


AGENDA

GODSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

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To all Members of Godshill Parish Council

You are summoned to an Ordinary Meeting of Godshill Parish Council on Tuesday 9th September 2025 at 7.30 pm. This meeting will be held at Godshill Village Hall, Woodgreen Road, Godshill for the purpose of transacting the following business.



Bev Cornish CertHE, PSLCC
Parish Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer
2nd September 2025

Please **do not** attend if you have any recognised Covid-19 symptoms.

Godshill Parish Council operates under the 'General Power of Competence' which gives eligible councils "the power to do anything that individuals generally may do" as long as they do not break other laws. Being eligible, the Council adopted the General Power of Competence in May 2023 Minute 08.23 as defined by the Localism Act 2011 s1(1) and s8 and defined further in statutory instrument Parish Councils (General Power of Competence) (Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012.

Public Question Time

At the Chair's discretion, this part of the meeting may last up to 15 minutes, to enable members of the public to ask questions of and make comment to the Council. Questions not answered at this meeting will be answered in writing to the person asking the question or may appear as an agenda item for the next appropriate Parish Council meeting. Members of the public are asked to restrict their comments and/or questions to three minutes.

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66.25 Co-option

To consider an application from Jemma Morrison to be co-opted to the Council to fill the existing vacancy.

67.25 Apologies

To receive and consider accepting apologies for absence.

Members who cannot attend a meeting shall tender their apologies to the Parish Clerk prior to the meeting as, under Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972, the members present must decide whether the reason(s) for a member's absence shall be accepted.

68.25 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.
- b. To consider any **Dispensation Requests** received by the Parish Clerk and not previously considered.

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69.25 Minutes

To resolve to approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday 24th July 2025.

70.25 Planning and Tree Works Applications

Application No: 25/00964CONS

Land Adjacent to Godshill Village Hall, Woodgreen Road, Godshill -

Fell Group of Sycamore and Ash trees (G1 on the plan), Fell 1 x Ash tree (T1 on the plan). Prune 1 x Field Maple tree (T2 on the plan)

71.25 Clerk's Report

To resolve to note the Clerk's Report providing information on recent issues and work completed.

72.25 Village Hall Car Park

To consider a proposal from Councillor Woodward to transfer the leasehold ownership of the Village Hall Car Park to the Godshill Village Hall.

73.25 WhatsApp Community Group

To consider a proposal from Councillor Woodward that a Community Group be set up on WhatsApp with the purpose of relaying information to residents, subject to permissions being received that they agree to their data being held by the Council.

74.25 New Registrar for the Council's .gov.uk domain name

To approve the application to alternative registrars in light of HCI Data Ltd's notification that it plans to cease being a registrar of .gov.uk domain names at the end of 2025.

75.25 Safer New Forest Partnership Survey

To consider a request from the Safer New Forest Partnership participate in completing its annual community consultation regarding crime and disorder in the area.

76.25 Replacement Noticeboard

To consider the purchase of another new noticeboard to be installed adjacent to the Village Hall.

77.25 Lengthsman

To agree the tasks for the Lengthsman when he visits on 22nd September.

78.25 Godshill Village Hall Centenary Open Afternoon

To consider the presentation materials for the Godshill Parish Council table at the Open Afternoon on Sunday 14th September.

79.25 Conclusion of External Audit

To resolve to accept the External Auditor's Report and Certificate from BDO LLP in relation to the Council's Annual Governance and Accountability Return for 2024-25 and to consider any actions arising from the Report.

80.25 Finance and Policy

a. To resolve to approve the following payments:

£252.00 – BDO LLP - for the Annual External Audit

b. To resolve to approve the sum of £1,155.66 as the Accounts for payment for September.

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- c. **To resolve to approve the Bank balances - Cheque and Reserve Accounts.**
- d. **To resolve to approve the Budget to Actual Report to 30th September 2025.**
- 81.25 Correspondence**
To resolve to note the Correspondence received.
- 82.25 Any Other Business.**
To consider any other business on which no decisions can be taken or suggest agenda items for the next meeting.
- 83.25 Next Meeting**
To confirm the date of the next meeting as Tuesday 14th October 2025 to be held at Godshill Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

Part 2 Exempt Matters – Staffing

- 84.25 The Chair to propose the following resolution – ‘That under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they be instructed to withdraw in view of the confidential nature of the business on staffing about to be transacted’.**
- 85.25 National Salary Award**
To consider and resolve to approve the salary award and backdated payments for the Clerk for the period from 1st April 2025 in accordance with the National Association of Local Council’s document ‘National Salary Award 2025’ and accordance with her Employment Contract.

Councillors are asked to note that in the exercise of their functions, they must take note of the following: Equal Opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and any disability); Crime & Disorder, Health & safety, and Human Rights.