

GOODMANHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 13th January 2025 at The Fiddle Drill, Manor Farm, Goodmanham

Attendance: Cllrs, Mary Rook, Chris Buswell, Tony Warnock-Smith, Nigel Hammond (after item 85); Parish Clerk Jeremy Sherlock; ERYC Cllr Derek Cary

82. Appointment of Chair – Cllr Mary Rook was nominated as Chair

Resolved that Cllr Mark Rook be elected as Chair

Cllr Rook signed the declaration

83. Appointment of vice Chair – Cllr Tony-Warnock-Smith was nominated as vice Chair

Resolved that Tony-Warnock-Smith be elected as vice Chair

Cllr Warnock-Smith signed the declaration

84. Apologies, Dispensations and Declarations

Apologies – Cllrs Anita Greener, Liz Stephenson, Fran Preston; ERYC Cllrs Leo Hammond and Paul West

85. Consideration of Expression of Interest for Co-option as a Councillor – an Expression of Interest had been received from Nigel Hammond. The vacancies had been advertised on the website and Facebook page.

Resolved that Nigel Hammond be co-opted to the Council

Cllr Hammond signed the declaration

86. Public Session

Cllr Carey reported that the Ward Councillors had been supporting the opposition to the changes to inheritance tax that affects Farmers and advised of the well-attended tractor protest in Beverley.

87. Minutes of the Last Meeting held on 11th November 2024

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of 11th November 2024 be approved

88. Matters Arising – none.

89. Councillor Vacancies – the Clerk advised that ERYC have confirmed that the Parish Council can co-opt the vacancy that has arisen following the resignation of Christine Sawyer. There are now 2 vacancies that can be filled by co-option.

90. Budget and Precept – the Clerk had prepared a draft budget for 2024-25. ERYC have asked for the Precept figure by 17th January 2025. The following issues were raised:

1. The Tax Base has increased so the same level of Precept Council Tax will increase income. This varies year on year so may reduce in future years.
2. Events is included as separate income and expenditure heads. The "Events Reserve" is made up of the forecast balance plus income next year. This would be affected by VAT recovery (this would make expenditure higher than income) which will require an adjustment during the year.
3. The staffing costs take account of the revised 2024-25 JNC rates. I have allowed for an additional 2% for 2025-26.
4. VAT is very difficult to forecast as it depends on the type of expenditure and whether a supplier is VAT registered.
5. None of the grants that are under consideration are included as none of this income has been approved. However, the impact of these will be largely neutral.
6. An allocation is included for future revenue expenditure for the speed signs (rotating/insurance) as this will be needed if approved.
7. The Insurance also includes an allowance for inflation which is part of the 5 year agreement.

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8. There is a small element in the maintenance budget to allow for general repairs etc.
9. The "Projects Reserve" is largely the balance from the covid windfall. If the speed signs are proceeded with this would require £1,015.75 of these funds.
10. It is recommended that the revenue reserve should be a minimum of 25% of the precept income. This has resulted in an adjustment to this figure compared to previous years.

A Precept of £4,600 represents a £400 increase in income which covers the additional costs arising from the Speed signs, and inflation. With the Tax Base change this represents a Band D Council Tax increase of £0.40 for the year.

Resolved that

1. The 2025-26 Budget be approved
2. The Precept for 2025-6 be £4,600

BUDGET 2025-26	Income and Expenditure 2023-24	Original Budget 2024-25	Forecast Outturn 2024-25	Proposed Budget 2025-26		Income and Expenditure 2023-24	Original Budget 2024-25	Forecast Outturn 2024-25	Proposed Budget 2025-26
General Funds					Budget Head				
Carry forward (general)	£4,427	£3,450	£3,241	£2,740	Reserve	£1,050	£1,050	£1,050	£1,150
Carry forward (events)	£79	£1,300	£1,265	£1,850	Staffing	£2,527	£2,600	£2,625	£2,678
Precept	£4,200	£4,200	£4,200	£4,600	Maintenance	£894	£1,200	£1,100	£1,170
VAT Recovery	£447	£500	£1,400	£500	Administration	£1,045	£1,150	£950	£1,220
Interest	£64	£60	£80	£80	Insurance	£350	£370	£355	£390
Grant	£500		£4,934		Projects	£894		£6,300	
Donations/ contribution	£1,932	£1,000	£1,800	£1,500	Events	£1,485		£1,200	
					Events reserve	£79	£2,500	£1,851	£3,350
General Funds Total	£11,649	£10,510	£16,920	£11,270	Project Reserve	£3,375	£1,640	£1,489	£1,312
						£11,699	£10,510	£16,920	£11,270
					Precept per Band D	£34.62	£36.14		£36.54
								% change	1.1

91. Community Governance Review – ERYC have confirmed the final changes that will be introduced in May 2027 which, for Goodmanham, involves a minor boundary change and a reduction of the maximum number of Councillors from 9 to 7.
92. Domain Name – all Councillors have been issued with new email addresses, and the change to the website is progressing.
93. Speed Signs – At the Council meeting on 11th November 2024 it was Resolved that the Council agree in principle to the installation of Speed Indicator Devices, subject to its costs being shared with another Council, and a successful grant application with the Clerk authorised to prepare and submit an application in consultation with Councillors. Following the meeting Bielby PM confirmed that they were happy to share the costs and to submit a joint grant application. I have agreed to take a lead as Bielby have no paid staff.

Items	Cost quotes	50%grant	Cost per Council
Acquisition (50% grant)	£2735.00	£1367.50	£683.75
Installation (50% grant)	£1328.00	£664.00	£332.00
TOTAL INITIAL COST	£4063.00	£2031.50	£1015.75
ANNUAL COST	£400.00	£0	£200

All costs are net of VAT.

In addition to the costs of moving the sign there will be an additional insurance cost of £20 pa, and there may be repair costs in the future. Bielby are aware that they will need to budget for these as well. The grant application is largely complete, but needs confirmation from ERYC that the proposed sites are acceptable to proceed.

Should the grant be successful the balance of cost of £1015.75 would need to be approved. This can be met from the Projects Reserve. In additional future revenue costs would need to be met. I have allowed for these in the budget calculations for 2025-6. If the SIDs are acquired there should be written agreements with Bielby with regard to ownership/ membership etc. These do not need to be complicated, and a simple exchange of letters would seem adequate.

Resolved that

1. **Subject to the approval of a grant by the PCC that a Speed Indicator Device be acquired at an initial cost to the Council of £1015.75 (to be met from the Projects Reserve budget) and a total cost of £4063.00.**
 2. **Future revenue costs be allowed for in budget planning**
 3. **Subject to the approval of the grant, the Clerk in consultation with Councillors obtain written agreements with Bielby PM with regard to ownership and management of the signs.**
94. Sancton Windfarm Grant – Bench and Noticeboard – a grant offer of £2,000 has been received. The submitted grant request was £3,635.40 leaving a gap is £1,635.40 which could not be met through current funds. The Grant Manager has advised that the reduced offer was due to the fund being oversubscribed, so funds have been shared out.

3 options were considered:

- a. Not to claim the grant
- b. Deliver the bench (£755) or the noticeboard (£2880.40) and defer the other.
- c. Look at cheaper options. The bench is fairly cheap anyway, but there is an aluminium option for a noticeboard (see below) which would be cheaper (£1257.21). This option would give a total cost of £2,012.61.

Option 3 was preferred, though this change would require agreement of the grant fund. It was also agreed to hold a site meeting to discuss the detailed location of the bench and noticeboard should the grant alteration be agreed.

Resolved that the

1. **Sancton Windfarm Grant offer of £2,000 be accepted, subject to the fund agreement that a aluminium noticeboard is acceptable,**
 2. **Subject to grant approval the Bench and Noticeboard be installed at a total cost of £2,021.61+VAT**
95. Sancton Windfarm Grant – Car Park Enhancements– a grant offer of £265.00 has been received. This application had been submitted in May and the Chair had been given an informal indication by the Grant Manager that it was unlikely to be successful. In the light of this the works have been undertaken. Grant cannot be paid for works already undertaken. However, there is another part of the Car Park where repair/ enhancement could be undertaken and it may be possible to claim the grants for these works. It was agreed that the Clerk check with the Grant Manager whether this is possible.
96. Government Consultation: ‘Strengthening The Standards and Conduct Framework For Local Authorities in England’ – whilst behaviour has not been an issue for Goodmanham the Council recognised the benefits of these changes for the sector. It was agreed that the Clerk would submit comments for the Council.

97. Planning

Applications for **consideration** by ERYC (with actions taken under delegated powers)

24/03587/VAR - Variation of Condition 9 (approved plans) of planning permission 16/00185/PLF (Erection of two dwellings following the demolition of redundant agricultural buildings) to allow alterations to enlarge dwelling 1 and changes to plot boundaries and landscaping at Church Farm Church Side

Resolved that no objections be raised

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24/03567/PLF - Change of use of existing domestic garage to a self-contained dwelling and associated alterations at The Willows Goodmanham Road

Resolved that the Council have no objections providing the new dwelling is ancillary to the main dwelling, and not used as a holiday rental

Applications approved by ERYC

24/03035/VAR - Variation of Condition 10 (footway) and Condition 13 (approved plan) of planning application 18/04082/VAR (Variation of condition 13 (approved plans) of planning permission 18/02350/PLF (Erection of two dwellings and a detached garage (amended scheme 17/00726/VAR)) to allow for a first floor addition to plot 1) at Church Farm Church Side

98. Finance

- a. Financial Situation – The current balance is £2,564.48. A copy of the accounts and reconciliation had been circulated. The balance of grant (£2,325.00) can be claimed once a monitoring report from the Fireworks event is submitted. The Events balance is £1,506.09, leaving a general balance of £1,058.39

It was agreed at the last meeting that Cllr Rook would be added as a Bank Signatory. Following Cllr Sawyer's resignation, she also needs to be formally removed as a Bank Signatory.

Resolved that

1. The Financial Situation be noted
2. Cllr Sawyer be removed as a TSB Bank Signatory, and Cllr Rook added.

b. Payments

Easily (J Sherlock expenses)	Domain registration	£12.23
Golden Tiger Fireworks (N.Drake expenses)	Fireworks	£800.00
SLCC	Subscription	£80.00
First Rescue Training and Supplies Ltd	Gloves	£8.28
ReCoded Solutions	GOV.UK Domain	£0.00
J Sherlock	Salary	£221.59
HMRC	PAYE	£55.20
J Sherlock	Home working expenses	£26.00
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HMRC	PAYE	£43.60
J Sherlock	Home working expenses	£26.00

c. Income

TSB	Interest	£3.72
Bonfire Ticket Sales	Event fundraising	£675.00
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99. Councillors Reports – an untaxed car that was in the car park has been removed. The replacement street light in Goodmanham Road has still not been painted.

100. Clerks Report (for information) – None

101. Agenda Items for Next Meeting – Windfarm and PCC grants

102. Date and time of next meeting –Monday 10th March 2025 at 7:00pm at the Fiddle Drill, Main Street, Goodmanham

..... Signature of Chair