

GOODERSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the GOODERSTONE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held at 6.30pm on Monday 20th July 2026 in Gooderstone Academy.

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

Members of the public: 1

Parish Clerk & RFO: Mrs Lolly Cracknell

1. Apologies for absence.

Apologies were accepted for Cllr H Harding due to alternative commitments.

2. Declarations of Interest

None.

3. Minutes

The Minutes of the last Council meeting on 18th May 2026 were APPROVED as a true and correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chair.

4. Public Participation

4.1. Reports from the Norfolk County Councillor and Breckland District Councillor.

4.2. Members of the public.

Some anti-social behaviour reported in the village, it was noted that resident need to report any concerns of anti-social behaviour to the police.

A Himalayan Balsam volunteer reported they are working very successfully removing alongside the river, which is nearly completely cleared, from the water gardens to Clarkes Lane. The group now want to involve a more drastic approach in the fields with involvement of wildlife association, environment agency and other authorities, and manage flowers before they seed in the Autumn. The group are also recording flora & fauna in the area by entering them onto the "irecord" mobile phone app and the public can also enter onto the app which goes into a national database and will help to give a clearer view of the flora and fauna in Gooderstone.

5. Updates from previous meetings

5.1. Update goal posts and quotes for installation.

MH Goals goal post quote of £929.50+ VAT was APPROVED, it was AGREED to accept the quote from Chris Palmer of £200 + VAT including materials to install the goalposts. Site visit to confirm location, Cllr J Chandler, I Chandler and D Pearce to manage.

5.2. Update on the village sign cleaning, this was completed 20/07/2026.

5.3. Update on dog fouling at the recreation ground and additional signage, signage has been delivered and will be installed in and around the playground, bus stop, streetlights, grit bins & defib box. Clerk to ask school if they would approve a sign outside their fence.

6. Finance

6.1. Up-to-date bank reconciliation, see Annex A.

6.2. An accounts update was received, available on website.

6.3. The payments and receipts, as presented were APPROVED, See Annex B. It was AGREED to purchase and donate to the Himalayan Balsam group two strimmer's within a budget of £400.00 + VAT.

7. Admin

7.1. The Asset Register was reviewed and APPROVED. Councillors received copies and will check assets for any maintenance requirements.

7.2. Remembrance poppies. It was APPROVED to purchase 10 x lamp post poppies at £50.00 10 x lamp post tommie's £49.50 plus delivery if required.

8. Village Management

8.1. Street Lighting updates.

TT Jones carried out annual review, it was recommended that a repair to 4 Main Street opp Gooderstone Manor as the supply cut out is not in the enclosure at a cost of £250.00 + VAT, was APPROVED. The blue lights have been reported and sent to Westcotec to query any potential warranty.

8.2. SAM2 update, next meeting.

8.3. Highways reports, none received.

8.4. The annual playground inspection was received and recommendations were considered.

8.4.1. Accessible Swing Unit, it was noted this should be locked shut when not in use to prevent misuse which could lead to injury, it was confirmed on weekly checks that this was locked, and will be checked weekly. Bolt and washer have come loose, replacement nut required. Cllr I Chandler to purchase and install replacement.

8.4.2. Carousel – Refer to manufacturer for comment on 8mm gap, Clerk to action. Bearings require service. Not running smoothly when platform is load at the edges refer to manufacturer guidance. Lost bolt on seat. Clerk to contact Wicksteed for replacement bolts and parts and quote for bearings service.

8.4.3. To basket seat swing hanger caps missing. Dismantle and inspect according to manufacturer's instructions. Cllr I Chandler to order and replace caps, £20 budget APPROVED.

8.4.4. MUGA – loose boards on basketball hoop. It was AGREED for Cllr I chandler to put together a quote for repair and any materials required.

8.4.5. Cross Trainer – loose bolt needs tightening. Cllr I Chandler to investigate.

8.4.6. Double Leg Press – bolt cap needs replacing and base bolt cap damaged. Caps to be ordered and installed by Cllr I Chandler.

8.4.7. Goal posts, no counterweight as part of ground frame, needs to be secured to the ground. New goal post to be ordered.

8.4.8. Dog waste bin post broken, it was AGREED for Cllr I Chandler to move bin to concrete post 3ft away.

9. Correspondence

9.1. Email from NCC regarding Gooderstone Bridleway No.1 being upgraded to a Restricted Byway.

9.2. Update on food waste bins should be delivered and implemented by September 2026.

10. Planning

- 10.1. Planning applications for consultation and any notifications of decisions received, none.

11. Items for next agenda

- 11.1. Additional Defibrillator stickers.
11.2. Quotes for playground works.
11.3. To organise a St Johns Ambulance, free first aid awareness session, Monday 5th October 6:30pm preferred date.

12. Date of Next Meetings, all held at 6.30pm, Gooderstone Academy

- 12.1. Monday 21st September 2026, Monday 16th November 2026, Monday 18th January 2027.

Meeting Closed: 19:49

Signed:

Dated:

Annex A. Item 6.1 Bank Reconciliation

A	Bank Reconciliation at 30/06/2026		
	Cash in Hand 01/04/2026		20,372.56
	ADD Receipts 01/04/2026 - 30/06/2026		11,105.36
	SUBTRACT Payments 01/04/2026 - 30/06/2026		3,738.07
	Cash in Hand 30/06/2026 (per Cash Book)		27,739.85
B	Cash in hand per Bank Statements		
	Petty Cash 30/06/2026	0.00	
	Unity T1 Accounts 30/06/2026	5,480.65	
	Unity Instant Access Account 30/06/2026	22,259.20	
			27,739.85
B	Less unrepresented payments		
			27,739.85
	Plus unrepresented receipts		
			27,739.85
	Adjusted Bank Balance		27,739.85
	A = B Checks out OK		

Annex B. Item 6.3 Payments and Receipts list.

GOODERSTONE PARISH COUNCIL - PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS 20/07/2026

Voucher	Code	Minute	Bank	Payment Ref.	Supplier	VAT Typ	Net	VAT	Total
4	Bank Interest	20/07/2026	Unity Ins	Bank Interest 30.6.26	Unity Bank	X	£ 105.97	£ -	£ 105.97
TOTAL RECEIPTS							£ 105.97	£ -	£ 105.97
13	Grounds Maintenance	20/07/2026	Unity T1	Grounds Maintenance May 2026	Nurture Landscapes Ltd	S	-£ 150.00	-£ 30.00	-£ 180.00
14	Bins	20/07/2026	Unity T1	Bin Stickers	Keep Britain Tidy	S	-£ 150.00	-£ 30.00	-£ 180.00
15	Streetlight Electric	20/07/2026	Unity T1	Streetlight Electric 1.5.26 - 31.5.26	npower	L	-£ 58.12	-£ 2.91	-£ 61.03
16	Streetlight Electric	20/07/2026	Unity T1	Streetlight Electric 1.4.26 - 30.4.26	npower	L	-£ 65.80	-£ 3.29	-£ 69.09
17	Admin Expenses	20/07/2026	Unity T1	Bank Charges 31.5.26	Unity Bank	X	-£ 7.00	£ -	-£ 7.00
18	Salaries	20/07/2026	Unity T1	Month 3 payroll		X	-£ 278.60	£ -	-£ 278.60
18	Admin Expenses	20/07/2026	Unity T1	Month 3 payroll		X	-£ 10.00	£ -	-£ 10.00
19	HMRC	20/07/2026	Unity T1	HMRC PAYE Month 3	HMRC	X	-£ 69.80	£ -	-£ 69.80
20	Streetlight Maintenance	20/07/2026	Unity T1	Streetlight Maintenance Jul-Aug-Sept 2	T T Jones Electrical Ltd	S	-£ 25.38	-£ 5.08	-£ 30.46
21	Admin Expenses	20/07/2026	Unity T1	Bank Charges 30.06.26	Unity Bank	X	-£ 7.00	£ -	-£ 7.00
22	Admin Expenses	20/07/2026	Unity T1	Bank Charges 31.7.26	Unity Bank	X	-£ 7.00	£ -	-£ 7.00
23	Admin Expenses	20/07/2026	Unity T1	Bank Charges 31.8.26	Unity Bank	X	-£ 7.00	£ -	-£ 7.00
24	Grounds Maintenance	20/07/2026	Unity T1	Grounds Maintenance June/July/Aug 2	Nurture Landscapes Ltd	S	-£ 450.00	-£ 90.00	-£ 540.00
25	Streetlight Electric	20/07/2026	Unity T1	Streetlight Electric 1.6.26-30.6.26	npower	L	-£ 50.44	-£ 2.52	-£ 52.96
26	Playground Inspections	20/07/2026	Unity T1	Annual Playground Inspection	Playsafety Limited	S	-£ 139.00	-£ 27.80	-£ 166.80
TOTAL PAYMENTS							-£ 1,475.14	-£ 191.60	-£ 1,666.74

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