

GOODERSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE GOODERSTONE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held at 6.30pm on MONDAY 17th March 2025 in the Primary School, Gooderstone

Present: Cllrs Judy Chandler (Chair), Ian Chandler, Helen Harding, Dymphna Pearce, Elizabeth Coleman, Robert Hartley & Ann Melhuish.

Members of the public: 0

Parish Clerk: Miss Lolly Dawson

1. Apologies for absence

None.

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr E Coleman declared an interest on item 10.3, the VE Day event and did not speak or vote on that item.

3. Minutes

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 20th January 2025 were APPROVED as a true and correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chair.

4. Co-option

It was NOTED that there are no vacancies open.

5. Public Participation

5.1. Reports from the Chair/Parish Councillors/Breckland Councillors and Clerk.

The Chair, Cllr J Chandler reported the SAM2 results, further detail at next meeting. The Chair reported that the old defibrillator is no longer in use and it was AGREED to donate it to the Cricket Club.

5.2. Members of the public – none.

6. Updates from previous meetings

6.1. War Memorial Plaque, Cllr A Melhuish reported that the owners do not want anything added to the current memorial. It was AGREED to put all information in an A4 folder in the church for visitors to read. It was AGREED for Cllr J Chandler to source a quote for a square plaque *"In memory of, Charles Melville Harrison and Gordon Harry Dodds"* to be placed on a wall outside the church.

6.2. Unity Bank Account update, it was NOTED that the account has been successfully opened and the 25/26 precept amount has been requested to be sent to this account. Clerk to bring submission form to next meeting to add Cllr D Pearce and Cllr E Coleman as signatories.

6.3. It was NOTED that the mobile phone has been purchased and is in use.

6.4. It was NOTED that the Scribe Accounts is now accessible and should be used for the 2025/2026 financial year.

6.5. The initial consultation for the Climbing Wall & target trainer has been successful, it was noted that if only one side is available, it should be the target trainer, clerk to check if double sided with climbing wall and target trainer is available. Clerk to send off grant application.

7. Finance

- 7.1. It was APPROVED to close the TSB bank accounts and transfer all funds to Unity Trust bank account.
- 7.2. It was NOTED that there is a credit on Nurture account of £145.50, refund has been requested.
- 7.3. The Nurture Price increase notification that the Gooderstone Recreation Ground £116.72 + VAT per month, total annual cost £1400.63 + VAT was APPROVED.
- 7.4. An up-to-date bank reconciliation was RECEIVED.
- 7.5. A budget expenditure report for 2024/2025 was RECEIVED.
- 7.6. The payments as presented were APPROVED and receipts NOTED.

Company	Description	Net	VAT	Gross
Payments				
NPTS	Induction Training	£52.00	£0.00	£52.00
NPTS	Annual Subscription 25/26	£135.28	£0.00	£135.28
Staff Costs	Expenses – Mileage 15.1.25	£11.25	£0.00	£11.25
Viking	Stationary Order	£81.46	£16.29	£97.75
WIX	Website premium and domain	£102.70	£20.54	£123.24
Tesco Mobile	New mobile phone	£58.33	£11.67	£69.99
Post Office	Stamps	£16.15	£0.00	£16.15
CoE Primary School	Room Hire SIN000385	£36.00	£0.00	£36.00
Npower	Streetlight Electricity	£99.82	£4.99	£104.81
Npower	Streetlight Electricity	£92.05	£4.60	£96.56
SutcliffePlayDirect	2 x new flat swing seats (Refund L Dawson)	£143.00	£28.60	£171.60
TT Jones	Streetlight Maintenance April, May, June 2025	£24.48	£4.90	£29.38
Staff Costs	Expenses – Mileage 12.3.25	£11.25	£0.00	£11.25
Staff Costs	Month 12	£332.15	£0.00	£332.15

Income				
TSB	Interest – 10.1.25	£28.87	£0.00	£28.87
TSB	Interest – 10.12.24	£27.88	£0.00	£27.88
TT Jones	Credit for duplicate payment of invoice 13484	£22.50	£4.50	£27.00

8. Correspondence

- 8.1. It was NOTED that the Swaffham Flexibus will have a new bookings app in April 2025, contact the Clerk if you require more information.

9. Admin

- 9.1. The policy schedule, Clerk to upload most recent policies onto website.

10. Village Management

- 10.1. It was AGREED there was no longer a need to purchase of grit for the grit bin, as it has been filled.
- 10.2. The Nurture grass-cutting cutting schedule was RECEIVED,

- 10.3. The village VE Day celebrations were considered, it was APPROVED to donate £100.00 to the event in the local pub to go towards food.
- 10.4. The quote for £100.00 was APPROVED for clearing the concrete block on the playing field and making it good. It was also AGREED for the Clerk to contact the landowner to request if any further action is required regarding residential access.
- 10.5. The quote for Adam Garrett for £495.00 for cleaning of the playing field was APPROVED, to be completed in May 2025.
- 10.6. To quote from Chris Palmer for £550.00 for cleaning the dikes, was APPROVED.
- 10.7. Two additional dog waste bins and locations were considered. Clerk to source permission from highways and check emptying.
- 10.8. It was AGREED to change the lock on the playingfield gate to a combination to replace current lock with keys, if not already held, agreed for Cllr I Chandler to purchase and fit.
- 10.9. Street Lighting reports.
- 10.9.1. A report for one light is on all night, 1 Chalk Row Cottages.
- 10.9.2. A report of one not working outside East End Cottage.

11. Planning

- 11.1. A Neighbourhood Plan information meeting with Breckland Principal Planning Policy Officer, is in progress. Clerk to call and try to get queries answered before booking a meeting.

12. Items for next agenda

- 12.1. To receive proof and quote for the memorial plaque to be placed in the church.
- 12.2. To review the asset register.
- 12.3. To consider goal posts.
- 12.4. Update on policies and website.

13. Date of Next Meetings

- 1.1. Monday 19th May 2025, 6.00pm Annual Parish Assembly followed by 6.30pm Annual Parish Council Meeting.
- 1.2. Monday 16th June 6.30pm.

Meeting Closed: 20:06

Signed:

Dated: