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GODSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 14th October 2025 at 7.30 pm at Godshill Village Hall.

Present:

Cllr Fell – Chairman (from 8.25 pm)
Cllr Parker
Cllr Stammers
Cllr Woodward

Mrs Bev Cornish – Clerk
Five members of the public

Cllr Woodward chaired the meeting from 7.30 pm until Councillor Fell arrived at 8.20 pm.
Cllr Woodward advised members of the public that he would open the meeting at the point of the debate on the planning applications for them to express their views.

Public Question Time

No statements or questions were raised.

86.25 Business Raised During Public Question Time

No action was required.

87.25 Apologies

Cllr Woodward proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that the apology received from Cllr Morrison due to a holiday commitment be accepted.

88.25 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:
None.
- b. To consider any **Dispensation Requests** received by the Parish Clerk and not previously considered:
None.

89.25 Minutes

Cllr Woodward proposed, Cllr Parker seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 9th September 2025 be approved and signed as a true record.

At this point in the meeting Councillor Woodward proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that the meeting be opened to enable comments from members of the public.

90.25 Planning and Tree Works Applications

Application No: 25/01083FULL

Robins Way, Southampton Road, Godshill - Single storey rear extension; outbuilding attached to existing garage; new roof to garage & creation of veranda; alterations to doors & windows; flue; replacement cladding; remove existing chimney:

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A member of the public commented that the property was in need of some refurbishment and that they did not wish to raise any concerns about the application.

Following a discussion, Cllr Woodward proposed, Cllr Parker seconded and it was RESOLVED that Godshill Parish Council should recommend permission for the application but would accept the decision reached by the National Park Authority's Officers under their delegated powers on the grounds that it was compliant with Policy DP36 Extensions to dwellings and Policy DP37 Outbuildings of the New Forest National Park Local Plan.

Councillors also asked that conditions be applied to the decision notice to allow dark-sky compliant external lighting only and that no materials be stored adjacent to or off site during construction.

Application No: 25/01096FULL

The Wellground, Well Lane, Godshill - Replacement dwelling; detached double garage; outbuilding; sewage treatment plant; demolition of existing dwelling:

Three members of the public spoke in support of the application and advised councillors that the applicants had engaged positively with all neighbours and residents who were likely to be affected the application. One member of the public said that he had been impressed by the way in which the architects had been sensitive to the location in both their design and the materials being used.

Cllr Woodward proposed, Cllr Parker seconded and it was RESOLVED that Godshill Parish Council should recommend permission for the application on the grounds that it was compliant with paragraphs 12, 15 and 16 of the National Planning Policy Framework and Policies DP35 Replacement dwellings and DP37 Outbuildings of the New Forest National Park Local Plan. Councillors also asked that conditions be applied to the decision notice to allow dark-sky compliant external lighting only and that no materials be stored adjacent to or off site during construction.

Application No: 25/01123TPO

Forest Farm Cottage, Newgrounds, Godshill - Fell 1 x Common Ash tree (T1 on the plan):

Cllr Woodward proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that the decision on the application be left to the Tree Officer.

Application No: 25/01145CONS

Fig Cottage, Southampton Road, Godshill - Prune 1 x Red Oak tree (T1 on the plan) Prune 1 x Acer Tree (T2 on the plan):

Cllr Woodward proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that the decision on the application be left to the Tree Officer.

Application No: 25/01150CONS

Strawberry Farm, Blissford Road, Blissford - Prune 3 x Beech trees (T1, T2 & T4 on the plan), Prune 1 x Birch tree (T3 on the plan), Prune 1 x Ash tree (T5 on the plan):

Cllr Woodward proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that the decision on the application be left to the Tree Officer.

Application No: 25/01151CONS

Rowans, Newgrounds, Godshill - Prune 3 x Oak trees (T1, T2, T3 on the plan):

Cllr Woodward proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that the decision on the application be left to the Tree Officer.

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Cllr Woodward closed the meeting to members of the public.

91.25 Clerk's Report

Councillors noted the following report on recent issues and work completed:

Meeting with David Illsley: The Clerk is re-arranging the meeting with Mr Illsley after he had sent some suggested dates for Councillors Fell and Woodward's consideration.

Blissford Cross: No further response from the resident re Blissford Cross.

Lengthsman: The lengthsman removed the brambles in Woodgreen Road and strimmed Godshill Cross ahead of Remembrance Day. He was unable to repair the wooden posts on the pavement adjacent to the western cattle grid and so their condition was reported to Hampshire Highways with guidance that they were beyond repair and needed be replaced.

Noticeboard: An order was placed with Greenbarnes.

Defibrillator training dates: Salamander Safety Training Solutions had held the training prior to the start of the meeting and 7 members of the public had attended.

Village Hall Centenary Open Afternoon: The Clerk had revised the slides and prepared a presentation for the Godshill Parish Council table at the Open Afternoon on Sunday 14th September. She had also prepared posters to inform visitors about the councillor vacancy and the defibrillator training.

92.25 Speed Indicator Devices on Roger Penny Way

To consider a draft discussion paper and email to County Councillor Edward Heron setting out a case for the installation of Speed Indicator Devices on the forest-side of Roger Penny Way up to its junction with Telegraph Hill:

Following a detailed briefing from Cllr Parker, he proposed, Cllr Woodward seconded and it was RESOLVED that the draft email and discussion papers be sent to Councillor Edward Heron by the Clerk. If a response is received then his points should be incorporated into the document. If no response is received within two weeks, then the discussion paper is to be submitted formally to the Verderers Court. Cllr Parker advised he was happy to attend the Verderers Court to present the discussion document on behalf of the Council.

93.25 Data on Existing Speed Indicator Devices

To receive a report from Cllr Woodward on the data recently downloaded on the Council's existing Speed Indicator Devices and to agree on any next steps:

Cllr Woodward advised the meeting of the results for both SIDs were noted by councillors:

Dates for East - 25/5/23 to 21/7/25 and West - 21/3/23 to 9/9/25

Eastbound

98.46% of vehicles were between 24 and 30 mph, 1.5% were between 35 and 50 mph

Average speed towards the SID - 25 mph

Average speed beyond the SID - 27 mph

Highest speed towards the SID - 76 mph

Highest speed beyond the SID - 99 mph

Westbound

94.61% of vehicles were between 20 and 34 mph

Highest speed was 102 mph on 13/3/25 at 16:30

Other high speeds - 96 mph at 8 am and 94 mph at 2.30 pm

5.32% were between 35 and 50 mph

Overall, 1,000 vehicles were above 50 mph.

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Total number of vehicles during that period was around 1.5 million (Approximately 2,000 vehicles per day)

On Cllr Fell's arrival at the meeting, Cllr Woodward passed the Chair to Cllr Fell.

94.25 Village Hall Car Park

To consider a response from the Village Hall Committee to the Council's agreement in principle to transfer its interest in the leasehold ownership of the Village Hall Car Park to Godshill Village Hall and to agree on next step:

Following Cllr Stammers' report that the Village Hall Committee had not taken a formal decision on the transfer, Cllr Fell proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that the item be deferred to a future meeting after the Village Hall Committee had taken a decision.

95.25 Forestry England's Car Parking Charges Plan

To consider a proposal from Cllr Parker that the Council writes to Forestry England regarding:

- a. Its lack of financial inclusion and the financial exclusion on its current plan.
- b. The areas and boundaries within the National Park which are being considered as eligible for a discount on parking.

Following a detailed briefing from Cllr Parker, Cllr Woodward confirmed that he would raise the concerns at the forthcoming meeting of the North West Quadrant meeting, Cllr Fell proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that the Council awaits a report from Cllr Woodward at the next meeting before taking any further actions.

96.25 New Waste Collection & Recycling Service

To consider a proposal from Cllr Parker that the Council writes to New Forest District Council to express its concern about the poor collections for rural areas:

Following a discussion, Cllr Parker proposed, Cllr Fell seconded and it was RESOLVED that Cllr Parker draft a letter for the Clerk to send to the Cabinet member for Environment and Sustainability at New Forest District Council.

97.25 WhatsApp Community Group

To consider feedback from residents on the setting up of a community group and to agree on next steps:

Following a report from the Clerk that not many residents had signed up at the Village Hall Open afternoon to join a WhatsApp community group, Cllr Fell proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that councillors would speak to their neighbours and communicate within their own local WhatsApp groups asking residents if they wished to sign up and it could also be promoted within the Council's newsletter. It was agreed that the Clerk would be provided with a work phone so that she would be able to manage the messages sent once the Group was set up.

98.25 Hampshire Air Ambulance Clothing Bank

To consider a request to host a clothing bank in the Village Hall Car Park to help raise much needed funds for the charity:

Cllr Stammers' reported that the Village Hall Committee was not in favour of the proposal because:

- (a) It would result in a further reduction in a parking spaces after the spaces were reduced recently to provide access to the adjoining land; and
- (b) Committee members were concerned that it would result in the car park being left in an untidy stage if the bank was not emptied regularly.

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Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Woodward seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Clerk sends a response advising that the car park was not be a suitable location due to the restrictions identified by the Village Hall Committee.

99.25 Short Term Investment Bonds

To consider a report from the Clerk advising on short-term investment and higher interest earning accounts options currently available to town and parish councils:

Following a discussion, Cllr Parker proposed, Cllr Woodward seconded and it was RESOLVED that £11k be invested in a 6 month fixed rate business bond with Cambridge & Counties Bank at rate of 4.25% gross/AER.

100.25 Finance and Policy

a. To resolve to approve the following payments:

Councillor Fell proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that the following payment be approved:

£150.00 – Salamander Safety Training Solutions – For defibrillator familiarisation training.

b. To resolve to approve the sum of £974.00 as the Accounts for payment for October:

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Salamander Safety Training	Defibrillator Training	150.00
B Cornish	October salary	432.77
HMRC	PAYE July-Sept	390.53

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

c. To resolve to approve the Bank balances - Cheque and Reserve Accounts:

Current Account: £13,729.99 Deposit Account: £11,012.44

Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Woodward seconded and it was RESOLVED that the balances for October be approved.

101.25 Outside Bodies and Representation:

New Forest Association of Local Councils: Cllr Fell gave a brief report on a recent meeting at which the Forestry England parking charges were discussed and attendees were informed that New Forest Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) had been considerably reduced.

Godshill Village Hall: Cllr Stammers gave a brief report on the Centenary weekend which he said had gone very well. The users of the hall who were there to present information on their organisations at the Open Afternoon on the Sunday had enjoyed themselves but fewer residents had attended than had been hoped.

102.25 Correspondence

Councillors noted the following items of correspondence:

1. New Forest District Council – a number of emails on the Local Government Reorganisation.

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2. New Forest National Park Authority – An email regarding a Transport Summit at Brockenhurst Village Hall on Thursday 20 November 2025 0915-1600 at in partnership with Hampshire County Council, NFDC and Go New Forest. They would like to welcome at least one representative from each Parish, organised via the Quadrant rep.
3. Wiltshire Association of Local Councils – Monthly newsletter.
4. NFNPA – Enforcement Reports for September and October.

103.25 Any Other Business

Enforcement Reports: Cllr Woodward suggested that it would be a good idea for the Council to follow up and check the planning application listings to ensure that the actions set out/agreed in the Enforcement Report were being followed up by the site owner. Cllr Parker also asked the Clerk to seek clarification on some of the abbreviations used on the listings to ensure Councillors fully understood what was being stated.

Wessex Internet: Two councillors advised that Wessex Internet had been in contact with them to seek agreement for fibre to traverse their land as part of the Godshill project to install Fibre to the Premises.

104.25 Meeting

Councillor Fell confirmed the date of the next meeting as Tuesday 11th November 2025 to be held at Godshill Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

With no other business, the meeting closed at 9.52 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.