

**MINUTES**  
**24.04.2026**  
**GODSHILL PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Extra-Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2026 4.00 pm at Godshill Village Hall.**

Present:

Cllr Fell – Chairman  
Cllr Morrison  
Cllr Parker  
Cllr Stammers  
Cllr Woodward

Mrs Bev Cornish – Clerk  
One member of the public

**Public Question Time**

A member of the public raised the issue of Garmin GPS navigation devices providing routes for cyclists which include locations where cyclists are not permitted. He said he came across a resident in an area of Millersford Bottom who recently had moved in nearby and he had had to advise him that he could not cycle there.

He also advised that when doing a check on the gigabit checker service it stated that although there had been a September review of the Wessex Internet delivery of fibre to the premises, it still indicated that the project would be going ahead.

**210.25 Business Raised During Public Question Time**

Cllr Woodward said that he would raise the issue of the Garmin system with the National Park representative at the forthcoming meeting of the North West Quadrant.

**211.25 Apologies**

None.

**212.25 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:  
Cllr Parker declared a personal and pecuniary interest in JournoLink, the agency being used by the Council to circulate the press release.
- b. To consider any **Dispensation Requests** received by the Parish Clerk and not previously considered:  
None.

**213.25 Minutes**

The approval of Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2026 were deferred to the May meeting.

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**214.25 Planning and Tree Works**

**Application No. 26/00044FULL**

**Fernlea Farm, Newgrounds, Godshill** - Single-storey side extension; porch; door and window alterations; demolition of existing porch extension:

Following a discussion, Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Woodward seconded and it was RESOLVED that Godshill Parish Council would recommend permission, subject to the comments from the Ecologist, but would accept the decision reached by the National Park Authority's Officers under their delegated powers.

**215.25 Wessex Internet Rollout Cancellation for Godshill**

To consider next steps following Wessex Internet's notification that it has taken the decision to cancel the planned build project for Godshill. This means it will no longer be able to deliver a full fibre broadband connection to homes and businesses within the parish:

Following a lengthy discussion, Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Woodward seconded and it was RESOLVED that the following steps be taken:

1. The press release drafted by Cllr Parker is to be reviewed by the Clerk and the contact details of Cllr Fell added. The Clerk would also add relevant notes to it providing a history of the Council's efforts to get FTTP delivered to the parish. It was agreed that Cllr Fell as Chairman of the Council would deal with all press enquiries and speak to all interested journalists arising from the press release. The deadline for the press release to be sent out was Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April.
2. In view of Cllr Parker's declared interest, he would provide the Clerk with the contact name and login details of JournoLink, the agency to which the press release was to be sent so that she could load the document and monitor/track the publications which had read it and then relay this information to the Council.
3. The recent correspondence from BDUK, Wessex Internet and DSIT as well as the press release are to be sent to Sir Desmond Swayne's office with a request for a meeting between him and the Chairman of the Council.
4. An email to be written to the Chief Executive of BDUK providing a history of the parish's attempts to get FTTP delivered in the parish and a request for information on the company who will now deliver FTTP to the parish following Wessex Internets withdrawal.
5. The same letters from BDUK, Wessex Internet and DSIT as well as the press release to be sent to a resident of Godshill who has government connections to ask if they may assist the Council in progressing the issue.

**216.25 Next Meeting**

Cllr Fell confirmed the date of the next meeting, the Annual Meeting, as Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2026 to be held at Godshill Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

With no other business, the meeting closed at 4.45 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.*