



GOOSTREY PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

Spring 2018



Goostrey Welcomes Rev Heather Buckley

The Parish Council welcomes Rev Heather Buckley to Goostrey.

As we are sure you were aware the Licensing Service was held at St Luke's Church on 12th March 2018 followed by a reception at the Village Hall, which was attended by many village

residents.

We hope that the Reverend is settling in to village life here in Goostrey and will be happy here for many years to come.

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.

There are currently some discussions with Northern Rail regarding access to their land to position the traffic signalling equipment.

Once these discussions are finalised we hope to receive the final plan which we will be able to share with residents.

Speed Indicator Devices

Now that the lighter evenings are here the devices are able to fully charge their batteries and there should be no issues with signs not working.

Pot Holes

For information Cheshire East Highways do not consider that a pot hole needs filling until it is 50mm deep. In order to enable the Highways team to make best use of their time and your time reporting them, please only report pot holes which are 50mm or more deep.

Notes on the Meeting with CEC Highways Representative on 9th March 2018

After an initial discussion regarding the benefits of communication between CE Highways and GPC and priority setting, coupled with a review of existing reported defects Lee and myself visited the areas of concern.

Listed below in some order of priority are the locations of work required and actions to be taken with a rough timescale.

- ⇒ **New Platt Lane up to Blackberry Gardens entrance** (CE boundary) has been marked out for Class 2 repairs (cutting out and replacement of broken highway) will be on the schedule of works sent to Ward Councillor and PC on Friday the 16th March.
- ⇒ **Junction of Buckbean Way, Mill Lane and Main Road.** Due for marking and Class 2 repairs, should be on the schedule of works released on Friday the 16th March.
- ⇒ **Blackden Lane and Junction of Blackden Lane with Bridge lane**— Blackden Lane is in a general state of disrepair, especially on the blind bend near Jodrell

Bank Entrance. This is now causing a safety issue to highway users and will be added to schedule of works. Date :TBAJ
Junction of Blackden Lane and Bridge Lane requires repair now the new are complete. This will be done in spring to assist the new verge to grow.

- ⇒ **Main Road (either side of Shearbrook)** has been patched but has failed in many areas. This will be scheduled for Class 2 repairs. Date: TBA
- ⇒ **Bank View entrance** is in a bad state of repair and will be scheduled for Class 2 repairs with repair work to uneven carriageway further in. Date: TBA
- ⇒ **Entrance to Fairway Drive** - Highways to check that builder will pay, before CE surface unfinished entrance to new houses.
- ⇒ **Erection of remaining 2 "Goostrey "Signs.** Will be done ASAP.
- ⇒ **Road signs Church Bank.** To be repaired date TBA
- ⇒ **Road signs Boothbed, Main Road, Hermitage Lane.** To be repaired Date TBA
- ⇒ **White Lining to Junctions to be done after repairs and weather permitting.** Especially Church Bank, New Platt and Boothbed/Main Road.
- ⇒ **Street Lighting Bank View** - Highways advised that a case needs to be made with the street lighting department (the stronger the better) Action: IO'D to progress.
- ⇒ **Cross Road Signs for Boothbed Lane, Main Road Junction.**— This is waiting for budget approval. IO'D to inform Lee who is dealing with it at CE. Lee will then also provide costing's for PC information.

Highways also informed me that CE would erect the new bench, to honour Nell Jones, on the green opposite The Trading Post F.O.C as a sign of community good will.

We have also arranged to communicate longer term, to assist in exchange of information and set priority's including medium term highway repairs in the parish.

We should also consider linking the weekly highways schedule released every Friday to the PC website to aid information sharing with the residents.

I would like to thank our Highways representative for his time and help and look forward to a successful working partnership in the future.

Ian O'Donoghue
9th March 2018.

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>

Dementia Friends Information Session—24th May

Dementia touches the lives of millions of people across the country. Help tackle the stigma and lack of understanding around dementia by attending this information session on Thursday May 24th 7.30-8.30pm in the Village Hall Lounge,

You will learn a little more about dementia and some small ways you can help those living with dementia.

The session is free but entry is by ticket only. Tickets available by contacting the Parish Clerk Sharon Jones on 535825 or email parishcouncil@goostrey.info

SpeedWatch

Our dedicated SpeedWatch volunteers have carried out SpeedWatch sessions in February and March during the day time on Station Road and on Main Road opposite the Crown.

At the session on Main Road opposite the Crown, we were joined by PCSO Liz Chesters.

During the session the speed gun did not record any vehicles travelling above 30 mph which is really positive as the session took place from 2.30pm to 3.30pm and included the period when children are picked up from Goostrey School.

The session on Station Road was quite different. 17 vehicles were observed using a speed gun travelling at speeds between 35 and 46 mph.

These have been reported to our PCSO who will send letters to those travelling at 36 mph and above.

We are currently arranging more SpeedWatch sessions for our volunteers in the coming months.

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

Remembering Nell in Goostrey

One of my very close friends Nell Jones devastatingly lost her life at the Manchester Arena in May of last year. To commemorate Nell here in Goostrey, we agreed with her family that we should install a bench in her honour near the Trading Post – this is at the end of Hermitage Lane where she lived, and is also next to the bus stop where we used to wait for the school bus together. We would like to thank Cheshire East Highways and Goostrey Parish Council for their contributions. However, there is a small short

fall, so if anyone from the village feels they would like to donate, these can be dropped into:

⇒ 34 New Platt Lane

We will give any excess to the Remembering Nell Foundation, which has been set up in Nell's memory, to improve the lives and wellbeing of young people in the North West.

We wanted to remember Nell this month

because her 15th birthday would have been on the 16th April.

Charlotte Harvey

If you would like more details on how to contribute please:

⇒ Phone 01477 544270 or email suzieharvey@yahoo.com

Get the best from our website

As you may know our new website at <https://goostrey.info>, went live in January last 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 K Morris	
Cllr P Godfrey (Chairman)	Cllr D Craggs	Cllr I O'Donoghue
	Cllr G Lenihan	Cllr T Rathbone
Cllr C M'Cubbin (Vice Chairman)	Cllr I Macfarlane	Cllr E Williams

Goostrey Parish Council

Dear Resident,

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2018: TUESDAY 24TH APRIL 2018.

On behalf of Goostrey Parish Council, I invite you to attend the Annual Parish Meeting to be held on Tuesday, 24th April 2018 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 2017
4. Chairman's Report.
5. Statement of Accounts
6. Public Forum.

Please join us for tea / coffee and biscuits following the Meeting, in the Lounge

Yours faithfully

Peter Godfrey

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Chairman - Goostrey Parish Council