

GODSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

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A MEETING OF GODSHILL PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD AT GODSHILL SCHOOL
7.30PM ON MONDAY 3rd NOVEMBER 2025.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllrs Crane, Donoclift, Dyke, Hammond, Jackman &
Mansell

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

MINUTES

162/25 WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cllr Mansell thanked the Amenities & Environment working group for the work done both in the car park and the memorial garden ahead of Remembrance Day. He also mentioned the next week's Godshill Matters meeting and forthcoming Village Survey.

163/25 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

164/25 PARISH COUNCILLOR – CO-OPTION

RESOLVED: That Suzette Hammond be co-opted on to the Parish Council.

165/25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest from Councillors regarding this agenda.

166/25 PARISH COUNCIL VICE-CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED: That the resignation of Carl Donoclift from the position of vice-chair be accepted.

RESOLVED: That Leigh Jackman be elected as Vice-Chair.

167/25 PARISH CLERK, RFO AND REGISTRAR OF BURIALS

RESOLVED: That Stephen Cockett becomes our Parish Clerk, Responsible Financial Officer and Registrar of Burials.

168/25 PARISH CLERK LAPTOP COMPUTER

RESOLVED: That a dedicated laptop computer and appropriate applications be purchased for use by the Parish Clerk (Budget £500).

169/25 ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLOR REPORT

In her absence Cllr Mansell read the report from Caroline Gladwin our IW Councillor.

170/25 PUBLIC SESSION **

It was questioned as to whether the sum proposed for the Clerk's laptop was sufficient. The reply was that it was and there was no justification to spend more. There was a discussion on the public conveniences resulting in the council agreeing that arrangements need to be considered further. The Chair was thanked for his and the council's continued support of the school.

171/25 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 6th October 2025 be approved.

172/25 FINANCE

RESOLVED: That the following payments be approved –

TYPE	PAYEE	£
STO	ISLAND CLEANING SERVICES – SEPT	464.92
DD	CPRE – SUBSCRIPTION – SEPT	3.00
STO	GODSHILL SCHOOL – HALL HIRE	20.00
DD	HUGO FOX – WEBSITE	23.99
FPO	LLOYDS – BANK CHARGES	4.25
DD	HUGO FOX – E MAIL	20.99
FPO	TONY'S GARDENING SERVICES	312.00
FPO	C MANSELL (WREATH/DONATION)	100.00
FPO	GODSHILL MATTERS (BENCH DONATION)	50.00
FPO	ISLAND TREE SERVICES (GRASS CUTTING)	617.40

173/25 PLANNING

25/01573/TW Methodist Church – trimming of two beech trees

25/01549/HOU Paddocks, Newport Road - demolition of rear conservatory; Proposed rear extension, solar panels and internal alterations

25/01497/CLEUD Lawful Development Certificate Bathingbourne Farm area used for storage purposes

RESOLVED: That no comments to be made regarding any of the above.

174/25 CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

There were no recent issues and work completed or correspondence received that is not covered elsewhere.

175/25 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

There was nothing to report that is not covered elsewhere.

176/25 WORKING GROUPS' REPORTS**Amenities & Environment**

Plans to Repair/replacement of Cemetery gutters.

Cutting back/ down of Smithy car park / toilet Laurel tree and hedge taking back further (island roads observation)

Additional work has been done to tidy up the Remembrance Garden ahead of the Remembrance service on the 9th of November.

Greening – Wildlife Trust meeting and a date set for training of those volunteering to be in the team to use the heat camera to assess heat loss from homes.

Looking at a plan to close the public loos for Jan-Mar, directing people to the Griffin if we can reach an agreement. Alternatively, run with just one loo open.

Communications

Further useful content has been added to the website. The focus for the coming month is the Village Survey.

Emergency & Resilience

Nothing to report.

Finance & General Purposes

New Parish Councillor co-opted and new Clerk appointed.

Planning, Roads and Byways

Only the one new planning application and 2 other applications as listed above. PCC £0.5m fund – working with GM to submit a bid. Still chasing IoW Council on TROs and other outstanding works. A further TRO submitted requesting the removal of 50 mph signs on Newport Road so that it reverts to 40 mph.

We still need volunteers to come forward and join the Speedwatch team such that they can start operating again.

Strategy & Parish Plan

Nothing to report.

RESOLVED: To note the Working Groups' Reports.

177/25 OTHER REPORTS

Children's and Young People's Playground and Parish Recreation Ground Charity

The Wildlife Trust is carrying out a free assessment of May Close and it will be used to plan the way forward.

A complete overhaul of the May Close equipment including the goalposts will be carried out.

An assessment is to be made regarding the modernisation of the old Cricket Pavilion in Central Mead. This will include estimates of costs and a proposed business plan aimed at showing how it could be run without financially burdening the village.

It is recognised that there has been significant encroachment by hedges and trees both in May Close and Central Mead and money will need to be spent on that.

The dangerous and badly damaged matting strip in the middle of Central Mead has been removed and the area will have top soil added and be reseeded.

Godshill Matters

Many thanks to Godshill Matters for a copy of the notes from their last meeting and also a request for financial support to enable Godshill families and children to make lanterns for use in the Christmas Cracker procession.

RESOLVED: That we donate £200 towards the cost of materials for the lanterns.

RESOLVED: To note the Reports above

178/25 COUNCIL MEETINGS 2026

RESOLVED: That the list of place, time and dates for monthly council meetings in 2026 be accepted.

179/25 PUBLIC SESSION

There was further discussion regarding the public conveniences, the work done by the landowner of the bank on the north side of Church Path and the rough patch adjacent to Yarborough Close.

180/25 MATTERS RAISED DURING PUBLIC SESSIONS

RESOLVED: To look in more detail at the arrangements for the public conveniences over the coming months.

181/25 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place in the School Hall at 7.30pm on Monday 1st December 2025.

The meeting closed at 8.07pm.

CHAIRMAN 1st December 2025