

GODSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

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**A MEETING OF GODSHILL PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD AT GODSHILL SCHOOL
7:00PM ON Monday 3rd 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 mention of related police intervention.

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 2nd 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 28th 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

25/01782/DIS – GRANTED

Cuddles Corner Roud Lane Godshill

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 – A meeting with the village hall charity is to be held soon. Clearing in and around the building can start soon provided additional volunteer help comes forward.

The first Warmer Homes Household Imaging planned will probably now not take place as the weather is unsuitable.

Volunteer assistance in the Village Shop. We have no further volunteers. 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.

Emergency and Resilience

Flood prevention – Cllr Donoclift collected Sandbags from East Cowes – put into store in the toilet block with help from Cllr Dyke.

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

Bats Wing/Church path - Cllr Donoclift continues to press Island Roads on timings. The owner of Bats wing has confirmed that she is paying for the wall repair with work now started.

Cllr Donoclift confirmed with Island Roads that the 'Village Green' wall repair will be completed within 3 months.

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

Speedwatch - First planning meeting is taking place on Wednesday.

RESOLVED: To note the Working Groups' Reports.

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 Tuesday 5th 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

Cllr Mansell stated that the council would look into the issues raised in the 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 7th April 2026.

Meeting closed at: 20:10

CHAIRMAN 7th April 2026