

GODSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

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**A MEETING OF GODSHILL PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD AT GODSHILL SCHOOL
7:00PM ON Tuesday 7th April 2026.**

PRESENT: Cllrs Mansell, Crane, Dyke & Donoclift

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: S Cockett (Clerk) & 7 members of the public

MINUTES

60/26 WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to Godshill Matters for getting speed sign funding. Also, to the whole village for a great day at the fun day, with many new and old faces in great weather.

Announcements: change of layout in the PO Means there are no places to place Gazettes.

The council are planning to make a welcome package for new arrivals into Lily Cross.

Lastly, the council will be holding another open meeting 29th May on the May close developments, we would like the public to be involved as much as possible. 19.00 in the school hall.

61/26 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from Cllrs Jackman and Hammond.

Resolved to accept apologies.

62/26 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

63/26 ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLOR REPORT

Cllr Gladwin provided the following report:

I am continuing with my road safety campaign that I plan to expand both on the Council and with the public. I am currently petitioning Highways to reduce the speed limit on Whitwell Road from 60mph to 40mph and to install sufficient signage for the Roud junction to hopefully reduce the frequent 'near misses' for road users coming out from this junction.

Currently Highways and Island Roads operate a system where road safety issues are reviewed annually in November and even then, results of this review remain unknown to Councillors and the public. I am pressing for all serious road safety concerns across the Island raised by residents and supported by their Councillor to be treated urgently and for a full investigation to take place into these road safety concerns. The results of these investigations should then be shared with the people concerned with plans to address these road safety concerns.

I am still continuing my total opposition to any school closures on the Island. Machinations took place on the Council which resulted in me no longer being on the Children’s Committee just days before the March meeting when school places were discussed again. I would have expressed my opposition to this, as I did at the October meeting at the last school places discussion. This was a very irregular action on behalf of the Council and a convenient manipulation to exclude the voice of dissent at an important public meeting.

I have had no response from Richard Quigley’s Parliamentary Assistant regarding an update on funding for the Hospice. I will continue to pursue this.

64/26 PUBLIC SESSION **

The following matters were discussed:

The zipwire in central mead that is currently out of commission.

Bats wing path was brought up, issue with lack of communication regarding the repair of the footpath surface and reopening of the path now that the wall has been repaired.

It was reported that Village Green wall is due to be repaired during April.

65/26 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

RESOLVED: To accept the minutes of 2nd of March as a true record.

66/26 FINANCE

Completed Payments March 2026

Payee	£
Godshill Primary	20.00
Godshill Primary extra meeting	20.00
Hugo Fox	43.98
Clerk – Salary	600.34
Bank Charges	4.25
CPRE	3.00
Scribe subscription	44.40
NEST	57.24
SSE energy	1355.74
Clerk – planning maps	47.40
Clerk – USB stock	28.00
Methodist church	20.00
Natural Enterprise – invasive Species	250.00
Doug McGeogh	183.10

Payments to approve April 2026

Payee	£
Godshill Primary	20.00
Hugo Fox	43.98
Scribe	44.40
Clerk salary	600.34
CPRE	3.00
Community Action – post office	7000.00
Eddie Read Bridgecourt	287.00

Doug McGeogh	377.70
PWLB	1941.65

Payments at councils' discretion April 2026

Payee	£
Volunteer hospitality	100

Bank reconciliation complete 4th April 2026

Savings	£72,837.21
Current	£9,061.11

RESOLVED: to accept the finance report.

67/26 PLANNING

To review planning applications received and to comment as a consultee.

The Homestead High Street Godshill Ventnor Isle Of Wight PO38 3HZ - T1 Tree of Heaven. Remove completely.

Cemetery Whitwell Road Godshill Ventnor Isle Of Wight PO38 3HL

Removal of 4m of hedge along the Godshill entrance to improve access/visibility splays.

RESOLVED: to make no comment on the above applications.

68/26 LICENCING AND EVENTS

An event requiring an alcohol licence at Appuldurcome house was noted, the council did not feel it required a response.

69/26 CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

The clerks time in the previous period was taken up with the following matters:

- Preparation for meeting.
- Planning application – hedge removal.
- Meeting support staff candidates and ground maintenance contractors.
- Research into zipwires and sourcing quotes.
- Charity meeting and follow ups

RESOLVED: To note the Clerk's report.

70/26 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

No additional councillor reports were received.

71/26 WORKING GROUPS' REPORTS

To resolve to note the Working Groups' Reports and agree any actions.

72/26 OTHER REPORTS

To resolve to note other reports and agree any actions as appropriate.

73/26 ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED: to accept the annual accounts and related report.

- 74/26 INTERNAL AUDITOR**
RESOLVED: to appoint Steve Milford as the internal auditor for the financial reporting period 2025/2026
- 75/26 GDPR AUDIT**
RESOLVED: to accept the presented GDPR audit.
- 76/26 RISK ASSESSMENT**
RESOLVED: to accept the presented risk assessment.
- 77/26 APPROVAL TO USE BACS**
RESOLVED: to approve the use of BACS for council payments.
- 78/26 APPLICATION FOR EMERGENCY AND RESILIENCE FUNDING**
RESOLVED: to accept the contents of the grant funding bid and to proceed with its submission.
- 79/26 BURIAL FEES**
RESOLVED: to further investigate this topic and to bring back to council for consideration at a suitable time.
- 80/26 PUBLIC SESSION ****
The following matters were discussed:
The poor situation regarding busses and coaches dropping people off in the vicinity of the Griffen public house.
- 81/26 MATTERS RAISED DURING PUBLIC SESSIONS**
To resolve to refer any business raised in the public sessions, and any other matters or items of information from councillors to a future meeting or to resolve to agree on any other actions.
- 82/26 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**
RESOLVED: Under the Public Bodies Admissions to Meetings (1960) Act to exclude the Public and Press whilst the next items are under discussion as they are of a confidential nature.
- 83/26 GROUNDS MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS**
RESOLVED: to select Island Tree Services as the contractor for May Close, Central Mead, the memorial gardens, village green and the space adjacent to the public conveniences for the next two years.

To select Eric Critchison as the contractor for maintaining Bridgecourt cemetery for the next two years.
- 84/26 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**
The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place in the School Hall at 7.00pm on Tuesday 5th May 2026.

Meeting closed at 20:30