until a new design is agreed.
Action: Clerk to follow up with Highways.
- i. Clerk to set up a meeting of the Joint Use Working Party to include KM, l'OD, DC & S Ball.
- j. United Utilities Priority Services –Clerk to put it on the website and in the next Newsletter.
- k. Email from a resident regarding 4.5-hour delay in the rail service. **Action:** PG suggested a letter should be sent to Northern Rail regarding the delay. Letter sent awaiting reply. Clerk to follow up again.
- l. CEC - Review of s106 legal agreement with Manchester Airport. **Action:** The PC should send someone to the meeting mentioned to ensure that the Council is apprised of any changes. PG volunteered to attend. Awaiting reply for date of meeting.
- m. JONES, Richard (Facilities Management CEC) [OFFICIAL] FW: Budget Cost Figure - Joint Use Hall and Lounge Window Replacement **Action:** Clerk to send a reply to accept the quote. Completed.
- n. Marianne Tomkinson Coverage of tree planting event on 101118. **Action:** Clerk to put some of the photos onto the website.
- o. Allstock Parish Council Re: Community Governance Review. **Action:** No action to be taken as Allstock Parish Council do not wish to progress this matter further.
- p. Email from resident regarding plans for lights on Station Bridge **Action:** Await updated plans
- q. Email from resident regarding enforced 30mph speed limit on diversion when Station Bridge is closed to install traffic lights. **Action:** Clerk to ask local Highways contact. Awaiting reply.
- r. Cheshire East Pre-Budget Financial Consultation. **Action:** Cllr Morgan agreed to read the report and highlight any relevant points for the Clerk to submit to CEC. Completed
- s. Beat report circulated. PG enquired why the robbery was not in the report. **Action:** Clerk to ask PCSO. Completed
- t. TR to ask why a local robbery was not listed in the beat report as the police were in attendance.
- u. Ex Chief Constable of Cheshire has been cleared, but it cost £350,000, PG asked which budget the money came from. **Action:** Clerk to ask Cllr Kolker to Comment.
- v. New PC Meeting Dates. Clerk to circulate list of new meeting dates to all members. Completed.

- w. Clerk to investigate if the APM can be held in the purdah period before the elections and report back to the Chairman. An early date for the APM is preferred over a date after the elections. Completed.
- x. Village Gates - Cllr Rathbone to draft a letter to be sent with the report. Completed. **Action:** Clerk to send report and reply to AK
- y. Environmental Policy - Cllrs Williams and Morgan to create an action plan to implement the policy.

Correspondence

- a. Cranage PC - Agricultural Market on the Goostrey Home and Leisure Site. **Action:** Clerk to write to the owner of Goostrey Leisure to remind them of the weight limit through Goostrey and that he needs to inform the organisers of the Farmers Market.
 - b. Cheshire Community Action - Cheshire County Playing Fields Association
 - c. Mayor of Knutsford's Fun Pub Quiz, Weds 20 Feb, The Angel on King Street from 7pm
 - d. Resident - RE: Councillor Vacancy
 - e. Re: rose day info on website
 - f. CEC Highways [OFFICIAL] RE: Station Road Goostrey
 - g. CEC Footpaths RE: Footpath next to the Cemetery, Goostrey
 - h. Residents – Complaints about path from Village Hall Car Park to the Graveyard being too slippery
 - i. Knutsford Guardian – re Website
 - j. Resident Re: Councillor Vacancy
 - k. Resident Re Sibelco Planning Application
 - l. Geoff Bell FW: [OFFICIAL] New Homes Bonus Community Fund Award Group Meetings
 - m. CEC Elections Office - REGISTER OF ELECTORS 1 DECEMBER 2018 - **Resolved:** *The Parish Council resolved not to request a copy.*
 - n. Resident -Traffic calming ideas
 - o. Knutsford Town Council - Citizens Advice Service – **Action:** Clerk to check usage and refer to the Finance Committee.
 - p. Goostrey Scouts - User Group Meeting 23rd Jan 19 at 8pm. Clerk and TR to attend on behalf of the Parish Council.
 - q. Resident Re: Moss on Footway – Clerk reported to highways.
 - r. Residents Re: Rail Parking Fines - Resolved
 - s. CEC [OFFICIAL] RE: Receipt of Goostrey Parish Council Precept Request 2019/20
 - t. PCSO - RE: Speedwatch 21/12 - URGENT
 - u. Mayor of CEC -[OFFICIAL] Afternoon Tea
 - v. Community Infrastructure Levy East [OFFICIAL] Notice of Publication of Examiners Report of the Cheshire East Community Infrastructure Levy - Draft Charging Schedule
 - w. Resident Re: Re application for parish council position.
 - x. CEC Council Approval of Taxbase
 - y. Goostrey Scouts – re Donation to plant fruit trees: **Resolved:** *The Parish Council resolved to donate £200 to the Scouts to purchase 12 fruit trees to plant as part of the village walk project.*
- 10. Highways & Speedwatch:** To consider any Highways & SpeedWatch matters and to take any appropriate action.
- **Highways** – DC reviewed the table of Highways Issues which had been sent to CEC Highways and indicated that it would be reviewed with the Council's contact at Highways on a regular basis. Gully cleaning is currently being carried out in the village. **Action:** Clerk to arrange another meeting with our Highways contact.
 - **SpeedWatch** -TR directed the members to the report in the pack. TR indicated that one motorist was logged speeding in both directions through the village within a short space of time.
- 11. Local Policing:**
Cllr Rathbone attended the Police and Crime Commissioner's Liaison Meeting with Town and Parish Councils on 19th December 2018.
In response to the Action from the December Parish Council Meeting, Cllr Rathbone enquired about the reporting of the robbery and was advised by senior officers that reporting will always be available on The Cheshire Constabulary web site (limited content where investigations are on-going), but where data is compiled from wider, possibly national reporting systems it may take 6 weeks to 2 months for data to be included.
- 12. Connected Communities** – Update – The Clerk has taken delivery of the tablet which is used for publicising Connected Communities events.

13. Annual Parish Meeting on 18th March 2019

The Parish Council agreed that the Clerk should invite the Goostrey Parish Archive to send a speaker and Jodrell Bank regarding the World Heritage Site application. Each speaker should be asked to talk for 15 minutes (max). The Finance Committee would meet prior to the next Parish Council meeting to discuss what financial information it would be appropriate to deliver as the meeting is still within the current financial year.

14. Capital Projects Working Group - The Chairman announced that this working group was disbanded.**15. Environmental Policy** - Update from PM & EW

Cllr Morgan will liaise with the Clerk regarding a meeting and an item will go into the Newsletter due to go out w/c 11th February.

16. Parish Council Newsletter - Items for inclusion ie APM, Village Hall fees and supervisor (entry system), election, new councillors, railway bridge, speedwatch summary, tree warden, environmental policy working party, letter of thanks etc. The copy must be with the printer by 1st February so the deadline for items would be 28th January 2019.**17. Minor Items & Items for the Next Agenda:** To take any points from Members and to note urgent items of interest;

- The Chairman raised the issue of the “Best Kept Village Competition” – The Clerk advised that there is only one category now, and forms need to be submitted in mid-April and judging takes place from May onwards. Cllr Williams suggested that as the Parish Council was currently planning to improve the planting and street furniture in the Village it may a good idea to postpone entering the competition until these improvements were in place. **Resolved:** *The Parish Council resolved not to enter this year but to reconsider entering in 2020.*
- Cllr Godfrey raised the issue of Jodrell Bank parking charges – Residents are entitled to apply for parking permits which also give discounts in the shop/café. **Action:** Add this to the newsletter and web site.
- Blue Dot – PG raised the fact that the programme was released for this year’s festival and residents ticket are on sale. **Action:** Clerk to find out when the Blue Dot meeting will take place.
- David Craggs explained that he had been on the Parish Council for 13 years, and that as he did not intend to stand for election in May he was resigning now to give a new person an opportunity to join the council before the election. The Chairman thanked him for his contribution during his time on the council, and remarked that David had been Chairman of the Council and Chairman of the Planning Committee

18. Date of Next Meeting: To confirm the date of the next Meeting – 26th February 2019.**19. Closure of the Meeting:** The meeting closed at**Public Forum**

Resident reported a dip in the road just past the existing road repairs. The Chairman confirmed that this had already been reported to CEC Highways however he encouraged residents to report road repairs directly to CEC Highways either via the website or by telephone (information on how to do this is also on the website).

Resident asked if CEC were still promoting Fairer Power, in the light of the large increase in prices. **Action:** AK to report back at the next meeting.

Resident remarked again regarding the length of time it takes for the Health Centre to answer calls and the cost of he calls. The Chairman agreed to meet with the resident independently to try to resolve the issue.

Another resident reported the problem with the path from the Village Hall Car Park to the Graveyard being very slippery (resident informed it would be covered in the Amenities Meeting Report).

The delay in the implementation of the lights on Station Bridge was also raised (resident informed it would be covered under correspondence).

A resident mentioned that he had seen a lot of dog walkers using the path through the graveyard. **Action:** Clerk to check

AK mentioned the best front garden competition to go with the Best Kept Village competition.

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