

# GOXHILL PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the **Ordinary Meeting** of Goxhill Parish Council held on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2025** at **19.30** at Parish Rooms, Howe Lane, Goxhill.

**Present:** Cllrs S England (Chair), T Snell (Vice-Chair), M Jones, R Snell, K Favell, D Carnell, A Ruddy, D Elliott, K Bollington

## Public Participation

A member of the public provided a booklet to the council regarding protocol. A councillor asked for clarity on the laws the member of public alleged GPC had broken in September's meeting. No information was forthcoming. The same member of the public questioned items on the draft minutes for September 2025 meeting. The same member of the public shared photos of planters to the entry to the village. Shared disappointment with the planter on Goxhill road.

## **AGENDA**

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Detail</b>
2510/1 <b>Apologies</b>	Apologies for absence, if any. Val Gorbett, Peter Clark, David Wells
2510/2 <b>Declarations of Interests / Dispensations</b>	a) Declarations of Interests, in respect to agenda items to be made and recorded in the minutes even if an interest has been declared on the register. COUNCILLORS MUST DECLARE ANY AMENDMENT TO PECUNIARY INTERESTS WITHIN 28 DAYS. <b>None</b>
	b) For the Council to note any dispensations presented to the chair prior to the meeting, and their resolution. <b>None</b>
2510/3 <b>Minute Approval</b>	a) To receive and approve as a true and correct record the minutes from the ordinary meeting of the council that took place on 10 <sup>th</sup> September 2025 at 7.30pm. 2 <sup>nd</sup> copy to be correct. Add R Snell to declaration of interests. Amend item 11 to clarify discussion of money to update the website. Agreed by all.
2510/4 <b>General Correspondence Part 1</b>	To receive any correspondence and to agree any actions henceforth. Letter from Barton United – football on the field. Request for financial assistance for storage unit. KB mentioned if Mr Martin would like to write to Barton Rotary to seek support. Agreed SE would speak with contact to seek supply of storage container, GPC agreed dispensation. For the Unit be GPC property. Prop SE, Sec RS Agreed by all.

		<p>TS received letter from member of the public to home address. 22/09/25 letter received has left TS feeling harassed and interdated.</p> <p>Same public member posted comments on social media (Barton); without explaining the full situation. Result of these actions TS feels this has left no option but to remove personal details from GPC website and this now puts distance between Cllr's and the village.</p>
2510/5 <b>Cemetery</b>		<p>To receive an update on any recent activity concerning the cemetery.</p> <p>DC ordered notice board, ETA within the next 10days.</p> <p>Tiles on reserved plots still on going.</p> <p>RS dealing with tree which has disease and needs removing.</p> <p>Drainage our responsibility, VG &amp; RS seeking quotes.</p>
2510/6 <b>Finance</b>		<p>To approve the schedule of payments for September 2025.</p> <p>To receive the Q1 &amp; Q2 Budgets.</p> <p>KF explained Xero subscription can be altered as current subscription is too high.</p> <p>North Lincs Tree Services – to remove trees at the park</p> <p>Dafodill bulbs – to be purchased and distributed</p> <p>DC questioned about quotes for removal of trees, due to this being health and safety issue</p> <p>GPC has the ability to go ahead without 3 quotes.</p> <p>Play Dale invoice in question, if not paid can this be paid.</p> <p>DE put forward idea to use order numbers and a purchase ledger.</p> <p>Sechedule of payments; JB Rural needs to be investigated. With the exception of JB Rural...</p> <p>Prop RS, Sec DE</p> <p>Agreed by all</p>
2510/7 <b>Report from Ward Councillors</b>	a)	<p>To agree that the meeting be temporarily suspended to receive the Ward Councillors' report.</p> <p>Ward Cllr's not in attendance.</p>
2510/8 <b>Planning Applications</b>	b)	<p>No Ward Cllrs in attendance.</p>
2510/09 <b>GPC Committee membership</b>		<p>Proposal to allow all GPC councillors to sit on all committees, with the exception of the Personnel Committee.</p> <p>Cllr Leaning left the meeting to take a call.</p> <p>TS stated the information shared over the last few months has been positive from the committee meetings. Shared knowledge informing all Cllr's of plans/actions, and decision making enabling positive conversation with public when asked.</p> <p>Cllr Leaning returned.</p> <p>Prop SE, Sec KB</p> <p>Agreed by all.</p>
2510/10 <b>Goxhill Local Plan</b>		<p>Proposal to potentially resurrect the Local Plan for Goxhill.</p> <p>SE confirmed survey last year Housing Rural.</p> <p>Information signed out by DE (Neighbourhood Plan Steering Plan)</p> <p>Prop to adopt a plan for the village, engaging residents and Cllrs for steering plan. AR MJ RS to be involved.</p> <p>Prop DE, Sec TS</p> <p>Agreed by all</p>

2510/11 <b>Community Engagement/ Surgeries</b>	To decide who will be helping run the community café. October 17 <sup>th</sup> , November 21 <sup>st</sup> , December 19 <sup>th</sup> . SE asked AC to cover October café. Nov KF TS (TBC) Dec RS KB AR  To discuss how best to engage through surgeries or any other initiative
2510/12 <b>Trees in Park</b>	To approve the felling and removal of 2 self set ash trees from the park at a cost of £1416.00  RS dealing with this, discussed previously.
2510/13 <b>Playground Update</b>	To take note of any updates to the park, MUGA or field that need to be brought to the attention of the council, and to agree any resolutions henceforth. To agree any expenses incurred by GPC in the maintenance of the park and playground including monthly safety reports. Annual Playground Inspection Playdale Invoice from 2023. £941.06  Playdale to inspect zip wire cable to be inspected Prop RS, Sec DE Agreed by all.  MUGA to agree quote of rejuvenation to surface Replay using money from MUGA reserves. Prop by RS, Sec KB Agreed by all.  RS to obtain and confirm costs to get the Zip Wire to be fully up and running. RS request for handy-man for jobs around the village to be added to next agenda.
2510/14 <b>Fundraising for Community Projects</b>	To outline a strategic, systematic approach to raising funds for parish community projects, ensuring sustainable income streams, community engagement, and effective project delivery DE propose to form a working group to raise funds for Goxhill Prop SE, Sec DE Agreed by all
2510/15 <b>Planting on verges</b>	To approve purchase of 40kg of daffodil bulbs by GPC at a cost of £89.98 Discussed above  To discuss the payment to a parishioner for bulbs for planting. To be added to the SOP for next meeting agenda.
2510/16 <b>RBL Donation</b>	To approve the annual donation to RBL and the purchase of wreaths for GPC and on behalf of Virginia Beach USA. Three wreaths, Memorial Hall and two for Propellor. Prop KF, Sec TS Agreed by all  £150 Donation Prop by SE, Sec DE Agreed by all.
2510/17 <b>GPC &amp; Stake-holders</b>	Discussion for GPC to hold a charity/ community event following the success of the Mayor of Barton's dinner in 2026/27. Possible working group.

<b>Celebration</b>		SE proposes TS to set up working party SE prop, Sec AR Agreed by all.
2510/18 <b>Precept 2026/27</b>		To discuss and remind councillors and committee members of the need to apply to the council for money from the budget to be discussed in December 2025. SE reminded all.
2510/19 <b>Millennium Green</b>		To clarify the position of GPC as sole trustee and the expectation for the MGT to follow the same protocol as all other GPC committees.  SE confirmed agenda's should be advertised three clear days, including MGT to fall in line with GPC.  Moving forward Sole Trustee meeting will also be advertised with three clear days, with agenda item to exclude press and public – MJ seeking clarification this can happen.
2510/20 <b>Future Agenda Items</b>		To advise of any agenda items for the next full Parish Council Meeting. Policies and updates, following NLC protocol Date for P&D meeting Acting RFO Christmas Tree Grit Boxes & Schedule PlayPark Handyman Viewing of minutes in notice boards, possible agenda in all and minutes in GPC Prasih Rooms notice board.
2510/21 <b>Date of Next Meeting</b>		To confirm the date, time and location of the next meeting. Wednesday 12 November, 7.30pm, Parish Rooms, Goxhill. (subject to any change in circumstances)  Agreed by all.
2510/22 <b>Exclusion of the Press &amp; Public</b>		To consider exemption of press and public for remainder of meeting under Public Bodies Admissions to Meetings Act 1960 (Section 1 (2)) on the grounds that discussion of the following business is likely to disclose confidential information.  Prop SE, Sec TS Agreed by all.
2510/23 <b>General Correspondence Part 2</b>		To discuss and decide how best to deal with specific correspondence and interaction directed towards GPC and its councillors.  Letter to be drafted and circulated to Cllr's for approving prior to posting. Prop KF, Sec SE Agreed by all.
2510/24 <b>Legal assistance</b>		To agree the council contacts its insurance company for legal assistance with confidential councillor matters.  Prop TS, Sec KB Agreed TS AR KB DE CL DC MJ RS KF Adstained SE.