

GODSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

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A MEETING OF GODSHILL PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD AT GODSHILL SCHOOL
7:00PM ON Monday 1st June 2026.

PRESENT: Cllrs Mansell, Hammond, Crane, Dyke & Donoclift
ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: S Cockett (Clerk) & 7 members of the public

MINUTES

110/26 WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cllr Mansell mentioned the following:

The Greening Central Rural Brighstone Beans.

Godshill Weekly Craft Market has been rescued.

Red Funnel IoW Awards – Both Godshill Orchards & Isle of Wight Gin have been nominated.

Godshill Garage Gallop – Sunday 7th June 10am to 2pm

111/26 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from Cllrs Jackman.

RESOLVED: To accept apologies.

112/26 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

113/26 ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLOR REPORT

No report was received.

114/26 PUBLIC SESSION **

Questions were asked about West Street pedestrian access and the slow progress of the proposed improvements – council to follow up.

The council was complimented on the works in May Close.

Memorial garden - comments were made regarding the small roadside wall and the need for weeding was mentioned.

The need for signage for the memorial garden was raised, alongside the need for other signage around the village.

115/26 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

RESOLVED: To accept the minutes of 6th of May 2026 as a true record.

116/26 FINANCE

Completed Payments Parish Council May 2026

28.05.2026	£225.33	Public Toilet Water	Business Stream
27.05.2026	£400.00	Pavilion Survey	Gavaghan Jones
26.05.2026	£15.21	Pavilion electricity	British Gas

26.05.2026	£20.99	Website Hosting	Hugo Fox
21.05.2026	£3.00	CPRE	CPRE
20.05.2026	£154.60	PAYE NICS	HMRC
18.05.2026	£126.15	Public Toilets Electricity	British Gas
18.05.2026	£7.97	Bank Fees	Lloyds Bank
12.05.2026	£18.89	speedwatch	Colin Mansell
12.05.2026	£36.40	speedwatch	Colin Mansell
06.05.2026	£317.72	Cleaner Salary	K Glasspool
05.05.2026	£18.00	Training	Vital skills
03.05.2026	£554.40	Grounds Maintenance	Island Tree Services
03.05.2026	£108.00	Grounds Maintenance	Island Tree Services
01.05.2026	£20.00	Hall Hire - Godshill Primary School	Godshill Primary School
01.05.2026	£23.99	Website Hosting	Hugo Fox
01.05.2026	£44.40	Scribe subscription	Starboard Systems
01.05.2026	£600.34	Clerk Salary	S Cockett

Payments at councils' discretion May 2026

Payee	£
Printing @ 6p per sheet	32.88
Bridgecourt brambles	780.00
Bridgecourt brambles	1030.00

Bank reconciliation complete 31st May 2026

Savings	85,337.21
Current	33,324.10

RESOLVED: To accept the finance report, accept the printing costs and to defer decisions about Bridgecourt works until the autumn.

117/26 PLANNING

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

26/00590/HOU Proposed single storey rear extension; Proposed alterations to rear French doors; new boundary wall with gate and patio area.

26/00637/HOU Proposed dormer window and roof light to create additional living accommodation above garage.

RESOLVED: That the council has no objection to these applications and authorises the clerk to register that comment with the planning authority.

118/26 LICENCING AND EVENTS

No matters noted.

119/26 CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

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

- Finalising internal audit – thanks to Steve Milford for being responsive and thorough.
- Supported the surveying of the pavilion at Central Mead.
- Organised the enhanced public realm works with IWC.
- Sought quotes for the land registry works.
- Organised an internment at Bridgecourt.
- Made contact with out new Ward Councillor and thanked the outgoing Caroline Goodwin.
- Uploaded the updated policies to the website
- Made meeting reports available online.
- Made reports of vandalism on the public footpath network.
- Held first mid-month meeting that helped clarify projects and aims.
- Supported with the purchase of new equipment for May Close.

RESOLVED: To note the Clerk's report.

120/26 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

All reports are included in the next item.

121/26 WORKING GROUPS' REPORTS AMENITIES AND ENVIRONMENT

Public Toilets - spare parts for the ventilation system have arrived Cllr Dyke has overseen and assisted in the installation of additional shelving in the service room. Income – in May we collected £266.30 which was 2% down on last year.

Cemetery – Cllr Dyke has been overseeing and assisting in the renovation of the chapel and the work is nearly complete. 2 complaints about state of grass - immediate action taken.

Village Green – Cllrs Donoclift and Dyke have continued to chase Island Roads and the wall has been repaired.

Memorial Garden Bank – Cllr Dyke has overseen and assisted in the completion of the repair to the bank caused by an unknown vehicle.

Playground Charity (Central Mead) - Cllr Donoclift has continued progressing the plan to re-instate the Central Mead Pavilion as an indoor community space.

Playground Charity (Central Mead) Cllrs Donoclift and Crane have given much time to clearance work around the Central Mead Pavilion.

Playground Charity (May Close) Cllr Dyke has overseen and assisted in the renovation of the play equipment in May Close.

COMMUNICATIONS & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

May Gazette - Cllr Mansell contributed to, edited and published the May edition of 18 pages.

Central Rural Liaison Meeting - Cllrs Mansell & Jackman attended.

EMERGENCY & RESILIENCE

SSE Grant Application - Cllr Jackman, assisted by Cllr Mansell wrote and submitted a grant application to SSE for basic emergency equipment. The submission is through Godshill Matters.

FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES

Actions here have all been by the Clerk and are covered in his report.

PLANNING, ROADS & BYWAYS

Car Park Hedge - Cllr Donoclift has reported its encroachment onto the footpath on FixMyStreet.

BatsWing / Church Path – Cllr Donoclift has continued to press the IoW Council and this has resulted in the receipt of a detailed and positive communications from IoW Council.

Speedwatch – The team has been limited to a couple of outings in May. Many people have said how pleased they are to have Speedwatch back.

Footpaths GL25/GL27 Vandalism – Cllrs Crane reported this and the Clerk emailed the IoW Council Rights of Way copied to PCSO Justin Keefe.

STRATEGY AND LONG-TERM PLAN

Policies and Procedures - The Clerk has updated these on the website.

RESOLVED: To note the Working Groups reports.

122/26 OTHER REPORTS

There were no other reports.

123/26 INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT

The internal audit report was noted.

RESOLVED: That the 30-day period of public inspection of accounts would run from June 15th until July 29th.

124/26 ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2025/26

The annual governance statement was presented and as authorised by the council signed by the chair of the council in preparation for external audit.

125/26 ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS 2025/26

The accounting statements were presented and as authorised by the council signed by the chair of the council in preparation for external audit.

126/26 POLICY REVIEW

RESOLVED: To adopt the presented reviewed policies and procedures for the period 2026/2027

127/26 ENERGY CHAMPION

The project was outlined by the clerk, and it was **RESOLVED** to support and discuss the matter again at the next council meeting.

128/26 PUBLIC SESSION **

No further matters were raised.

129/26 MATTERS RAISED DURING PUBLIC SESSIONS

West Street and Newport Road crossings and footpaths – the council will seek further information from the IoW council.

Memorial garden – the council will attend to the weeds.

Signage - memorial garden and other sites. The council will look into providing better signage.

130/26 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

In view of the confidential nature of the following item: 131/26 LAND REGISTRY

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

131/26 LAND REGISTRY

RESOLVED: To authorise the clerk to engage a conveyancer to progress the registration of currently unregistered land.

132/26 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

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

Meeting closed at 20:45