

MINUTES
27.06.2025
GODSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Friday 27th June 2025 at 3.00 pm at Godshill Village Hall.

Present:

Cllr Fell – Chairman

Cllr Stammers

Cllr Woodward

Mrs Bev Cornish – Clerk

No members of the public

Public Question Time:

39.25 Apologies

Councillors unanimously RESOLVED to accept the apology received from Cllr Parker due to a personal commitment.

40.25 Declarations of Interest:

- a. To receive Declarations of Interest in respect of matters contained in this agenda, in accordance with the provisions of the Localism Act 2011 in respect of members and in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972 in respect of officers:**

No declarations of interest were received.

- b. To consider any Dispensation Requests received by the Parish Clerk and not previously considered:**

None.

41.25 Minutes

Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Woodward seconded and it RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday 12th June 2025 be approved subject to a footnote being added to the Planning Application comments for Arniss Farmhouse at Minute 29.25 that 'following the Clerk's conversation with the Planning Officer, the Council's request for no electrical points to be permitted on the balcony was not able to be included in its submitted response as this was not a planning matter'.

42.25 Planning and Tree Work Applications

Planning Application No. 23/00496FULL

Touring Park, Sandy Balls Holiday Centre, Southampton Road, Godshill - Conversion of 3no. single storey amenity buildings to 6no. holiday accommodation units:

Following a detailed discussion, Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Woodward seconded and it was RESOLVED that Godshill Parish Council should accept the decision reached by the National Park Authority's Officers under their delegated powers but would ask that as the licence will have to be changed to accommodate the amenity buildings, should they be given permission, that the historic permissions for tents and camping are removed to avoid confusion over current/valid permissions in the future.

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Planning Application No. 25/00491FULL

Strawberry Farm, Blissford Road, Blissford - Single storey side extension to create utility room and WC:

Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Woodward seconded and it was RESOLVED that Godshill Parish Council should recommend permission for this application on the grounds that it was compliant with Policy DP36 of the New Forest National Park's Local Plan and was in keeping with the Conservation Area.

Planning Application No. 25/00685TPO

Nether Wylde, Newgrounds, Godshill - Proposal Prune 1 x English Oak tree (T1 on the plan) (Tree is believed to be T4 of TPO 0032/03):

Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Woodward seconded and it was RESOLVED that the decision on the application be left to the Tree officer.

43.25 Internal Auditor's Report

Godshill Parish Council RESOLVED to note the Internal Auditor's Report from Lightatouch (which completed the audit in place of Fair Account due to the auditor's illness) contained within the Annual Governance and Accountability Return. It also RESOLVED to approve the Annual Accounts to 31st March 2025.

The Council noted the following comments which the Clerk was asked to implement: Best practice requirements of the Transparency Code 2015 on the Council Website should include:

- Current Fees and Charges
- All policies that have been approved by the Council
- A copy of the Asset Register
- A copy of the latest Risk Assessment
- All items of expenditure to be recorded above £500.

44.25 Annual Governance Statement

Godshill Parish Council RESOLVED to approve the Annual Governance Statement contained within the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) Part 3 for the year ended 31st March 2025 for submission to the Parish Council's External Auditors.

45.25 Accounting Statements

Godshill Parish Council RESOLVED to approve the Accounting Statements and Statement of Variances contained within the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) Part 3 for the year ended 31st March 2025 for submission to the Parish Council's External Auditors.

46.25 Exercise of Public Rights

Godshill Parish Council RESOLVED to approve the dates for the period for the exercise of public rights for the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) Part 3 for the year ended 31st March 2025 which were from Monday 30th June to Friday 8th August 2025.

47.25 Conflicts of Interest with BDO LLP

Godshill Parish Council approved the signing of the form by the Chairman and Clerk which confirmed that no conflicts of interest existed between the Parish Council and BDO LLP.

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48.25 Village Hall Car Park

To consider a request from a prospective purchaser of the field adjacent to the Village Hall Car Park to install a gate between the Cattle Grid and the boundary of the Car Park to provide pedestrian access for their horses being kept in the field:

Following a discussion, Councillor Fell proposed, Cllr Stammers seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Council would support the proposal for a locked gate to be installed to keep forest animals out of the car park and that if the purchase goes ahead that the Council's insurance company is contacted to check the Council's cover for horses to be moved on foot through the car park and also that signs are erected in the car park for the information of users.

49.25 Wessex Internet

To consider a letter to Wessex Internet drafted by Councillor Parker regarding their contract compliance and the installation of fibre to the premises in Godshill parish:

Following a discussion, Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Woodward seconded and it was RESOLVED that the letter as drafted be sent to Wessex Internet.

50.25 Finance and Policy Payments

To resolve to approve the following payments:

£350 – Lightatouch - Annual Internal Audit

Councillor Fell proposed, Cllr Woodward seconded and it was RESOLVED that the payment be approved.

51.25 Any Other Business.

No matters were raised.

52.25 Next Meeting

Councillor Fell confirmed the date of the next meeting as Tuesday 8th July 2025 to be held at Godshill Village Hall at 7.30 pm subject to there being planning applications to consider.

With no other business, the meeting closed at 3.40 pm.

Members of the Council considered the foregoing in the matters in consideration of their duties: Equal Opportunities, (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and any disability); Crime & Disorder, Health & Safety, and Human Rights.