

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 13th January 2026 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
5th January 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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139.25 Business Raised During Public Question Time

To resolve to refer any business raised by the public in public discussion, and any other matters or items of information from councillors, to a future meeting or to resolve to agree on any other action.

140.25 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.

141.25 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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142.25 Minutes

To resolve to approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 9th December 2025.

143.25 Clerk's Report

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

144.25 Flooded Ford Rescue Incident

To consider a proposal from Cllr Fell that the Council:

- a. Writes letters of thanks to the Emergency Services teams and the two residents involved in the hazardous and risky rescue of two drivers, including a local resident, who had attempted to drive through the fast-flowing floodwater at the Ford in Woodgreen Road on 18th December 2025.
- b. Writes to Hampshire Highways to request the reinstatement of a second handrail across the Ford which, owing to its absence at the site, had created additional risk for the Emergency Services teams.

145.25 Depth Marker and Warning Signs for the Ford

To consider a proposal from Cllr Parker that the Council:

- a. Writes to Hampshire Highways to request signage that the ford can be dangerous when flooded and that it puts in place proper depth markers so that at all times day/night the depth can be better gauged by drivers - noting the number of tourists who visit the area and may not be used to these and the number of cars washed off fords across the New Forest.
- b. Consider setting aside a sum in Earmarked Reserves for the purchase and installation of a depth marker or water gauge should Hampshire Highways to agree to the Council's request.

146.25 Wessex Internet Rollout Delay for Godshill

To agree next steps and actions following the correspondence received from Wessex Internet advising that the rollout in Godshill has been paused following a review being initiated by Building Digital UK (BDUK).

147.25 Forestry England Parking Charges

Ahead of the January North West Quadrant meeting, to consider a request from Cllr Woodward that the Council considers its stance on Forestry England's proposed charges for its car parks in the New Forest National Park due to take effect from April 2026, and taking account of Cllr Parker's analysis of Forestry England's existing 'local schemes'.

148.25 Dropbox

To consider a proposal from Cllr Woodward that greater use is made of Dropbox by the Council and that any training needs are identified.

149.25 Village Hall Car Park

To consider the response from the Committee of Godshill Village Hall to the quoted legal costs for the transfer of the leasehold ownership of the Car Park to the Village Hall Committee which will be met equally by the Parish Council and the Committee.

150.25 Godshill Village Hall Hire

To approve the Hire Agreement for the use of the Village Hall for Parish Council meetings in 2026.

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151.25 Local Government Reorganisation

To ratify the Council's response to HM Government's consultation on 'Proposals for local government reorganisation in Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Portsmouth and Southampton (deadline 11th January 2026).

152.25 Footpaths

To consider any actions which have been identified on local footpaths and where appropriate consider budget implications around expenditure for improvements to access and use.

153.25 Policies

To approve a Publication Scheme for the Council.

154.25 Finance and Policy

a. Payments

£150.12 – Ionos Cloud Ltd – for web hosting July-December 2025

b. To resolve to approve the sum of £963.26 as the Accounts for payment for January.

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

d. To give further consideration and resolve to agree on the organisations to which a grant may be awarded.

155.25 Correspondence

To resolve to note the Correspondence received.

156.25 Any Other Business.

To consider any other business on which no decisions can be taken or suggest agenda items for the next meeting.

157.25 Next Meeting

To confirm the date of the next meeting as Tuesday 10th February 2026 to be held at Godshill Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

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.