

GODSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

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**A MEETING OF GODSHILL PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD AT GODSHILL SCHOOL
7:00PM ON Monday 2nd February 2026.**

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

MINUTES

21/26 WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flooding in the High Street and Moor View was mentioned and Councillors Crane, Donoclift and Dyke were commended for their swift action at night to alleviate the situations.

Councillors were thanked for their involvement in the Budget Open Forum which was seen as a success and a model for future Open Forums.

It was noted that the Taverners will be re-opening on Saturday 7th February at noon.

Via the Godshill Community Facebook group, a resident had reported the theft of all of her primroses from her small garden at the top of Hollow Lane. Anyone being offered these should contact the Parish Clerk.

22/26 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

N/A

23/26 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

24/26 ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLOR REPORT

Cllr Gladwin spoke about the tragic RTA, 3rd Jan. She reported that following information. Following a request for help from residents last Summer, she had warned the IoW Council of the dangers at this location, but no action was taken by the council.

Reportedly Island Roads claimed that signage would not have helped. Cllr Gladwin wanted a fuller investigation and would like the speed limit reduction on the entire stretch of road; she will focus on that now.

Also, she would like to see a campaign to raise the profile of safety within the ward, would like fuller investigations, and is not satisfied with the annual review system (takes place in November) she is awaiting results from queries made last November, and wants to see outcomes of the reports.

25/26 PUBLIC SESSION **

A member of the public described the recent flooding at Moor view – seeking council help to petition Island Roads to take more care of flooding issues – and to be proactive in planning.

26/26 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

RESOLVED: To accept the minutes of 5th of January as a true record.

27/26 FINANCE

Completed Payments January 2026

Payee	£
Godshill Primary	20.00
Hugo Fox	43.98
Clerk – Salary	600.34
Bank Charges	6.17
CPRE	3.00
Clerk – training	46.20
C Mansell – wreath and expenses	319.62
Eddie Read – Grounds maint	143.50
Island Tree Services – Grounds maint	340.20
Scribe subscription	44.40
Island Tree Services – Grounds maint	277.20
SLCC subscription	150

Payments to approve Feb 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 Feb 2026

Payee	£
IWALC subscription	321.17

RESOLVED: to accept the finance report.

28/26 PLANNING

26/00092/RVC - Lower Dolcoppice Farm Dolcoppice Lane Godshill - Variation of condition 2 on 24/00036/HOU to allow for revisions to approved design and external finished/materials

25/01673/4BCPA - Rusty Rails Sheepwash Lane Godshill - Prior notification for Schedule 2, Part 4, Class BC permitted development under The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order – **APPLICATION APPROVED.**

RESOLVED: to comment 'no objection' against **26/00092/RVC** on the Isle of Wight council planning portal.

29/26 CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk outlined the following activities from the previous month:

Organising the budget, including attending the open meeting.

Managing funds in to fixed rate account.

Registering as official planning consultee & completion of declarations of interest admin.

Received three burials request and processing paperwork accordingly.

Researched requirements to open up Bridgecourt cemetery entrance – need for hedge cutting permit.

Deposited records to archive, collected additional records for sorting.

And mentioned activities to follow:

Ensure that internments go smoothly.

Develop arrangements for grounds maintenance contracts.

Develop Bridgecourt signage and scheme.

Work with Cllrs to develop May Close items.

Chase up S106 documents from IWC.

Follow up land holding matter – Staples.

Manage chapel repair.

Meet Suzette RE: bin position.

Central Mead Charity matters.

RESOLVED: To note the Clerk's report.

30/26 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

No additional reports were made.

31/26 WORKING GROUPS' REPORTS

We are now ready and in need of more volunteers to come forward and start to be involved in the activities of our working groups.

Amenities & Environment

Investigations into electricity consumption in the public conveniences has led to a significant decrease in consumption.

Councillor Dyke is now managing the public conveniences and an account for supplies has been set up.

Site visit with a Contractor at May Close to discuss the work that needs to be done in February and to obtain a first quote.

Removed and disposed of the PC Christmas Tree.

Visual design for the front external elevation of the Cricket pavilion has been created.

Sickness is still delaying a building report on the Cricket pavilion.

Play equipment in Central Mead is still in good order although safety maintenance needs to take place on the zip wire.

The first Warmer Homes Household Imaging is being set up and should take place in February. It will involve Lily Cross, Yarborough Close, West Street, Jubilee Close and School Road.

Councillor Mansell and the Clerk met Mike Bulpitt and Suzanne Stant of Community action to discuss the Village Shop and Post Office. The parish contribution for 2026-27 is currently set at £8,000. It was agreed that hours could be extended with the aid of volunteers, but action is needed as soon as possible. Also, better communication between the shop and the community is needed.

Volunteer assistance in the Village Shop. We have only had interest from a couple of people so far. We need at least 6 to make extending the shop opening hours possible.

Communications & Community Engagement

Godshill Gazette January Issue was published. It included a draft copy of the 2026-27 Budget. Draft minutes of the January Parish Council meeting were made available at the same time.

Files of copies of past Gazettes available in the village shop has been delayed. A few businesses have expressed an interest in advertising in the Gazette.

We hosted our first village open forum. The topic was the new budget.

Finance and General Purposes

Final draft budget put to a Budget Open Forum

Draft job description created for an Environmental Hygiene Technician.

Public conveniences receipts for January were £84.70. Receipts for the whole year are expected to be less than £2,400.

Planning, Roads & Byways

Further update from PFI at IOW Council regarding Bats Wing footpath as well as the village green Wall.

Following an emergency call to the clerk regarding flooding in Moor View, Councillors Crane, Donoclift and Dyke carried out emergency drain clearances in the High Street and School Road to alleviate the problems.

RESOLVED: To note the Working Groups' Reports. No further actions were agreed.

32/26 OTHER REPORTS

Neighbourhood Watch

Whilst Neighbourhood Watch was set up in Godshill several years ago, it is currently inactive. However, the reports received for the Isle of Wight are monitored Councillor Mansell.

Incident reports are produced by a team of NW Police volunteers Incidents include burglary, theft, vehicle crime & criminal damage incidents in our local areas.

The information provided is only of reported incidents and is strictly limited so future police investigations are not compromised.

Since the start of the new council in May 2025, there have been no incidents reported in Godshill.

33/26 GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE

RESOLVED: for Godshill Parish Council to enact the GPC.

34/26 ELECTRICITY CONTRACT

RESOLVED: to authorise the Clerk to negotiate a contract for electricity supply with Fortis Energy.

35/26 2026/27 BUDGET

The household precept is to remain the same as last year. This represents a decrease in the precept in real terms.

RESOLVED: to accept the budget without amendments, to set the household precept at £77.30 for a band D property and to authorise the Clerk to inform the local authority of the total precept sought.

36/26 PUBLIC SESSION **

37/26 MATTERS RAISED DURING PUBLIC SESSIONS

ACTION – Councillors to work with Clerk to ensure Island Roads and IoW Council fully understand the nature of the flooding that occurs in Moor View and report progress at the next council meeting.

ACTION – Chair to liaise with our ward councillor, the other three Central Rural parishes and Godshill Matters on road safety and speeding and report progress at the next council meeting.

38/26 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place in the School Hall at 7.00pm on Monday 2nd March 2026.

Meeting closed at: 20:10

CHAIRMAN 2nd March 2026