

GODSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

**A MEETING OF GODSHILL PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD AT GODSHILL SCHOOL
7:00PM ON Monday 7th September 2026.**

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

Minutes

152/26 WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Godshill Matters meeting is to be held on Wednesday 9th September at 18.30. Major road works in the village next month, lots of information coming direct to householders from Island Roads very shortly. In August the model village hit the nation press. Lady Ann went out in July to the school sports day, more opportunities for outings are being sought. The Knitting and Crochet group are moving to the Scout Hall.

153/26 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Hammond

154/26 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received from Councillors regarding this agenda.

155/26 ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLOR REPORT

The council received a report from ward Councillor James Whelan.

Apologies were given for not attending earlier meetings. James explained that the local planning strategy publication is imminent with implementation by the end of the year. James described the issues that had been worked through in particular the matter of responsibility and balance of application review between officers and elected members. Neighbourhood health plan also imminent, splitting the island into three management areas.

A short update on the matter of migrants landing in Portsmouth, it was confirmed that the RNLI will not foreseeably land any migrant boats onto the island.

156/26 PUBLIC SESSION **

Members of the public discussed a number of issues and resulting actions are listed in 170/26.

157/26 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

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

158/26 FINANCE

Completed Payments Parish Council July 2026

29.07.2026	£355.00	Burial ground grass cutting	Eric Crtichison
29.07.2026	£130.00	Audit Fees	S Milford
27.07.2026	£14.00	Clerk Expenses	S Cockett
27.07.2026	£20.99	Website Hosting	Hugo Fox
24.07.2026	£62.96	NEST pension	NEST
21.07.2026	£3.00	CPRE	CPRE
20.07.2026	£400.00	Conveyancing fees	Jeromes and Co solicitors
17.07.2026	£4.25	Bank Fees	Lloyds Bank
16.07.2026	£75.03	Public Toilets Electricity	British Gas
16.07.2026	£113.00	Grounds Maintenance	Island Tree Services
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02.07.2026	£524.49	Kira Salary	Kira Glasspool
02.07.2026	£660.23	Clerk Salary	S Cockett
01.07.2026	£20.00	Hall Hire - Godshill Primary School	Godshill Primary School
01.07.2026	£23.99	Website Hosting	Hugo Fox
01.07.2026	£44.40	Scribe subscription	Starboard Systems

Completed Payments Parish Council August 2026

27.08.2026	£378.00	Audit Fees	BDO LLP
25.08.2026	£20.99	Website Hosting	Hugo Fox
21.08.2026	£3.00	CPRE	CPRE
21.08.2026	£62.96	NEST pension	NEST
19.08.2026	£83.59	Public Toilets Electricity	British Gas
17.08.2026	£7.65	Bank Fees	Lloyds Bank
11.08.2026	£53.46	Pavilion electricity	British Gas
11.08.2026	£397.20	Grounds Maintenance	Island Tree Services
03.08.2026	£20.00	Hall Hire - Godshill Primary School	Godshill Primary School
03.08.2026	£23.99	Website Hosting	Hugo Fox
03.08.2026	£660.23	Clerk Salary	S Cockett
03.08.2026	£44.40	Scribe subscription	Starboard Systems
03.08.2026	£524.49	Kira Salary	Kira Glasspool
03.08.2026	£99.97	Public toilet supplies	Lake Cleaning & Catering Supplies Ltd
03.08.2026	£781.20	PAYE NICS	HMRC

Payments at council discretion

Hedges cutting in Bridgecourt including removal of cuttings £460

Bank reconciliation complete 31st August 2026

Savings	£40,000
Current	£69,174.48

RESOLVED to accept the finance report.

It was noted that the Hall fee should not have been paid in August.

The hedge work at Bridgecourt was approved.

RESOLVED to approve the payment for Bridgecourt hedge cutting.

159/26 PLANNING

Only one minor condition compliance was presented, no comment required.

160/26 LICENCING AND EVENTS

A temporary afternoon alcohol licence has been granted at Bagwich House, no comment required

161/26 CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

The clerk summarised his recent work:

1, Conclusion of external auditing of accounts.

One observation: It was observed that "the authority's reserves appear excessive as, after accounting for the earmarked reserves, general reserves are greater than net revenue expenditure. A smaller authority has no specific right to accumulate funds via the precept."

Two admin remarks: The 30 days exercise of public rights was miscalculated to 31 days, figures on the AGAR should be rounded to the nearest £.

The notice of conclusion of the audit has been put on the website and residents are invited to either inspect the return paperwork or purchase of copy of the paperwork for their inspection.

2, CCLA saving account opened, intention to deposit £60,000 tomorrow.

3, Land registry matters: quotes are being sought for detailed land maps.

4, Best kept village award evening takes place on Thursday 17th September, all Cllrs are invited.

5, Cllrs Mansell & Jackman and the clerk met with Graham Biss and his colleague Danny at May Close, resulting in a May Close report.

6, Obtained quotes for various works as detailed for this meeting.

7, Two burials have been managed at Bridgecourt

8, S106 funds for the village hall are now apparently going to be released to the parish council, I remain in communication with IWC staff.

162/26 WORKING GROUPS' REPORTS

Cllr Donoclift reported on discussions with the Air Ambulance and the Civil Aviation Authority with regards the use of Central Mead by the Air Ambulance. Central Mead can become a designated emergency landing site. Cllr Donoclift will research further and report back at the next meeting.

Public toilets. Cllr Mansell reported that July's takings were £275, £100 down on last year. Following the addition of a new notice board, August takings were £130 up on last year.

Cllrs Jackman and Mansell reported on their day long meetings with Terena Plowright from the Greening Campaign. They are keen to help us move forward on projects. They have much free training from which anyone in the village can benefit. There were discussions on growing food, improving nature, growing facilities and seed libraries.

Allotments – 14 people have now formally asked about them.

Warmer homes and the Climate Adaptation project were also discussed.

Cllr Donoclift has put an application to Island Roads for a drop curb at the end of the pavement going out of the village adjacent to the bus stop and the road to Moor Farm.

Cllr Dyke reported that there had been a number of accidents in the High Street adjacent to the bus stop opposite Cooke & Baker. The worst was a mobility scooter that fell down the deep drain. Neighbours help rescue the person and scooter but it was nearly an hour before they were on their way again.

A 2002 report on pedestrian safety in Godshill was discussed. None of its findings were ever implemented. Cllrs will take a closer look at it to see if any of its contents could be submitted again.

It was reported that emergency work is being carried out on the pavilion at Central Mead, to ensure that it remains safe, and it stays dry.

Cllr Mansell reported that the grant application submitted to SSE by Godshill Matters, supported by the council, after successfully achieving £1,200 for emergency equipment, has now been increased to £2,700. The council will work with Godshill Matters to ensure best use of these funds.

SpeedWatch - currently nine members 4 outings in July and August. The session in School Road resulted in about 40 first time letters and one second time letter being sent out by the police.

RESOLVED to note the reports

163/26 OTHER REPORTS

Cllr Mansell gave an update from Godshill Matters detailing the successful application for a £8,000 grant for speed signs, that project is now being held up in discussions with Island Roads pertaining to positions and approved installers.

IWC waste department have been asked if residents can place speeding stickers on bins.

164/26 TREE WORKS AT PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

RESOLVED to instruct the clerk to proceed with the tree works as proposed in the report

165/26 BRIDGECOURT ENTRANCE AND SIGNAGE

RESOLVED to instruct the clerk to proceed with the hedge works and order the sign

166/26 FUNDING REQUEST ALL SAINTS CHURCH

RESOLVED to approve the grant funding application

167/26 FUNDING REQUEST CHILDREN'S CHARITY – MAY CLOSE

RESOLVED to permit the reallocation of funding as per the report

168/26 WILDFLOWER MEADOW

RESOLVED to proceed with the plan as per the presented report including discussion with the landowner about the site tenure.

169/26 PUBLIC SESSION **

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170/26 MATTERS RAISED DURING PUBLIC SESSIONS

Chase IWC & IR on urgent need carry out planned new crossings and additional footpaths on West Street and Newport Road, pedestrians, especially children are at extreme risk.

Write a proposal to create a new bridleway on IWC land adjacent to Whitwell Road to join bridleways GL21 and GL23.

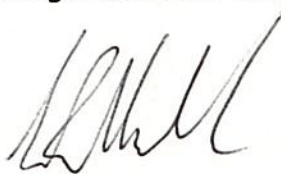
Have IR and IWC address the flooding at junction between Whitwell Road and West Street.

RESOLVED to address the issues above.

171/26 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place in the School Hall at 7.00pm on Monday 5th October 2026

The meeting closed at: 20:35

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'L. M. L.', is written below the text 'The meeting closed at: 20:35'.