

GODSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

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**A MEETING OF GODSHILL PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD AT
GODSHILL SCHOOL 7:00pm on Tuesday 7th April 2026.
PRESENT: Cllrs Crane, Donoclift, Dyke & Mansell
ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: S Cockett (Clerk) & 7 members of the public**

MINUTES

60/26 WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to Godshill Matters for getting speed sign funding. Also, to Godshill Matters and the whole village for the Pirate Treasure Trail on Easter Monday. Many familiar and new faces had great fun in the sunshine.

Change of layout in PO means there is no place for copies of the Gazette.

The council are planning to produce a welcome package for all Lily Cross residents.

The council will be holding another open forum 29th May on the May Close developments. We would like everyone to be involved – 7:00pm - school hall.

61/26 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from Cllrs Jackman and Hammond.

RESOLVED: to accept apologies.

62/26 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

63/26 ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLOR REPORT

Cllr Gladwin provided the following report:

I am continuing with my road safety campaign that I plan to expand both on the Council and with the public. I am currently petitioning Highways to reduce the speed limit on Whitwell Road from 60mph to 40mph and to install sufficient signage for the Roud junction to hopefully reduce the frequent 'near misses' for road users coming out from this junction.

Currently Highways and Island Roads operate a system where road safety issues are reviewed annually in November and even then, results of this review remain unknown to Councillors and the public. I am pressing for all serious road safety concerns across the Island raised by residents and supported by their Councillor to be treated urgently and for a full investigation to take place into these road safety concerns. The results of these investigations should then be shared with the people concerned with plans to address these road safety concerns.

I am still continuing my total opposition to any school closures on the Island. Machinations took place on the Council which resulted in me no longer being on the Children's Committee just days before the March meeting when school places were discussed again. I would have expressed my opposition to this, as I did at the October meeting at the last school places discussion. This was a very irregular action on behalf of the Council and a convenient manipulation to exclude the voice of dissent at an important public meeting.

I have had no response from Richard Quigley's Parliamentary Assistant regarding an update on funding for the Hospice. I will continue to pursue.

64/26 PUBLIC SESSION **

The following matters were discussed:

The zipwire in Central Mead that is currently out of commission.

Bats wing path was brought up, issue with lack of communication regarding the repair of the footpath surface and reopening of the path now that the wall has been repaired.

It was reported that the Village Green wall is due to be repaired during April.

65/26 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

RESOLVED: to accept the minutes of 2nd of March as a true record.

66/26 FINANCE

Completed Payments March 2026

Payee	£
Godshill Primary	20.00
Godshill Primary extra meeting	20.00
Hugo Fox	43.98
Clerk - Salary	600.34
Bank Charges	4.25
CPRE	3.00
Scribe subscription	44.40
NEST	57.24
SSE energy	1355.74
Clerk - planning maps	47.40
Clerk - USB stock	28.00
Methodist church	20.00
Natural Enterprise - invasive Species	250.00
Doug McGeogh	183.10

Payments to approve April 2026

Payee	£
Godshill Primary	20.00
Hugo Fox	43.98

Scribe	44.40
Clerk salary	600.34
CPRE	3.00
Community Action – post office	7000.00
Eddie Read Bridgecourt	287.00
Doug McGeogh	377.70
PWLB	1941.65

Payments at councils' discretion April 2026

Payee	£
Volunteer hospitality	100.00

Bank reconciliation complete 4th April 2026

Savings	£72,837.21
Current	£9,061.11

RESOLVED: to accept the finance report.

67/26 PLANNING

To review planning applications received and to comment as a consultee.

The Homestead High Street Godshill Ventnor Isle Of Wight PO38 3HZ - T1 Tree of Heaven. Remove completely.

Cemetery Whitwell Road Godshill Ventnor Isle Of Wight PO38 3HL
Removal of 4m of hedge along the Godshill entrance to improve access/visibility splays.

RESOLVED: to record that the applications have been reviewed and that we have no comments to add.

68/26 LICENCING AND EVENTS

An event requiring an alcohol licence at Appuldurcombe House was noted. The council did not feel it required a response.

69/26 CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

The clerks time in the previous period was taken up with the following matters:

- Preparation for meeting.
- Planning application – hedge removal.
- Meeting support staff candidates and ground maintenance contractors.
- Research into zipwires and sourcing quotes.
- Charity meeting and follow ups

RESOLVED: To note the Clerk's report.

70/26 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

No additional councillor reports were received.

71/26 WORKING GROUPS' REPORTS

Amenities & Environment

There was a meeting with the village hall charity. Councillor Donoclift has responded to their questions.

Councillor Donoclift with assistance, cleared many years of dumped rubbish from May Close (behind the Scout Hut) and disposed of appropriately.

Councillor Donoclift carried out a survey of the old Cricket Pavilion with local builder and discussed 'plan of attack' also drawn up much important documentation and has had vital discussions with IoW Planning.

Councillor Jackman has spoken to Artology and Georgia Newman from Creative Island re May Close. Councillors Jackman and Mansell met Ian Boyd and Ian Leah at May Close to discuss May Close and Munsley bog and seek advice and support.

At a meeting on the Biosphere event, it was agreed that the event should be extended with more activities and act as our first step towards the resurrection of the annual Godshill Fair last run by the Horticultural Society probably last century – tentatively named "Godshill Wild".

Emergency and Resilience

Councillor Jackman produced list of equipment for which a grant is being sought.

Planning, Roads & Byways

Councillor Donoclift contacted IOW Council / Island Roads / PFI regarding timescale for opening the Bats Wing Foot Path now owner has had the wall reinstated. Councillor Dyke has also been applying pressure by phone.

Councillor Donoclift contacted IOW Council / Island Roads / PFI regarding the timescale for repair of the low wall on the corner outside the Post Office. Previous correspondence said by the end of April for completion. Councillor Dyke has also been applying pressure by phone.

Councillor Donoclift contacted Island roads and Police regarding dumped van in the bus stop on the A3020 at the bottom of the road to Godshill Park Farm – Vehicle now removed.

Speedwatch Team – there are now a dozen volunteers and a training session has been run. They are due to have their first official meeting in the next couple of weeks and will be in action very soon after.

The reports were noted.

72/26 OTHER REPORTS

There were no other reports.

73/26 ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED: to accept the annual accounts and related report.

74/26 INTERNAL AUDITOR

RESOLVED: to appoint Steve Milford as the internal auditor for the financial reporting period 2025/2026

75/26 GDPR AUDIT

RESOLVED: to accept the presented GDPR audit.

76/26 RISK ASSESSMENT

RESOLVED: to accept the presented risk assessment.

77/26 APPROVAL TO USE BACS

RESOLVED: to approve the use of BACS for council payments.

78/26 APPLICATION FOR EMERGENCY AND RESILIANCE FUNDING

RESOLVED: to accept the contents of the grant funding bid and to proceed with its submission.

79/26 BURIAL FEES

RESOLVED: to further investigate this topic and to bring it back to council for consideration at a suitable time.

80/26 PUBLIC SESSION **

The following matters were discussed: the poor situation regarding tourist coaches dropping people off in the vicinity of the Griffin public house.

81/26 MATTERS RAISED DURING PUBLIC SESSIONS

It was noted that the following were raised: Zip wire, Bats Wing path, village green wall, tourist coaches drop off/pick up.

82/26 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED: under the Public Bodies Admissions to Meetings (1960) Act to exclude the Public and Press whilst the next items are under discussion as they are of a confidential nature.

83/26 GROUNDS MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS

RESOLVED: to select Island Tree Services as the contractor for May Close, Central Mead, the memorial gardens, village green and the space adjacent to the public conveniences for the next two years.

RESOLVED: to select Eric Critchison as the contractor for maintaining Bridgecourt cemetery for the next two years.

84/26 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place in the School Hall at 7.00pm on Wednesday 6th May 2026.

Meeting closed at 20:30

CHAIRMAN 6th May 2026