

# GOODMANHAM PARISH COUNCIL

## ANNUAL REPORT 2021-22

### **Councillors and Staff**

1. Goodmanham Council has 9 Councillors. 2 Councillors resigned during the year and have been replaced through co-option. Cllr Skinner retired after 55 years' service to the Council, and Cllr Patton moved away from the area.
2. Councillor attendance at meetings is extremely high.
3. Councillors during 2020-21 were:
  - Cllr Chris Buswell (Chair)
  - Cllr Liz Stephenson (Vice Chair)
  - Cllr Merle Skinner (resigned May 2021)
  - Cllr Sarah Gillard
  - Cllr Anita Greener
  - Cllr Fran Preston
  - Cllr Christine Sawyer
  - Cllr Claire Patton (resigned October 2021)
  - Cllr Richard Cooper
  - Cllr Mary Rook (from July 2021)
  - Cllr John Stephenson (from January 2022)
4. The Parish Clerk is Jeremy Sherlock who started in June 2020. As a qualified Clerk the Council is able to use the General Power of Competence which make Council administration easier.

### **Activities in 2022-23**

5. Despite the general impact of Coronavirus the Council was able to continue its activities in a near normal manner. Meetings were held in person, and a number of projects were progressed.
6. The long-term future of the car park has been secured with the signing of a 99-year lease from East Riding of Yorkshire Council. Previously the car park has been held by the Parish Council under licence which gave responsibility for repairs and maintenance but no security of tenure. The lease gives the opportunity for investment in improvements to the car park with the guarantee of a long-term future.
7. Consideration has been given to use of £10,000 grant received in 2021-22. Some of this will be used to limit increases to the Precept. Funds have been allocated to works in the Car Park to mark resident spaces, and for the erection of a Noticeboard to display local footpaths. Village entrance planters have been quired which will be installed and planted in Spring.
8. Maintenance and improvement work included Car Park weedkilling, churchyard grass cutting, relocation of new litter bin, and daffodil bulb planting.

9. The Council continues to monitor and comment on local planning applications. A meeting was held with Highways which resulted in a number of works being undertaken, though a number of concerns remain (such as parking and Red Lane).
10. The Council communicates with the Parish in a number of ways, with a website, Newsletter, noticeboard and a Facebook page.

### **Priorities for 2022-23**

11. Priorities for 2022-23 will include:

- Holding a village event to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee
- Changes to the Car Park to reserve a number of resident spaces
- Consideration of the future of the Parish Pit

### **Finance**

12. Forecast outturn for 2021-22 is as follows –

Income - £4630

Expenditure - £9492

Expenditure was on the following:

Staffing	£2,565
Maintenance	£670
Administration	£795
Insurance	£334
Projects	£5,129
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£9492</b>

13. The Budget for 2022-23 is:

<b>General Funds</b>		<b>Budget Head</b>	
Carry forward	£5,200	Revenue Reserve	£1,000
Precept	£4,100	Staffing	£2,650
VAT Recovery	£300	Maintenance	£750
Interest	£35	Administration	£900
Grant		Insurance	£350
Compensation		Projects	£500
		Project Reserve	£3,485
<b>General Funds Total</b>	<b>£9,635</b>		
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**Chris Buswell – Chair Goodmanham Parish Council**

**March 2022**