

GOODMANHAM PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT 2020-21

Councillors and Staff

1. Goodmanham Council has 9 Councillors. At the start of the year there were 2 vacancies following resignations, but these were filled by the end of the year. Councillor attendance at meetings is extremely high.
2. Councillors during 2020-21 were:
Cllr Chris Buswell (Chair)
Cllr Liz Stephenson (Vice Chair)
Cllr Merle Skinner
Cllr Sarah Gillard
Cllr Anita Greener
Cllr Fran Preston
Cllr Christine Sawyer
Cllr Claire Patton (from January 2021)
Cllr Richard Cooper (from March 2021)
3. A new Clerk, Jeremy Sherlock started in June 2020, replacing the previous Clerk, Angela Gleeson. As the new Clerk has a formal qualification the Council were able to use the General Power of Competence which make Council administration easier.

Activities in 2020-21

4. The Coronavirus had an impact on the activities of the Council. No meetings were held between January and June, and a number of subsequent meetings were held virtually. Despite these issues the Council was able to maintain activity and made progress in a number of areas.
5. Maintenance and improvement work included Car Park weedkilling, tree and shrub pruning in the picnic area, churchyard grass cutting, provision of a new litter bin, bulb planting, and installation of backing to the village signs to make them more visible.
6. The Car Park and Goodmanham Arms have been nominated as Assets of Community Value which provides opportunities to acquire them as village assets. East Riding of Yorkshire Council have offered the Parish Council a lease for the Car Park which would also provide more security.
7. The purchase of the Phone Box (at £1) was completed.
8. The Council continued to monitor progress on the proposed footpath on the railway line west of the village which has now been approved. The Council has been consulted on a proposed high voltage cable which will pass through the Parish though a proposed route has not yet been determined.
9. The Council monitors local planning applications, and has raised a number of issues with East Riding of Yorkshire Council relating to highways, footpaths, and the recent flooding.

10. The Council communicates with the Parish in a number of ways, with a website, Newsletter and a new Facebook page.

11. A number of policies documents have been updated.

Priorities for 2021-22

12. Consider taking on a lease for the Car Park to provide security of tenure.

13. Consider further how the £10,000 Small Business Grant should be used.

14. Maintain village amenity through the activities and influence of the Council.

15. Finalise policies review to ensure that the Council is operating effectively and legally.

Finance

16. The Council's income in 2020-21 was £14,134 (including the £10,000 Small Business Grant and a Precept of £3,600), and expenditure was £7,154. Expenditure was on the following:

Staffing	£2,706.60
Maintenance	£1,704.00
Administration	£856.47
Insurance	£332.40
Projects	£1,554.44
TOTAL	£7,153.91

17. The Budget for 2021-22 is:

Income		Expenditure	
Carry forward	£11,000	Revenue Reserve	£1,000
Precept	£3,750	Staffing	£2,500
VAT Recovery	£300	Maintenance	£500
Interest	£75	Administration	£795
		Insurance	£342
Total	£15,125	Project Reserve	£9,988
			£15,125

Chris Buswell – Chair Goodmanham Parish Council