

# **GODSHILL PARISH COUNCIL**

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**A MEETING OF GODSHILL PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD IN GODSHILL SCHOOL  
HALL AT 7.30PM ON MONDAY 9<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2025.**

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

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** G Hughes (Clerk), IW Councillor Caroline Gladwin and seventeen members of the public.

## **MINUTES**

### **83/25 WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councillor Mansell welcomed all those present. He advised of the resignation of IW Councillor Rodney Downer who had previously represented Godshill for many years and had worked hard for the people of Godshill. It was agreed to record the Parish Council's thanks to Mr Downer for his service to Godshill Parish.

### **84/25 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None.

### **85/25 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Councillor Mansell declared a non-pecuniary interest as voluntary treasurer of Godshill Matters.

### **86/25 ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLOR REPORT**

IW Councillor Gladwin reported on her campaign to keep open Rookley Post Office, which was used by residents of Rookley, Godshill and Shanklin. She had written to both Island MP's requesting their support for the campaign and she was also monitoring the effects of the Horsebridge Hill roadworks which were having an impact across the whole island.

### **87/25 PUBLIC SESSION**

Matters raised in the session included speeding on Newport Road, the public footpath closure at Bats Wing and impact of vehicle speed with property at Sandford.

### **88/25 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May be approved.

## **89/25 PARISH MATTERS**

Councillor Mansell explained the relationship between the Parish Council and the Children's and Young People's Playground and Parish Recreation Ground Charity. Advice had been taken on how the Charity be best managed, the Parish Council being the charity Corporate Trustee.

## **90/25 COUNCIL WEBSITE/E MAIL**

**RESOLVED:** That the Parish Council provide a new gov.uk domain website together with gov.uk e mail addresses for Councillors and Clerk for official communication with the public.

## **91/12 COUNCIL DEDICATED MOBILE PHONE**

**RESOLVED:** To purchase a Council dedicated mobile phone.

## **92/25 FUNDING APPLICATIONS**

**RESOLVED:** To action the Clerk, assisted by Councillor Jackman, to make funding applications.

## **93/25 ADMINISTRATION SUPPORT REQUEST**

**RESOLVED:** To consider and approve administrative support as necessary to the Children's and Young People's Playground and Parish Recreation Ground Charity.

## **94/25 PUBLIC CONVENIENCES/LARDER/LIBRARY/TREES**

The new roof of the building had now been completed, and the former disabled unit could be converted into a larder. Trees at the rear of the building needed to be cut back to prevent them impacting on the structure.

**RESOLVED:** That Godshill Matters be approached regarding the provision of a larder and that a contractor be engaged to cut back the overhanging trees at the rear of the building.

## **95/25 COMMUNITY HALL**

A public consultation would be undertaken to seek resident's expectations regarding the provision of a community asset.

## **96/25 GOVERNANCE**

**RESOLVED:** To approve the following documents -

- a) Standing Orders
- b) Procedures for the Formation and Operation of Working Groups
- c) Local Government Association - Model Councillor Code of Conduct
- d) Communications Policy
- e) Safeguarding Policy
- f) Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Policy
- g) Emergency and Resilience Plan
- h) The integration of Mission to Zero, Donut Economy, and Community Wealth Building Principles

## 97/25 WORKING GROUPS

**RESOLVED:** To approve the setting up of the following Working Groups -

Communications Working Group  
Emergency & Resilience Working Group  
Environment & Green Spaces Working Group  
Finance & General Purposes Working Group  
Planning, Roads and Byways Working Group  
Recreation and Amenities Working Group  
Strategy & Parish Plan Working Group

## 98/25 FINANCE

**RESOLVED:** That the following payments be approved -

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STO G HUGHES - MAY SALARY	585.75
STO ISLAND CLEANING SERVICES - MAY	464.92
DD CPRE - SUBSCRIPTION - MAY	3.00
STO GODSHILL SCHOOL - HALL HIRE	20.00
FPO D MCGEOCH - GRASSCUTTING	590.30
FPO D MCGEOCH - DITCH CLEARANCE	600.00
FPO ACADEMY GLASS - WINDOW BOARDING	102.00
FPO N BRAYLEY LTD - PC NEW ROOF	12,180.00
FPO G HUGHES - INK, FILES & MILEAGE	46.82
FPO D MCGEOCH - GRASSCUTTING	294.00
FPO E READ - PETROL FOR MOWER	60.00
FPO E READ - CEMETERY GRASSCUTTING	287.00

## 99/25 PLANNING

The following planning applications were considered - Demolition of conservatory; proposed single storey rear extension and cladding to rear gable 6 Jubilee Close Godshill. Ref. No: 25/00697/HOU

**RESOLVED:** To make no objection to the application.

The following decisions had been made since the last meeting:

- a) Lawful Development Certificate for continued use of approved holiday accommodation as permanent residential dwelling - Elm Yard Roud Road Godshill - Granted
- b) 25/00375/OWC.Ordinary Watercourse Consent to continue piped section to enable better water flow including access chamber 16 Moor View Godshill - Granted
- c) 25/00501/RV.Variation of condition no 1 on 25/00110/RVC to amend the design and position of the approved stable building Land To The North Of Roud Accessed Off Whitwell Road Whitwell - Granted.

## **100/25 CLERKS REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk reported that the Council was currently in the period for the Exercise of Public Rights when members of the public could on request have access to all accounting records in respect of the 2024/25 financial year. This period commenced on the 26<sup>th</sup> May and will end on the 18<sup>th</sup> July 2025.

## **101/25 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

Councillor Mansell had met at Rookley with representatives of other local councils to discuss matters of mutual interest.

Councillor Child reported on PlayFest and the organisers wish for sums raised to be spent on a defibrillator and CCTV for the site.

Councillor Jackman had met with a specialist regarding the installation of solar panels on local sites such as the Scout Hut. She reported on large vehicles using Yarborough Close, the Clerk would write to Captiva. She had also undertaken training on green spaces and asset building.

Councillor Dyke had attended to the bench on the Green opposite the Model Village.

Councillor Donoclift reported on the activity of rogue traders, the situation with the footway at Bats Wing, the access road to Central Mead and faulty speed sign when accessing the High Street. He had also been in contact with SSE regarding possible wayleave payments for Central Mead and May Close.

Councillor Crane reported on a loose gate at Central Mead and that contractor's items had still not been removed from the site.

## **102/25 OTHER REPORTS**

Mr Andrew Snart gave an update on the activity of the Speedwatch Group.

A ROSPA report for May Close and Central Mead had been received.

A report from Godshill Matters had been circulated to all Councillors.

## **103/25 PUBLIC SESSION**

Questions were asked regarding the proposed Community Hall and the relationship with the Village Hall Charity and Childrens & Young Peoples Charity.

## **104/25 MATTERS RAISED DURING PUBLIC SESSIONS**

A Trustee meeting of the Children's and Young Peoples Playground and Parish Recreation Ground charity would be held prior to the next meeting of the Parish Council. A meeting with the Village Hall charity would also be sought.

## **105/25 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held in the School Hall commencing at 7.30pm on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2025.

The meeting closed at 8.54pm

CHAIRMAN 7TH JULY 2025