

GOODMANHAM PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT 2023-24

Councillors and Staff

1. Goodmanham Council can have up to 9 Councillors. At the full elections in May 6 Councillors were elected, and another Councillor was co-opted shortly afterwards. 2 vacancies remain which have been advertised but not filled.
2. East Riding of Yorkshire Council undertook a Community Governance Review of Parish Councils during the year which decided (based on population) that from May 2027 Goodmanham will have up to 7 Councillors. There will also be a minor boundary change.
3. Cllr Liz Stephenson was re-elected as Chair in May 2022, and Cllr Mary Rook was elected as vice Chair replacing Cllr Sarah Gillard.
4. Councillor attendance at meetings is extremely high.
5. Councillors during 2023-24 were:
 - Cllr Liz Stephenson
 - Cllr Sarah Gillard (to May 2023)
 - Cllr Chris Buswell
 - Cllr Anita Greener
 - Cllr Fran Preston
 - Cllr Christine Sawyer
 - Cllr Richard Cooper (to May 2023)
 - Cllr Mary Rook
 - Cllr John Stephenson (to May 2023)
 - Cllr Tony Warnock-Smith (from May 2023)
6. The 3 retiring Councillors did not put themselves forward for election, and are thanked for their service to the Council.
7. The Parish Clerk is Jeremy Sherlock who started in June 2020. As a qualified Clerk the Council can use the General Power of Competence which make Council administration easier.

Activities in 2022-23

8. The Car Park remains the largest Parish Council responsibility. It is held on a long lease guaranteeing future availability. The spaces reserved for residents who lack off street parking have been reasonably successful. During the year the Council has undertaken some tree works, arranged for weedkilling, filled in a large pothole and tidied the planting boxes (this latter maintenance undertaken by volunteers).
9. As it is unmarked the Car Park tends not to operate at full capacity. The Council experimented with line markings on the gravel, but these were short lived. Alternatives

are now being considered. The Car Park is seen as important not only for residents but also to accommodate visitors to the pub and walkers.

10. Despite the provision of the Car Park parking and highway issues remain and the Parish Council has continued to liaise with East Riding of Yorkshire Council (ERYC) about measures to manage these issues. Measures introduced during the year were bollards on Goodmanham Road (to discourage pavement parking) and road markings on Main Street (to discourage parking on the narrow road which had led to highway obstruction, and damage to the Church wall verge).
11. The Council continues to raise concerns about the poor condition of pavements in the lower part of the village, but to date, there have been no improvements.
12. Following discussions with the Council ERYC agreed to provide winter treatment on Red Lane whilst Goodmanham Road was flooded.
13. The Events Group have begun to expand their activities with the support of the Council. The 2 main events were the Coronation Big Lunch and Bonfire evening which were both very well attended. In addition, regular quiz nights have been held which have also raised funding for future events. These funds are being accounted for separately by the Council. A grant application has been submitted for a gazebo which, if approved, will reduce the impact of bad weather for future events.
14. The Council ensures that the defibrillator in the old telephone box is checked regularly & is in good working order.
15. The Council has published a map of the village on the website that lists all properties. This is available to make it easier for visitors, delivery drivers etc to find properties.
16. The Council communicates with the Parish in a number of ways, with a website (www.goodmanhamparishcouncil.co.uk) , Newsletter, and a Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100069064875199>).

Priorities for 2024-25

17. Priorities for 2024-25 will include:
 - Monitor measures aimed at improving the traffic and parking situation in the village, and to continue to liaise with ERYC with regard to the need for any further measures..
 - Explore further measures to improve the Car Park and improve its effectiveness
 - Support a the Events Group, and support their future Events Programme (including the D-Day Event) including provision of administrative and financial assistance.

Finance

18. The outturn for 2023-24 is as follows –

Income - £7,143.83

Expenditure - £7,193.73

£2,432.00 of the income and £1,483.73 of the expenditure was for Events. The balance of funding is held for future events.

Expenditure was on the following:

Staffing	£2,526.60
Maintenance	£893.62
Administration	£1044.60
Insurance	£350.17
Projects	£894.00
Events	£1,483.73
TOTAL	£7,193.72

19. The Budget for 2023-24 is:

General Funds		Budget Head	
Carry forward	£4,750	Revenue Reserve	£1,050
Precept	£4,200	Staffing	£2,600
VAT Recovery	£500	Maintenance	£1,200
Interest	£60	Administration	£1,150
Donations/ contribution	£1,000	Insurance	£370
		Project Reserve	£2,627
General Funds Total	£10,510		£10,510

20. The Precept Budget has been held at the same level as 2022-23 through limited use of reserves as the Council wished to minimise its impact on parishioners. The change for Band D taxpayers will be £36.14 for the year.

Liz Stephenson – Chair Goodmanham Parish Council

May 2024