

GODSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

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**A MEETING OF GODSHILL PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD AT GODSHILL SCHOOL
7:00PM ON Wednesday 6th May 2026.**

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

MINUTES

85/26 WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

86/26 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from Cllr Hammond.

RESOLVED: To accept apologies.

87/26 ELECTION OF CHAIR

Cllr Mansell was elected chair of Godshill Parish Council for the period 2026/2027.

As Proposed by Cllr Jackman and Seconded by Cllr Donoclift.

88/26 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

Cllr Jackman was elected vice-chair of Godshill Parish Council for the period 2026/2027.

As Proposed by Cllr Mansell and Seconded by Cllr Dyke.

89/26 APPOINTMENT OR REPRESENTATIVES

Cllr Crane was appointed as representative for the council to IWALC, with Cllr Donoclift as deputy.

90/26 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

91/26 ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLOR REPORT

The following report was received from Cllr Gladwin: 'I am unable to attend due to being very busy with my re-election campaign.

I have been again trying to resolve the Bats Wing problem and after yet another fruitless attempt, I decided to make a formal complaint to Simon Moon, the new Strategic Director of Community Services, on behalf of myself, the Parish Council and the Residents and visitors to Godshill. I have

already received a very positive response to this complaint from him, and he seems very keen to ensure that this footpath is finally opened again to the public as soon as possible.

I am continuing to pursue for the reduction of the speed limit on Whitwell Road from 60mph to 40mph. I am also continuing my road safety campaign for Central Rural and the Island.

I have commenced a campaign to Save Our Schools (SOS) and I am promoting this widely. This is based upon my work to this end that I officially commenced in October at the Children’s Committee meeting when I publicly spoke out about closures.’

92/26 PUBLIC SESSION **

Comments received about the A3020 road which is a 40mph limit through Sandford. It is requested to extend the 30mph zone further in the direction of Whitely Bank, Cllr Donoclift will enter a TRO to this effect.

Comment received about the traffic situation around the doctors, Cllr Donoclift responded that a TRO has already been entered for this issue, Captiva will also be contacted about this matter.

93/26 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

RESOLVED: To accept the minutes of 7th of April 2026 as a true record.

94/26 FINANCE

Completed Payments Parish Council April 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 - pension	57.24
Eddie Read	287.00
Water bill	151.87
All Saints Church	900.00
Post office grant	7000.00
Doug McGeogh	377.70
PAYE/NICS	416.34
Electric bill – WC’s	84.84
Insurance – for parish	988.75
Electric bill – pavilion	22.07
Lake cleaning supplies	199.27

Bridgecourt grass cutting	355.00
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Payments at councils' discretion May 2026

Payee	£
Pavilion survey	400.00
Children's Charity	18,724.00
Godshill Matters – Lady Ann	500.00

Bank reconciliation complete 30th April 2026

Savings	£86,209
Current	£33,116

RESOLVED: To accept the finance report, with discussion of Pavillion Survey and Children's Charity grant funding delayed until charity meeting.

95/26 INVESTMENT REPORT

The council received a report on current investments and balances.

RESOLVED: To note the report.

96/26 PLANNING

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

26/00480/RVC | Removal of condition 4 on 21/02146/FUL which restricts the ownership of the holiday accommodation to Bennett Stone Barn

Bennett Stone Barn Newport Road Godshill Ventnor Isle Of Wight PO38 3LY
No Objection.

26/00261/FUL | Change of use of land for equestrian purposes and retention of stable block

Land To The Rear Of 5 Sandford Barns Shanklin Road Godshill Ventnor Isle Of Wight PO38 3PP

No Objection.

RESOLVED: To have the clerk submit a report to the IoW Council Planning Portal stating that we have reviewed these applications and have no objections.

97/26 LICENCING AND EVENTS

No matters noted.

98/26 CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

The clerk's time in the previous period was taken up with the following matters:

- Restructuring Cost centres within Scribe accounting system to correctly reflect the budget.

- Submission of documents to the internal auditor for first inspection.
- On-boarding our new member of staff Kira Glasspool.
- Further investigations into land registry issues around May Close and Bridgecourt cemetery.

RESOLVED: To note the Clerk's report.

100/26 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Update from Cllr Donoclift RE bats wing path (church path) and the ongoing issues with reopening – now delayed due to the discovery of an additional 'bulge' in an adjacent wall. Rubbish clearance and management at Central Mead and May close. Repairs to be carried out on small wall adjacent to road at memorial garden.

100/26 WORKING GROUPS' REPORTS

Amenities & Environment

In addition to the public conveniences, Kira has started some litter picking. We need to purchase appropriate litter picking equipment. The public conveniences are now well stocked with supplies and additional keys have been cut.

PC takings for April were £240.65 which is 20% down on last year.

Meeting held with Village Hall Charity. We agreed to have the building surveyed and they stated they were about to submit a funding request to the Lottery. There was general acceptance that the need for indoor meeting space is urgent.

Cemetery chapel has now been accessed and houses several mowers and bags of rubbish. Cemetery chapel in urgent need of painting

Church Path – still closed as IoW Council now concerned about bulge in ancient wall on the north side of the path. Cllr Donoclift has challenged this. IoW council now seem more aware of the urgency needed to get the path open.

Communications & Community Engagement

April Gazette (18 pages) published.

It has been noted that some of the information on the map side of the PC noticeboard is now out of date. Cllrs Dyke & Mansell will ensure that this is updated

Planning, Roads & Byways

Damage to the Memorial Garden Bank at the top of Church Hollow - repairs underway.

Speedwatch Team have had their first official meeting and ran their first recording session last Monday morning.

Strategy and Long-Term Plan

Existing policies and procedures have been reviewed and updates required have been listed. Additional policies and procedures have been drafted and are to be added.

RESOLVED: To note the Working Groups' Reports.

101/26 OTHER REPORTS

No other reports.

102/26 DATA PROTECTION POLICY

RESOLVED: To adopt the presented data protection policy without amendments.

103/26 INFORMATION REQUEST POLICY

RESOLVED: To adopt the presented information request policy without amendments.

104/26 HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY

RESOLVED: To adopt the presented health and safety policy without amendments.

105/26 COMPLAINT PROCEDURE

RESOLVED: To adopt the presented complaint procedure without amendments.

106/26 POLICY REVIEW

RESOLVED: To conduct further review and amendments of policies and re-present item at next full council meeting.

107/26 PUBLIC SESSION **

No further matter raised.

108/26 MATTERS RAISED DURING PUBLIC SESSIONS

Cllr Mansell confirmed that the council would look into the dangers to pedestrians in the area of the junctions between Redhill Lane, Lessland Lane and the A3020 Shanklin Road.

Cllr Mansell also confirmed that the council will contact Captiva and also look into the growing problems on Yarborough Close between the junction with Newport Road and the Doctors' Surgery.

109/26 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place in the School Hall at 7.00pm on Monday 1st June 2026.

Meeting closed at 19:45