

GOODMANHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 10th November 2025 at The Fiddle Drill, Manor Farm, Goodmanham

Attendance: Cllrs, Mary Rook, Chris Buswell, Anita Greener, Nigel Hammond, Fran Preston, Andrew Goodwin, Derek Dunston and Tony Warnock-Smith

Parish Clerk Jeremy Sherlock;

1 member of the public

61. Apologies, Dispensations and Declarations

Apologies: Cllr Zoe Shinkins; ERYC Cllrs Leo Hammond and Derek Cary

62. Public Session

A History Research Group has been established, and is reviewing the Parish Council records.

63. Minutes of the Last Meeting held on 8th September 2025

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of 18th September 2025 be approved

64. Matters Arising – the repairs to the fencing next to the footpath between Edwin's Garth properties have been completed.

65. Highways and Parking – a number of issues re to Highways and Parking were discussed at the last meeting, and a meeting has been held with Cllr Hammond. The following was discussed:

1. Yellow lines proposal by ERYC – it is still felt that the proposal is inadequate, but it was agreed that it should be supported as an additional step. There is a danger of further delay or nothing happening. The proposal will be subject to formal consultation.
2. Auto Speedwatch cameras – the purchase cost is £779+VAT plus installation and consent would be needed from ERYC and the Police, though it is understood that these are now supported by these bodies. It was agreed to explore grant assistance to install one at the lower end of the village. There is also a licence fee of £179 per year, and some administration time.
3. Tractor speeds – the Chair will approach relevant framers to encourage appropriate speeds through the village.
4. Speed Signs - ERYC took 4 weeks to relocate the sign, and then put it in the wrong place. They are charging £100+VAT for this service. The potential the Parish Council doing this has been discussed with Bielby, and it was agreed to do this going forward.

Resolved that:

1. **The yellow lines proposal from ERYC be supported**
2. **The purchase of an Auto Speedwatch camera be approved in principle, and opportunities for grant funding be explored**
3. **The Parish Council, and Bielby PM arrange for the Speed Sign relocations in the future.**

66. Parish Pit – an updated report prepared by the Clerk was considered. It was agreed in principle that the site should be progressed as a Nature Reserve. Research undertaken by the History Group has found reference to the Parish Council leasing the site for over 100 years, so there seems to be a strong claim for ownership despite the lack of title documentation. It was agreed to hold a site meeting before any further action is taking, and that it be considered further at the next meeting. The recently announced EGL2 grants seem a potential source of funds.

67. Sancton Windfarm Fund – following the agreement in principle at the last meeting, the Clerk had submitted a grant application for £2,546.86 including the following – Bench, Red Lane, Daffodils, Gravel purchase, Picnic Table, Sign to ensure that an application was submitted before the deadline.

Resolved that the action of the Clerk in submitting a Windfarm Grant application for £2,546.86 be endorsed, and the expenditure be approved should the grant application be approved in full

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68. Website - following advice from the Government, NALC and SLCC the Council changed to a .gov.uk Domain Name last year. All email addresses now use this Domain name. The website change proved trickier. This is currently hosted by ERYC using goodmanhamparishcouncil.gov.uk, but using www.goodmanham-pc.gov.uk directs users to this site. It is a legal requirement for Parish Councils to have a website which needs to include documents such as Agendas, Minutes, Annual Return and Policies.

Whilst the current site meets legal requirements, it would benefit from a refresh to make it more user friendly. Cllr Shinkins has offered to do a redesign. I have discussed this with ReCoded Solutions who currently host the Domain name. They could host a new website, though this would incur a one off cost of £240+VAT for the software. In addition there would be an extra cost of £50pa for the hosting. If the Council wish to have an independent website these costs would need to be included in next year's budget.

The Council would welcome an improved website, but felt that the potential of improving the existing site be explored further as this would not involve any substantial cost.

69. Whatsapp Policy – the Clerk had circulated a Policy to ensure that the recently established Whatsapp Group is operated appropriately.

Resolved that the Whatsapp Policy be approved

70. Fireworks – following a request from the Events Group the Clerk had acquired Fireworks through the Events Reserve at a cost of £898.94 so that they could be used on Bonfire Night.

Resolved that the action of the Clerk in acquiring Fireworks at a cost of £898.94 be endorsed

71. Future meeting venue – following a report that the Fiddle Drill may not be available for future meetings the Clerk checked and has been advised by Manor Farm that there is no intention of making any changes in availability in the immediate future. In anticipation of possible future change the Clerk has contacted Paxwold to explore its availability. The Church is also an alternative, though this would be cold in winter.
72. Defibrillator Training – the Clerk advised that Yorkshire Ambulance could offer free training after February. It was agreed that 7pm would be a suitable time, and that villagers/ other Councils be invited subject to managing numbers.

73. Finance

- a. Financial Situation – the current balance is £2,326.55. A copy of the accounts and reconciliation has been circulated. It was reported at the last meeting that ERYC will be refunding £235 for an overcharge for the Speed Sign post installation. I am still awaiting this. Once received I will be able to claim the balance of the grant (£664) from the PCC.

The Clerk advised that TSB were no longer allowing cash to be paid into the Banking Hub unless you use a Bank Card. It was agreed to consider the implications of obtaining a Bank Card at the next meeting.

Resolved that the financial situation be noted

b. Payments

J Sherlock	Expenses (Anti virus)	£49.99
J Sherlock	Expenses (Printer paper)	£7.00
J Sherlock	Salary	£209.17
HMRC	PAYE	£52.20
J Sherlock	Home working expenses	£26.00
Recoded Solutions	Domain	£108.00
Leeds Fireworks	Fireworks	£898.94
J Sherlock	Salary	£209.17
HMRC	PAYE	£52.20
J Sherlock	Home working expenses	£26.00

c. Income

TSB	Interest	£5.77
TSB	Compensation	£25.00

74. Councillors Reports – Cllr Greener asked about planting the 2 bags of Daffodils that were available. Councillors agreed to do this in the near future. Photos will be taken in Spring to identify gaps with a view to planting more daffodils next year.

Cllr Warrnock-Smith advised that the sides of Red Lane were falling away, and that there is a hole on the old Railway Bridge. He asked regarding the provision of a grit bin. The Clerk will raise this with Highways.

Cllr Dunston advised that ERYC Education had been approached with regard to access to the School Bus.

Cllr Preston advised that village grids need clearing. The Clerk will raise this with Highways.

Cllr N Hammond said that the works undertaken by Highways to clear Fleetbeck Lane were very good. He asked whether a bootscraper could be provided. It was agreed to consider this at the next meeting.

Cllr Buswell praised the quality of grass cutting in the village.

Cllr Rook asked if the Church grass cutting could be reviewed as part of the Budget process.

75. Clerks Report (for information) – none
76. Agenda Items for Next Meeting – Budget and Precept, Auto Speedwatch Camera, Parish Pit, Bank Card, Bootscraper
77. Date and time of next meeting – Monday 12th January 2026 at 7:00pm at the Fiddle Drill, Main Street, Goodmanham

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