

GODSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

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A MEETING OF GODSHILL PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD IN GODSHILL SCHOOL HALL AT 7.30PM ON MONDAY 7TH JULY 2025.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors Child, Crane, Dyke, Jackman and Mansell.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: G Hughes (Clerk) and fifteen members of the public.

MINUTES

At the commencement of the meeting Councillor Child tendered her resignation with immediate effect, her resignation letter was handed to the Clerk.

106/25 WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councillor Mansell welcomed all those present. He reported on and had been saddened by the removal/theft of a bench at the Memorial Garden and hoped that this is not a sign of worse incidents to come. He thought there should be a fitting farewell to former Councillor Alison Child and hoped she would bring her substantial experience into the work of local community and voluntary groups. He also acknowledged the very healthy financial situation that the new Parish Council had inherited following the recent May elections.

107/25 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Donoclift and IW Councillor Gladwin.

108/25 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

109/25 ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLOR REPORT

No report had been received prior to the meeting.

110/25 PUBLIC SESSION

Matters raised in the session included the provision of a defibrillator for Central Mead and the introduction of CCTV at the site. A defibrillator had been offered from the monies made by the recent Playfest, the remainder of the surplus could be made available for a contribution to the costs of CCTV. These matters would be considered at the forthcoming Trustee meeting of the Children's and Young People's Charity. A resident raised the prospect of further IW Council action that may impact on the future of Godshill School.

111/25 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 9th June be approved.

112/25 COUNCIL WEBSITE/E MAIL

Councillor Mansell gave an update on the pending introduction of a new website which would hopefully be introduced by the beginning of August.

113/25 GOVERNANCE

Councillor Mansell reported on a necessary change to the quorum numbers relating to the Council's Working Groups, the proposed change was approved.

114/25 FINANCE

RESOLVED: That the following payments be approved –

TYPE	PAYEE	AMOUNT	£
STO	G HUGHES - JUNE SALARY		585.75
STO	ISLAND CLEANING SERVICES - JUNE		464.92
DD	CPRE – SUBSCRIPTION – JUNE		3.00
STO	GODSHILL SCHOOL – HALL HIRE		20.00
FPO	GALLAGHER – INSURANCE		1,282.79
FPO	D MCGEOCH – GRASSCUTTING		890.30
FPO	BUSINESS STREAM – WATER		191.54
FPO	SSE – PUBLIC CONVENIENCES		309.51
FPO	G HUGHES – EXPENSES		70.99
BANK	BANK CHARGES		7.43

115/25 PLANNING

The following planning application was considered –

Proposed solar panels to west and south elevations and proposed bedroom/study window to north elevation. 2A School Crescent Godshill.

RESOLVED: To make no objection to the application.

116/25 CLERK'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk passed his written resignation to the Chairman.

117/25 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Councillor Mansell reported on his contact with Environment Officer of the IW Council and with representatives of the other three Parish Council's in the Central Wight area. He also reported on the forthcoming issue of the 'Gazette'.

Councillor Jackman had produced a sheet detailing the nature of a 'doughnut economy'. She also reported on the first meeting of the Greening Campaign.

Councillor Dyke reported on the lack of progress by Island Roads on the various repairs needed across the road from the Model Village.

Councillor Crane reported on overflowing bins at Central Mead and the need for more frequent emptying. Also, the cemetery chapel guttering that was supposed to have been fixed back in March is still in need of attention.

118/25 OTHER REPORTS

1. There was no report from the Speedwatch Group.
2. The monthly report from Godshill Matters had been circulated to all Parish Councillors. The report asked that the Parish Council give a presentation to their next meeting to clarify the relationship with the charities involved in community activity, it also mentioned the works to be undertaken on the noticeboards.

119/25 RESIGNATION OF PARISH CLERK

The Parish Council had received the written resignation of the Clerk, who would commence work to effect a smooth handover to his replacement. The Clerk's resignation was accepted.

120/25 PUBLIC SESSION

The following matters were raised –

1. The previously reported provision of a footway and safe passage at West Street.
2. Parish Council communication, the introduction of the 'Gazette' was welcomed.

121/25 MATTERS RAISED DURING PUBLIC SESSION

1. This would be raised with Captiva.
2. The Parish Council will ensure wider availability of agendas and minutes.

122/25 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council would take place in the School Hall at 7.30pm on Monday 4th August (later amended to Monday 1st September).

The meeting closed at 9.28pm.

CHAIRMAN 1st September 2025