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**10.03.2026**  
**GODSHILL PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 7.30 pm at Godshill Village Hall.**

Present:

Cllr Fell – Chairman (from 8.35 pm)

Cllr Parker

Cllr Stammers

Cllr Woodward (chaired the meeting until Cllr Fell's arrival at 8.35 pm)

District Councillor David Millar

Mrs Bev Cornish – Clerk

Two members of the public

**Public Question Time**

No matters were raised until later in the meeting when the waste collection service on rural tracks was discussed.

**173.25 Business Raised During Public Question Time**

None

**174.25 Apologies**

Councillors unanimous approved the apology received from Cllr Morrison due to illness.

The Clerk advised that due to work commitments, Cllr Fell's arrival at the meeting would be delayed.

**175.25 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.

**176.25 Minutes**

Cllr Woodward proposed, Cllr Stammers seconded and it was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2026 be approved and signed as a true record.

**177.25 Clerk's Report**

Councillors noted the Clerk's Report as follows:

**SIDS on Roger Penny Way:** Ollie Adderley at Forestry England has been chased for a response. He's on leave until 16<sup>th</sup> March.

**Footpaths:** No further response to my online message and having emailed the Ringwood & Fordingbridge footpath society about advice on making contact, they haven't come back to me either despite chasing.

**Speed Indicator Devices:** Both devices were collected by Parcelforce on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March for deliver to Elan City.

**Proposal for Village Hall to take on the lease of the Car Park:** No response to the latest proposal agreed at the February meeting. The Committee will meet again in April.

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**Residential Bin:** The matter was raised with District Cllr Phil Woods. Both Cllr Woods and Millar are happy to escalate any complaints received by the Council.

His response on the additional domestic bin to remove waste from public bins was:

*I don't think you can get round the guidelines. NFDC indicates that larger bins or additional capacity may be provided where there is a demonstrated need, for example:*

- *Large households (often 5 or more permanent residents)*
- *Medical needs that produce additional non-recyclable waste (e.g. incontinence products)*
- *Households with multiple children in nappies*
- *Other exceptional circumstances where waste cannot reasonably be reduced or recycled.*

*The applicant must show they are recycling as much as possible, and the council may ask for evidence (household size, medical letter etc.).*

**Signage Letter:** No response as yet to Hampshire Highways regarding signage for the fords and also SID pole relocations.

**Noticeboard:** The new noticeboard has been delivered and this will be installed on 30<sup>th</sup> March by the lengthsman on wooden posts purchased from Cracknell Timber.

**Forestry England Car Parking Charges:** Letters sent to FE by the Council were sent to all Clerks in the National Park. A post was also put onto the New Forest Clerks' Facebook page asking whether any other councils were objecting to the car park fees or raising any issues. None of the responses received confirmed that any objections were being raised or that there were any concerns about issues arising other than a council anticipating that their open spaces would be used more by residents and members of the public once the fees come into effect.

### 178.25 Planning and Tree Works

#### **Planning Application No. 25/01292FULL**

**Sandy Balls Holiday Centre, Southampton Road, Godshill** - Extension to existing storage building:

Following a discussion, Cllr Woodward proposed, Cllr Stammers seconded and it was RESOLVED that Godshill Parish Council was happy to accept the decision reached by the National Park Authority's Officers under their delegated powers but asked that a condition be added to limit the noise generated by the additional recreational activities able to be provided as a result of the increase in size of the storage building.

#### **Planning Application No. 26/00183CONS**

**Land at end of Purlieu Way, Godshill** - Hedgerow management to include laying, coppicing, pollarding and removal of poor specimens over five-year plan:

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

At this point in the meeting, Cllr Woodward proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that the meeting be opened for members of the public to ask questions.

A member of the public relayed the issues they had experienced with the rural track collections and particularly with the glass collection service.

Cllr Parker gave a very lengthy report and statement on the issues he had experienced with the service in terms of the misalignment of dates and days of the week with the dates shown on the NFDC website, on mobile text messaging and actual collections.

District Councillor Millar said that he would take these issues up with officers. He also said that it was important that all residents submit an online report when collections are missed so that the

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dashboard can be kept updated and information on non-collection is provided to officers to enable them to make any adjustments.

#### **179.25 Rubbish Collections and Communication**

To consider proposals from Councillor Parker that the Council:

- a. Reviews the response from the Cabinet Member regarding waste collection communication and next actions.
- b. Considers whether further communication is required given recent experiences on rubbish collection by the Rural Track collections service

Following a lengthy discussion, Cllr Woodward proposed, Cllr Stammers seconded and it was RESOLVED that it was important to note that the issues raised were about the Rural Track Service as the waste collection service was working well for rest of the properties in Godshill parish. Councillors agreed that District Councillor Millar would take up the issues identified direct with officers.

#### **180.25 Wessex Internet Rollout Delay for Godshill**

To consider a proposal from Councillor Parker regarding the sending of three emails following information received from Openreach:

- a. Openreach email to be sent to Sir Desmond Swayne MP with a request that he tries to ascertain what is going on at BDUK.
- b. Openreach email to be sent to BDUK as part of a follow up to the Council's original letter.
- c. Openreach email to be sent to the Chief Executive of Wessex Internet asking him to intervene to ensure the previously planned delivery by Wessex Internet is reinstated.

Following a lengthy discussion, Cllr Parker proposed, Cllr Woodward seconded and it was RESOLVED that letters be sent to Sir Desmond Swayne, BDUK and Wessex Internet and if no responses are received that the recipients be chased every 2 weeks until an answer is received.

The following item was initially deferred to the next meeting so that Cllr Fell could be participate in the discussion. After Cllr Fell arrived at the meeting at 8.35 pm, it was then discussed when he was present.

#### **181.25 Village Hall Car Park**

In light of the impending car park charges being introduced by Forestry England to all car parks in the New Forest, to consider proposals from Councillor Fell that the Council:

- a. Revokes any informal permissions to use the Village Hall Car Park by a local business owner; and
- b. Considers the purchase of a gate so that the Car Park can be secured with a combination lock to deter unauthorised parking.

Following a lengthy discussion, Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Woodward seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Clerk should contact the landowners for the car park to seek their views on a variation to the use of the car park and convey the Council's concerns about the potential for people who did not wish to pay to use Forestry England's car parks to use the Village Hall's car park instead.

#### **182.25 Forestry England Parking Charges**

To consider a proposal from Councillor Parker that the Council:

- a. Reviews the responses received from Forestry England both to the Parish Council and the local MP; and
- b. Considers whether further letters should be sent and, if agreed, to review those drafted by Councillor Parker.

Following another lengthy discussion, Cllr Woodward proposed, Cllr Stammers seconded and it was RESOLVED that in view of the fact that no resident other than Cllr Parker had raised the

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issue of the parking charges or cash payments, there was no merit in sending any further letters. Cllr Parker said he would take up the concerns he had as resident/member of the public as he was no longer able to pursue his concerns as a councillor.

### **183.25 Affordable House**

To consider a proposal by Councillor Stammers that the Council considers options for local affordable housing and, in particular, the availability of any local exception sites:  
Cllr Stammers said that he had asked for this agenda item so that it could be considered as part of the consultation for the NFDC Local Plan Review. No decision was taken but he said he was aware of local exception sites and perhaps these could be pursued by the Parish Council.

### **184.25 Consultations**

#### **a. National Planning Policy Framework Consultation**

To ratify a response to the HM Government consultation on a revised National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and other changes to the planning system which was sent prior to the deadline of 10th March 2026:

Cllr Woodward proposed, Cllr Stammers seconded and it was RESOLVED to ratify the Council's response.

#### **b. New Forest District Council Local Plan Review**

To consider a draft response to NFDC's Local Plan Review consultation on Regulation 18 Spatial Options and Policy Direction (deadline 20th March 2026).  
A lengthy discussion was held on items to be included in the Council's response which was to be submitted by the Clerk. These included flooding in Fordingbridge, the impact of the Stuckton potential site on the traffic through Godshill and across the National Park, impact on the sewerage system. It was agreed that the recently downloaded traffic data for Southampton Road would be analysed to consider potential increases in traffic when/if the 2,800 set out in the plan were actually built.

At 8.35 pm Cllr Fell arrived and Cllr Woodward passed the Chair to Cllr Fell.

### **185.25 Asset Register**

To approve the following changes to the Council's Asset Register:

- a.** The removal of the former noticeboard from the Register at the value of £807
- b.** To add the new noticeboard to the Register at the net purchase value of £935;
- c.** To confirm the revised total value of the Council's assets as £13,901.

Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Woodward seconded and it was RESOLVED that all changes and the revised total value be approved.

### **186.25 Risk Registers Review**

To review the Council's Risk Registers setting out the Council's identified risks, the ways in which they will be treated and to resolve to approve and note any changes.

Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Woodward seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Council's Risk Registers be approved with minor amendments.

### **187.25 Policies**

To approve a Data Protection Road Map to meet the requirements of the new Assertion 10 as part of the Council's Annual Governance Statement:

Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Woodward seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Data Protection Map be approved with a minor amendment.

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**188.25 Speed Indicator Devices Data**

To receive a report from Councillor Woodward on the data recently downloaded from the Council's SIDs:

Councillor Woodward gave a detailed report on the SID data which councillors noted as follows:

**East SID**

**9/9/25 to 10/2/26**

	Inwards	Outwards
Average Speed Mph	24.77	27.05
Max Speed Mph	64	80
Vehicles	222,488	209,828
	Approx 120 Vph	Approx 100 Vph

**Stratification**

	Vehicles (In)	%	Vehicles (Out)	%
20-34 mph	218,471	98%	197,586	94%
35-50	3,960	1.79%	12,156	5.79%
51+	57	0.03%	86	0.04%

**West SID**

**10/9/25 to 17/2/26**

	Inwards	Outwards
Average Speed Mph	27	27
Max Speed Mph	69	96
Vehicles	262,674	242,926
	Approx 120 Vph	Approx 140 Vph

**Stratification**

	Vehicles (In)	%	Vehicles (Out)	%
20-34 mph	246,411	94%	231,169	95%
35-50	16,119	6%	11,637	5%
51+	144	0.05%	120	0.05%

**189.25 Finance and Policy**

**a. Payments**

£52.44 Ionos Cloud Ltd – Website hosting for January and February 2026.

£273.72 – Mrs B Cornish - Clerk's annual expenses for home working, travel, phone, internet, stationery and Christmas meeting refreshments costs.

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

**b. To resolve to approve the sum of £758.93 as the Accounts for payment for March**

		£
Ionos Cloud Ltd	Webhosting	52.44
B Cornish	Annual expenses	273.72
B Cornish	March salary	432.77

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

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

Current Account: £7,673.35

Deposit Account: £11,201.07

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

### d. To resolve to approve the Budget to Actual Report to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026.

Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Woodward seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Budget to Actual Report be approved.

### e. To resolve to approve the virements up to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026.

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

### f. To resolve to approve Earmarked Reserves up to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026

Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Woodward seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Earmarked Reserves be approved.

## 190.25 Correspondence

Councillors noted the following items of correspondence:

1. Email from Fordingbridge Town Council enclosing a copy of the new 2-year contract for the Parish Lengthsman to be returned signed by 31<sup>st</sup> March. As it had been sent after the publication of the agenda, the Clerk will return a signed copy and the contract will be ratified at the April meeting.
2. Fordingbridge & Ringwood Footpath Society – the latest edition of Waymark.
3. Email from a resident advising that his bins had not been collected on the correct day on 2 occasions.
4. Email setting out an FOI request for all data relating to budgets and precepts since 2015 plus annual increases with justifications for increases above CPI inflation.
5. Email from a resident asking if the Council would like some of her ox eye daisy plants perhaps for the pinch points and the area between the gates at the cattle grid that used to have wild flowers in it until someone put weed killer down. She is happy to dig them up and help in planting them.
6. Email from Wessex Water and Bournemouth Water Community Outreach – who will be in Fordingbridge again continuing their face-to-face sessions in 2026 to give our customers the opportunity to speak about anything water-related. They are back at The Branch Café, Fordingbridge on Tuesday 28th April.
7. NFNPA – Email advising that there is fun for all the family at the New Forest National Park Authority's open day to mark the end of its 20th anniversary year. The free event on Sunday 22 March 2026 from 10 am to 4 pm is at Lyndhurst Community Centre includes talks and activities for all ages revealing different aspects of the New Forest. The Open Day is part of the National Park's month-long climate and nature Awakening Festival involving dozens of organisations.
8. Waymark Newsletter from the Fordingbridge & Ringwood Footpath Society.
9. Newsletter from Hampshire Association of Local Councils.

## 191.25 Any Other Business.

None.

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**192.25 Next Meeting**

Cllr Fell confirmed the date of the next meeting as Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2026 to be held at Godshill Village Hall at 7.30 pm. This meeting will be preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting which will start at 7 pm.

With no other business, the meeting closed at 10.10 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.*