

GOODERSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the GOODERSTONE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held at 6.30pm on Monday 17th November 2025 in Gooderstone Academy.

Present: Cllrs Judy Chandler (Chair), Ian Chandler, Helen Harding & Dymphna Pearce.

Members of the public: 2, including Cllr Fabian Eagle.

Parish Clerk & RFO: Miss Lolly Dawson

1. Apologies for absence

Cllrs Robert Hartley & Elizabeth Coleman.

2. Declarations of Interest

None.

3. Minutes

The Minutes of the last Council meeting on 15th September 2025 were APPROVED as a true and correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chair.

4. Public Participation

4.1. To receive and consider reports, one.

4.2. Members of the public, none in attendance.

5. Updates from previous meetings, and any further actions

5.1. Update on the flagpole, this has been repaired by Cllr I Chandler free of charge.

5.2. Update on the new gov.uk emails logins have been circulated, new website is live, <https://gooderstone-pc.gov.uk/>.

5.3. Update on the memorial plaque, it has been installed by Cllr I Chandler.

5.4. The village gateways have been installed.

5.5. Update on the dog bin installation, it was APPROVED for Cllr J Chandler to instruct local contractor to install at a cost of £50.00. Post and bin have been delivered.

5.6. Update on potential goal post replacements, in progress

5.7. Update on the roundabout matting, quote received £4729.00 + VAT from EDP Play was APPROVED, Cllr I Chandler to instruct. The Playground Maintenance cost code available for majority of cost, and remainder of balance, vire from Shrubbery EMR to playground maintenance.

5.8. The playground signage has been installed.

5.9. Update on the bus stop location for the local school. School have been contacted and responded that NCC run bus service and they will investigate use of the purpose built bus shelter.

6. Finance

6.1. It was AGREED to accept the quote of £125.00 for the internal audit for 25/26 with Sonya Blythe.

6.2. It was AGREED not to apply to the 26/27 parish partnership scheme.

6.3. An up-to-date bank reconciliation was RECEIVED.

6.4. An accounts update was received. It was NOTED that there is underspend in some budget lines including training, donations, trees & defib. Councillors to

consider projects for 25/26. The 26/27 budget will be considered at the next meeting.

6.5. The payments and receipts were APPROVED.

6.6. It was APPROVED to purchase a gate on behalf of the Highways Surveyors Charity, within a of budget £600.00, if required.

6.7. It was APPROVED to fund the tree survey for the Highways Surveyors Charity, quote received for £90.00.

6.8. It was APPROVED to fund the legal fees in relation to registering the pieces of land managed by the Highways Surveyors Charity. Max budget £880.00 + VAT, quote received from Fraser Dawbarns.

7. Admin

7.1. The amended insurance policy schedule was received, and all current asset items have been added, it was APPROVED to accept the £235.64 additional payment.

7.2. The current asset register has been circulated and APPROVED.

7.3. Policies for review.

7.3.1. The Councillor Code of conduct was considered and APPROVED.

7.4. Community Action Norfolk, £20.00 annual membership was APPROVED.

8. Village Management

8.1. The update from highways regarding Clark's Lane Bridge fencing and parapet wall, was that no further fencing would be added.

8.2. Street Lighting

8.2.1. Streetlight maintenance quote for 2026, next meeting.

8.3. Grounds maintenance quotes for 2026, next meeting.

8.4. To receive a SAM2 update, data circulated.

8.5. Highways reports, it was NOTED that the manhole that was damaged was repaired in a timely manner by NCC Highways, and that there are some barriers on the bend on Elm Place.

8.6. Cllr D Pearce provided an update from the Local Action Group regarding Himalayan Balsam, that there are seven volunteers who have been working locally, stopping for the winter, and will be organising more local involvement moving forwards.

9. Planning

9.1. Planning applications for consultation and any notifications of decisions, none received prior to the meeting.

10. Correspondence

10.1. Email from the Have Your Say team at Norfolk County Council regarding the 26/27 budget proposal consultation, The consultation runs from Monday 27 October 2025 and closes on Monday 15 December 2025. The consultation is available here: www.norfolk.gov.uk/budget

10.2. Email from Breckland Connected, regarding Breckland's Local Plan Consultation. The consultation will run for six weeks, closing on 15 December 2025. More info here <https://www.breckland.gov.uk/local-plan-2025> or via the Clerk.

- 10.3. Email from Breckland Planning Policy Officer regarding Regulation 18 Draft Local Plan consultations. Contact Clerk for further information.

11. Items for next agenda

- 11.1. To consider an Amenities Committee.

12. Date of Next Meetings

- 12.1. Monday 19th January 2026, 6.30pm, Gooderstone Academy.

Meeting Closed: 19:33

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