

# GODSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

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**A MEETING OF GODSHILL PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD AT GODSHILL SCHOOL  
7:00PM ON Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2026.**

**PRESENT: Cllrs Crane, Dyke & Mansell**

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

## MINUTES

### **41/26 WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Cllr Mansell welcomed the public and gave a short report regarding the recent incidents of motorbikes being ridden around Central Mead, including an account of a successful police intervention that resulted in the identification of perpetrators and warnings subsequently being issued.

### **42/26 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Received from Cllrs Donoclift, Hammond and Jackman.

**Resolved** to accept apologies.

### **43/26 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were received.

### **44/26 ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLOR REPORT**

Cllr Gladwin provided the following report:

I am continuing with my efforts to improve road safety within the Ward and on the Island. I am also continuing with my efforts, in connection with my place on the Adult Social Care, Public Health and Housing Needs Committee, to help the Mountbatten Hospice get the funding it needs to continue to offer the fantastic service it provides. To this end I have chased up the reply I received from Richard Quigley MP.

**Resolved** to note the report.

### **45/26 PUBLIC SESSION \*\***

A discussion was had about the following matters:

- Road by doctors being too narrow – option for double yellow lines is known but unlikely to be adopted by the highways authority.
- About the proposed crossings to be installed as part of the Lily Cross development and the legal hurdles preventing the progress.
- The poor attendance at St Michaels, the methodist hall.
- Poor signage in Yarborough close causing confusion where additional numbers have been inserted as part of the Lily Cross development.
- The need for a litter bin in the vicinity of the bridleway running near Yarborough Close and Elodie Way.

**46/26 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS****RESOLVED:** To accept the minutes of 2<sup>nd</sup> of February as a true record.**47/26 FINANCE****Completed Payments February 2026**

Payee	£
Godshill Primary	20.00
Godshill Primary extra meeting	20.00
Hugo Fox	43.98
Clerk – Salary	600.14
Bank Charges	4.25
CPRE	3.00
Scribe subscription	44.40
Eddie Read – hedges – Bridgecourt	100.00
Chapel repair	425.00
ICO	47.00
PAYE/NIC	624.21
NEST pension	57.24
Lake cleaning supplies	46.22
Training – C Mansell	42.00
IWALC	321.17

**Payments to approve March 2026**

Payee	£
Godshill Primary	20.00
Hugo Fox	43.98
Scribe	44.40
Clerk salary (est)	600.34
CPRE	3.00

**Payments at councils' discretion March 2026**

Payee	£
Community Action	7000.00

**Bank reconciliation complete 28<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

Savings	£72,837
Current	£10,913

**RESOLVED:** to accept the finance report.**48/26 PLANNING**

To note the following decisions made since the last meeting

25/01780/CLEUD - GRANTED

Bathingbourne Farm Bathingbourne Lane Godshill

Lawful Development Certificate to establish continued use of land for storage purposes in excess of 10 years

25/01782/DIS - GRANTED

Cuddles Corner Roud Lane Godshill

Condition compliance application on 25/00763/FUL relating to condition 5 (Monitoring Wastewater Treatment Plant)

**RESOLVED:** to note the decisions by the Isle of Wight council

**49/26 LICENCING AND EVENTS**

No changes to licencing or upcoming events in the parish for consideration.

**50/26 CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE**

**The Clerk outlined the following activities from the previous month:**

- Completion of switch to new electricity supplier
- Ground maintenance RFQ complete and provided to suppliers
- Three offers – GPC areas, Cemetery and playing fields
- Resignation of cemetery grounds maintenance contractor
- Chapel repair work completion
- Bin enquiries made
- Registered with ICO
- Hedge removal notice submitted
- Data backup complete
- Continued liaison with funeral directors

**RESOLVED:** To note the Clerk's report.

**51/26 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

Cllr Crane reported liaising with Island Roads in regards to the flooding at Moor View, they have sucked the drains and cleaned the gutters and ways, Cllr Dyke also aware of blocked pipes by Deacons nursery site.

**52/26 WORKING GROUPS' REPORTS**

**Amenities & Environment**

Maintenance work has been carried out on the Public Conveniences. Disabled toilet was restored to action after the coin mechanism had been vandalised. General operation has been adjusted such that unless 20p is paid, the wash hand basin and hand dryer do not work. Parts have been ordered to replace the ventilation fans and filters.

No progress in May Close as it is still too wet.

Community Hub – still held up trying to get a meeting with the village hall charity. We hope to do some clearing in and around the building in March. Again, we will be looking for volunteer help.

Carl submitted a Fix my Street Report for a blocked drain on the A3020 at the Sandford end of Godshill

The first Warmer Homes Household Imaging planned for Lily Cross, Yarborough Close, West Street, Jubilee Close and School Road will probably now not take place, unless we get a sudden cold, dry snap.

Volunteer assistance in the Village Shop. We have no further volunteers come forward. So, regrettably, this project is on hold. We might try again for a start in July.

### **Communications & Community Engagement**

Godshill Gazette. Two Godshill businesses have committed to advertising in the Gazette, Godshill Orchards, and Isle of Wight Gin.

Additional focus in March will be on finding volunteer help for online and the Gazette. We will be reaching out again to find those who would benefit from a printed copy of the Gazette and increasing our reach online through the use of the Instagram platform.

### **Emergency and Resilience**

Flood prevention – Carl collected Sandbags from East Cowes – put into store at toilet with help from Russell

### **Finance and General Purposes**

Public conveniences receipts for February were only £78.60. Receipts for the whole year are expected to be less than £2,400.

### **Planning, Roads & Byways**

Cllr Donoclift contacted Island Roads to see how long it will take to do repairs and get the Bats Wing path re opened. No reply as yet. The owner of Bats wing has confirmed that she is paying for the wall repair and that work has now started.

Cllr Donoclift confirmed with Island Roads that the 'village Green' wall repair will be completed within 3 months so by the end of April.

Flooding in Moor View Cllr Crane has been working with Island Roads to help them to understand better the nature of the problem.

Road safety will be discussed with the other three Central Rural parishes at a meeting tomorrow.

Speedwatch - First planning meeting of the reformed group is taking place on Wednesday.

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

### **53/26 OTHER REPORTS**

No other reports were presented

### **54/26 POLICIES REQUIRED FOR ASSERTION 10 & RISK ASSESSMENT**

**RESOLVED:** To adopt the presented IT policy as a step towards compliance with the upcoming assertion 10 requirement of the 2025/26 AGAR.

### **55/26 PARISH COUNCIL AGM AND ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

**RESOLVED:** To confirm that the AGM and annual parish meeting will be held on the 5<sup>th</sup> of May 2026

**56/26 COMMUNITY GRANT FUNDING APPLICATIONS**

**RESOLVED:** to pay £900 in April 2026 from the community grant fund in respect to the application received from Mr Dennis Owen on behalf of All Saints Church, Godshill as a contribution to required roof repairs.

**57/26 PUBLIC SESSION \*\***

The council received a Presentation by Graham Biss from Gift to Nature about the Munsley Bog nature reserve, Mr Biss expressed thanks and invited feedback from the public for all matters related to the site.

**58/26 MATTERS RAISED DURING PUBLIC SESSIONS**

**59/26 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place in the School Hall at 7.00pm on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2026.

Meeting closed at: 20:10

**CHAIRMAN 7<sup>th</sup> April 2026**