


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 June 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
1st June 2026

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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27.26 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.

28.26 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.

29.26 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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- 30.26 Minutes**
To resolve to approve the Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on Tuesday 12th May 2026.
- 31.26 Planning and Tree Work Applications**
Application No. 26/00538CONS
St. Giles Chapel, Southampton Road, Godshill - Fell 1 x Ash tree
- 32.26 Annual Accounts**
To approve the Annual Accounts for 2025/26.
- 33.26 Internal Auditor's Report**
To receive and note the Internal Auditor's Report from Fair Account contained within the Annual Governance and Accountability Return and to agree any actions based on its contents.
- 34.26 Annual Governance Statement**
To consider and resolve to approve the Annual Governance Statement contained within the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) Part 3 for the year ended 31st March 2026.
- 35.26 Accounting Statements**
To consider and resolve to approve the Accounting Statements contained within the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) Part 3 for the year ended 31st March 2026 and the Statement of Variances.
- 36.26 Exercise of Public Rights**
To resolve to approve the dates from Friday 26th June to Thursday 6th August 2026 as the period for the exercise of public rights for the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) Part 3 for the year ended 31st March 2026.
- 37.26 Conflicts of Interest with BDO LLP**
To confirm that no conflicts of interest exist between the Parish Council and BDO LLP and agree that the form be signed accordingly by the Chairman and Clerk.
- 38.26 New Forest Together**
a. To consider a request from New Forest Together to support its campaign for a reversal in the decision by HM Government to adopt 'option 1a' for establishment of unitary councils within Hampshire under Local Government Reorganisation; and
b. To consider a request to all towns and parishes across the New Forest to host a New Forest Together public meeting in Godshill and to help with publicising it locally.
- 39.26 Local Infrastructure Fund**
To consider whether to submit an application to the NFDC Local Infrastructure Fund for CIL monies for the 2027/28 financial year by the deadline of 7th August 2026 and to agree on the details of any application agreed.
- 40.26 Fibre to the Premises**
To receive reports from Councillors Fell and Parker on the press coverage of the withdrawal by Wessex Internet of Godshill parish from its Project Gigabit contract and to agree on any further action.
- 41.26 Broadband Pilot in Godshill**
To consider correspondence received from Orb-Connect offering to set up a fully independent broadband network pilot for the village and to agree on a response.

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- 42.26 Premises not compliant with the Universal Service Obligation**
To consider a proposal from Councillor Woodward that the Council compiles a list through contact with residents of the number of properties with broadband speeds below the minimum Universal Service Obligation (USO).
- 43.26 Parish Council Logo**
To consider whether to adopt a logo for the Council and to agree on any ideas for its design.
- 44.26 Asset Register**
To approve the amendments to the Council's Asset Register.
- 45.26 Parish Council PO Box Address**
To consider a request from the Clerk that the Council changes the formal address of the Council to a PO Box address with Royal Mail at the cost of £499.80 per annum rather than use her personal address for correspondence, online contact information and Council Agendas and documentation.
- 46.26 Finance and Policy Payments**
- a. Payments**
To resolve to approve the following payment:
£375.00 - Lightatouch – Annual Internal Audit
£475.00 - Mrs S Boyd - Litter Warden first payment
£47.00 - Information Commissioner's Office – Annual Data Protection Registration Fee
- b. To resolve to approve the sum of £1,329.77 as the Accounts for payment for June.**
- c. To resolve to approve the Bank balances - Cheque and Reserve Accounts.**
- d. To resolve to approve the budget to actual report to 30th June 2026.**
- 47.26 Outside Bodies and Representation:**
To receive reports from Council representatives.
- 48.26 Any Other Business.**
To consider any other business on which no decisions can be taken or suggest agenda items for the next meeting.
- 49.26 Next Meeting**
To confirm the date of the next meeting as Tuesday 14th July 2025 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.