

GODSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

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**A MEETING OF GODSHILL PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD AT GODSHILL SCHOOL
7:30PM ON MONDAY 5TH JANUARY 2026.**

PRESENT: Cllrs Crane, Dyke, Hammond & Mansell

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: S Cockett (Clerk) & 7 members of the public

MINUTES

01/26 WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sincere condolences were offered on behalf of the council following the tragic death of Tristain Price in a road traffic accident within the parish.

Godshill Matters was praised for their organisation and running of Godshill Christmas Cracker, thanks also to participating residents and organisations.

It was noted that the next Godshill Matters meeting will take place on Wednesday 14th January and the next Godshill Gazette and draft minutes of this meeting will be published on the 17th of January.

02/26 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

RESOLVED: to accept apologies for absence from Cllrs Hammond & Jackman.

03/26 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

04/26 ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLOR REPORT

A report from Cllr Caroline Gladwin was read out detailing the following:

All Isle of Wight council members and party groups have stated their objection to any further postponement of the local authority elections that are due to take place in May 2026.

She will be following up with Island Roads/ PFI Highways regarding Godshill matters which were due to be discussed at the annual review in November and will also be chasing up the situation with the closed Bats Wing path.

She attended the Godshill Christmas Cracker on Saturday 6th of December and had a very nice time and found it a good start to the festivities. And wished all a Happy New Year and hope that you had a lovely Christmas.

05/26 PUBLIC SESSION **

The continuing closure of the Bats Wing path was brought up.

The separation of the nursery from the primary school into a free-standing separate business from the school was discussed.

It was raised that there were two road traffic incidents nearby on the preceding Saturday evening.

06/26 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

RESOLVED: To accept the minutes of 1st of December as a true record.

07/26 FINANCE

RESOLVED: to note and approve the following payments:

Completed Payments December 2025

Payee	£
Godshill Primary	20.00
Hugo Fox	43.98
Clerk - Training	20.00
Island Cleaning	1194.92
Tony Gardening	250.00
Doug McGeoch	617.40
Clerk - Laptop	189.00
Scribe - onboarding	537.60
Island Roads - Bins	369.60
Clerk - Salary	600.34
IW Council - Elections	1222.85
Eddie Read - village green/public WC	384.00
Bank Charges	7.77
Godshill Matters - contribution	200.00
Public WC - water	138.78
Public WC - electricity	682.31
CPRE	3.00
NEST pensions (38.68)	171.72

Payments to approve Jan 2026

Payee	£
Godshill Primary	20.00
Hugo Fox	43.98
Scribe	37.00
Clerk salary (est)	600.34
CPRE	3.00
Doug McGeoch INV1099	340.20
SLCC - Membership subscription	150.00
C Mansell - S.137 wreath	100.00
C Mansell - printing	219.62
Doug McGeoch INV1108	277.20

Payments at councils' discretion Jan 2026

Payee	£
SLCC - training	154.00

08/26 PLANNING

25/01782/DIS Cuddles Corner Roud Lane Godshill - Condition compliance application on 25/00763/FUL relating to condition 5 (Monitoring Wastewater Treatment Plant).

25/01780/CLEUD Bathingbourne Farm Bathingbourne Lane - Lawful Development Certificate to establish continued use of land for storage purposes in excess of 10 years.

22/02176/FUL Lower Yard Farm, Newport Road, Godshill - Change of drainage to 'Low Nutrient Bio Bubble System'.

RESOLVED: to comment 'no objection' on the Isle of Wight council planning portal.

09/26 CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

The clerk updated the council on the progress made in migrating the councils accounts to the Scribe accounting system.

It was noted that Fortis energy has been engaged to seek a new tariff for the council's electricity needs.

The clerk outlined meeting with the ground maintenance contractors, the registration with the Isle of Wight council as an official planning consultee and the opening of an asset register for the council properties.

An update was given on upcoming training opportunities.

The Clerk described a recent situation of impersonation whereby a local resident had a letter hand delivered detailing complaints about parking and bin placement. The letter used the Godshill Parish Council logo. The Clerk satisfied the resident that the letter was not from the Parish Council. Despite concerns, this was not deemed to be a police matter at this time.

RESOLVED: To note the Clerk's report.

10/26 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

No additional reports were made.

11/26 WORKING GROUPS' REPORTS

Amenities & Environment

Putting up the PC Christmas Tree.

Unable to get a building update for the old Cricket pavilion due to sickness (this will be available at the next meeting).

Communications & Community Engagement

Godshill Gazette December Issue was published on December 13th along with the draft minutes of the December Parish Council meeting.

Finance and General Purposes

The Clerk, Cllr Jackman and Cllr Mansell, with additional input from the rest of the council, have been building the draft budget for the coming year.

Planning, Roads & Byways

Notice in IWCP (20th Dec) about closure of the Bats wing footpath for up to 6 months. Cllr Donoclift has contacted Scott Headey (Island Roads) asking if this is actually for wall repair, or is a renewal of the existing closure notice?

Cllr Donoclift has contacted the owner of the Bats Wing about the IWCP notice and she knows nothing about the Wall Repair.

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

12/26 OTHER REPORTS

No additional reports were made.

13/26 MEETING DATES

RESOLVED: To adjust the previously agreed dates to accommodate national holidays. The April full council meeting will move to April 7th & the May full council meeting and annual village meeting to May 5th.

14/26 STAFFING COMMITTEE

RESOLVED: to form a committee to deal with staffing matters with a quorum of three. With amendments to the Terms of Reference presented to permit all council members to join staffing committee (removal of paragraphs: viii & ix).

15/26 MAY CLOSE PLAY EQUIPMENT

The renovation/replacement of play equipment in May Close grounds was discussed without objection to the sum of £9,000 as per the draft budget.

16/26 COMMUNITY GRANT POLICY

RESOLVED: to adopt the policy as presented to manage grant distribution to third parties.

17/26 26/27 DRAFT BUDGET DISCUSSION

The Clerk presented the draft budget for the upcoming financial year.

RESOLVED: To proceed with draft budget, seeking further inputs from the parish ahead of accepting the finalised budget at the February meeting.

18/26 PUBLIC SESSION **

A number of items from the draft budget were discussed.

19/26 MATTERS RAISED DURING PUBLIC SESSIONS

To have an update on cricket pavilion at the next meeting.

To circulate the draft budget via Gazette, website and notice board.

To arrange an open meeting on 26th January for additional comments.

20/26 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 February 2026.

NOTE: change of meeting time to 19.00

Meeting closed at: 20:50

CHAIRMAN 2nd February 2026