

GODSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

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A MEETING OF GODSHILL PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD AT GODSHILL SCHOOL 7:30PM ON MONDAY 1ST DECEMBER 2025.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllrs Crane, Dyke, Hammond, Jackman & Mansell
ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: S Cockett (Clerk) IoW Cllr Gladwin
& 4 members of the public

MINUTES

188/25 WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cllr Mansell opened the meeting mentioning the recently completed Village Survey and the forthcoming Godshill Christmas Cracker on Saturday 6th December.

189/25 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

RESOLVED: To accept apologies from Cllr Donoclift.

190/25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

191/25 ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLOR REPORT

Cllr Gladwin reported on Isle of Wight Council matters including devolution discussions & vote and discussions with Richard Quigley MP on the Hospice and farmers inheritance tax.

Cllr Gladwin confirmed that she will continue to push the IoW Council legal department for resolution of the Bats wing (Church) path issue and investigate holding constituency surgeries in the Post Office.

192/25 PUBLIC SESSION **

No comments from the public.

193/25 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

RESOLVED: To accept the minutes of the 3rd November and 10th November 2025 as correct record.

194/25 FINANCE

RESOLVED: To approve the following payments.

| TYPE | PAYEE | £ |
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| FPO | ISLAND CLEANING SERVICES – FINAL | 464.92 |
| FPO | ISLAND CLEANING SERVICES – FINAL | 730.00 |
| DD | CPRE – SUBSCRIPTION – NOV | 3.00 |
| STO | GODSHILL SCHOOL – HALL HIRE | 20.00 |
| DD | HUGO FOX – WEBSITE | 23.99 |
| FPO | LLOYDS – BANK CHARGES | 8.68 |
| DD | HUGO FOX – E MAIL | 20.99 |
| FPO | TONY’S GARDENING SERVICES | 250.00 |
| FPO | GODSHILL MATTERS (CRACKER | 200.00 |
| FPO | ISLAND TREE SERVICES (GRASS | 617.40 |
| FPO | CLERK LAPTOP | 189.00 |
| FPO | CLERK TRAINING | 20.00 |
| FPO | STEPHEN COCKETT - provisional | 600.00 |

195/25 PLANNING

25/01673/4BCPA Rusty Rails Sheepwash Lane.

Pop-up campsite.

25/01622/TW The Hermitage Country House Hotel Dolcoppice Lane

Pollarding of single sycamore.

25/01678/TW America Cottage, Godshill Road.

4 x Tree work works - T1 Re Pollard scopes. - T2 Crown work to reduce dominance and shading. T3 - Reduce spread and prune. T4 - Dismantle to retain 4mtrs of tree.

RESOLVED: To make no comments on these applications.

196/25 CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

The clerk thanked the members of the council for a warm welcome into the role over the last month, which included informal meetings and a tour of locations in the village relevant to the council’s work.

Also reported was registration with the Society of Local Council Clerks and contact with the local association of councils – IWALC, and relevant Isle of Wight council departments.

The clerk reported a conversation with leading Isle of Wight council officer regarding the Bat’s wing path, the status of which remains in the hands of their legal officers. Also discussed was the small wall and orange barriers on

the village green, the works to repair this wall have been approved but no date for completion was offered.

Lastly the clerk reported having been in contact with the outgoing chair of the council Alison Child regarding the safe keeping of Godshill Parish Council ledgers and other miscellaneous items.

RESOLVED: To note the Clerk's report.

197/25 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Crane reported that he was awaiting quote for remedial work at the chapel.

198/25 WORKING GROUPS' REPORTS

Amenities & Environment: Cllr Donoclift oversaw the completion of the hedging work adjacent to the public conveniences including planting of new bushes adjacent to the building. Greening – Cllrs Mansell & Jackman attended the Annual Conference of the Greening Campaign in Petersfield. The first training session was held for volunteers from Central Rural who will be carrying out thermal imaging on households this winter. Arrangements have been made for the next four months, to close two of the three toilets, leaving only the disabled toilet open.

Communications & Community Engagement: Creation and administration of the Godshill Village Survey. Godshill Gazette November Issue.

Emergency & Resilience: Nothing to report.

Finance and General Purposes: Initial preparation discussions ahead of work on the budget in December.

Planning, Roads & Byways: Isle of Wight Council PFI failed to give an answer to the Bats Wing path issue, even though they promised an update by the 14th of November. Cllr Donoclift has continued to request updates from Isle of Wight PFI and he and the Clerk have secured apologies and a more senior direct contact. Discussions with Godshill Matters suggest that enough volunteers have now come forward to re-start Speedwatch in the February/March timeframe. Chris Slann will take on the organisational role previously performed by Andy Snart who has agreed to continue as a member of the team.

Strategy & Long-Term Plan: Nothing to report.

RESOLVED: To note the Working Groups' Reports. No further actions were agreed.

199/25 OTHER REPORTS

No other reports were presented.

200/25 SCRIBE ACCOUNTING PACKAGE

RESOLVED: To adopt Scribe accounting with immediate effect.

201/25 VILLAGE SURVEY PRELIMINARY RESULTS

Cllr Mansell reported that 95% of homes received the survey. 124 responses were received, 68 in print 56 online, 34% replies from over 70's.

Road safety and speeding were the top concerns, followed by a desire for indoor recreation leisure facilities. Modernisation of the cricket pavilion to produce an indoor community space had widespread support.

202/25 TREE WARDEN

Cllr Jackman volunteered to fill the role of tree warden for the parish of Godshill.

203/25 CHRISTMAS TREE AND LIGHTS

RESOLVED: To install a tree and lights in the village.

204/25 NEW POLICIES

RESOLVED: To formally adopt a disciplinary and grievance policy.

205/25 PUBLIC SESSION **

No matters were raised.

206/25 MATTERS RAISED DURING PUBLIC SESSIONS

Cllr Jackman has liaised with the school regarding local children in need. Looking to set up a support scheme for families.

207/25 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place in the School Hall at 7.30pm on Monday 5th January 2026.

208/25 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

In view of the confidential nature of the business to be discussed, the public and press were excluded for the following item.

209/25 CLERK PAY AND CONTRACT

RESOLVED: To accept the contractual items for employment of clerk as presented and discussed.

Meeting closed at 20.35

CHAIRMAN 5th January 2026