

GOODMANHAM PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT 2022-23

Councillors and Staff

1. Goodmanham Council has 9 Councillors. There were no membership changes during the year. Cllr Liz Stephenson was elected as Chair in May 2022 stepping up from vice Chair, and Cllr Sarah Gillard was elected as vice Chair. Cllr Chris Buswell stepped down as Chair.
2. Councillor attendance at meetings is extremely high.
3. Councillors during 2022-23 were:
 - Cllr Liz Stephenson (Chair)
 - Cllr Sarah Gillard (Vice Chair)
 - Cllr Chris Buswell
 - Cllr Anita Greener
 - Cllr Fran Preston
 - Cllr Christine Sawyer
 - Cllr Richard Cooper
 - Cllr Mary Rook
 - Cllr John Stephenson

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

4. With the Council now having a long lease on the Car Park there is more confidence about investing in its future, though with the Council's limited resources day to day management can be problematic. A primary objective of the Council is to provide parking for local residents, and a number of spaces have been reserved for their use. In addition, space markings were put down as more efficient use will increase its capacity. Unfortunately, the nature of the surface means that these need replacing regularly. The Council has also done some work to improve the car park drainage. A new map has been erected showing local footpaths.
5. Maintenance work in the Car Park includes weedkilling, and management of shrubs etc by the Parish Council working party.
6. The Council met with East Riding of Yorkshire Council (ERYC) to discuss highways issues in the village. A particular concern is parking that prevents farm vehicles and deliveries from getting through the village, and verge damage caused by vehicles trying to squeeze through. A number of measures were agreed in principle. The timescale for their

development and implementation is dependent on ERYC capacity. The Council is frustrated by the progress since the meeting.

7. The Council working party have cleared a site at the bottom of Red Lane to install a new bench to commemorate the reign of Queen Elizabeth II. Financial support was received from Market Weighton Town Council for this bench.
8. Volunteer Councillors have planted and replenished the planting boxes during the year.
9. Despite poor weather the event held for the Queen's Jubilee was well attended and seemed popular. This was funded through grant support from ERYC and contributions. An Events Group has now been established by a number of villagers to plan and run future events.
10. The Council continues to support the churchyard grass cutting.
11. The Council has commented on Devolution proposals for East Riding and Hull, the Local Plan, and proposed AONB. It continues to monitor and comment on local planning applications.
12. The Council communicates with the Parish in a number of ways, with a website, Newsletter, noticeboard and a Facebook page.
13. The Council has signed up to the national Civility and Respect pledge.

Priorities for 2023-24

14. Priorities for 2023-24 will include:
 - Encourage ERYC to introduce measure to improve the traffic and parking situation in the village.
 - Explore further measures to manage the Car Park and improve its effectiveness
 - Support a Coronation event and help develop future events

Finance

15. The outturn for 2022-23 is as follows –

Income - £5,185.07

Expenditure - £6,117.89

Expenditure was on the following:

Staffing	£2,402.98
Maintenance	£743.31
Administration	£1,105.65
Insurance	£336.71
Projects	£1,529.24
TOTAL	£6,117.89

16. The Budget for 2022-23 is:

General Funds		Budget Head	
Carry forward	£4,230	Revenue Reserve	£1,050
Precept	£4,200	Staffing	£2,533
VAT Recovery	£300	Maintenance	£950
Interest	£40	Administration	£1,250
		Insurance	£360
		Projects	£0
		Project Reserve	£2,627
General Funds Total	£8,770		£8,770

Liz Stephenson – Chair Goodmanham Parish Council

May 2023