

GOODMANHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 9th March 2026 at The Fiddle Drill, Manor Farm, Goodmanham

Attendance: Cllrs, Mary Rook, Fran Preston, Derek Dunston, Zoe Shinkins, Chris Buswell,
Andrew Goodwin

Parish Clerk Jeremy Sherlock

97. Apologies, Dispensations and Declarations

Apologies: Cllrs Anita Greener, Nigel Hammond, Tony Warnock-Smith ; ERYC Cllrs Leo Hammond, Derek Cary, Paul West

The Clerk advised that he had checked rules regarding apologies. Whilst it is preferred to use email, in practice any reasonable means can be used. However if a Councillor wishes to request an extension due to the 6 month rule a formal route will need to be used.

98. Public Session

None

99. Minutes of the Last Meeting held on 12th January 2026

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of 12th January 2026 be approved

100. Matters Arising – none.

101. Budget 2026-7 – the Clerk presented a revised budget to take account of the adjustments agreed at the last meeting, and to include carry over from the Windfarm grant. The Clerk reported that the Precept will be paid in 2 tranches as this is ERYC policy for Precepts over £5,000.

Resolved that the following Budget for 2026-27 be approved:

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
General Funds		Budget Head	
Carry forward (general)	£1,074	Revenue Reserve	£1,312
Carry forward (events)	£2,600	Staffing	£2,765
Precept	£5,500	Maintenance	£850
VAT Recovery	£300	Administration	£1,300
Interest	£60	Insurance	£425
Grant		Projects	£220
Donations/ event income	£1,500	Events	
		Events reserve	£4,162
General Funds Total	£11,034		
		Expenditure Total	£11,034

102. Parish Pit – the Council have agreed in principle to develop this site as a nature reserve without general public access, as there is a lot of evidence regarding Council ownership. The Clerk advised that the site should be added to the Asset and Insurance Registers before any work is undertaken. It was agreed that the Clerk should check the Insurance implications and report back.

Cllr Dunston advised that he is preparing a report on proposals for the site which will be available for a future meeting.

The Woodland Trust offer free trees. Other funding sources could be EGL2 and the Windfarm Fund. A local volunteer has offered to build Bird Boxes.

103. Auto Speedwatch Camera – the Windfarm Grant currently appears to be the only suitable grant

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source. In 2025 grant applications were invited from August.

104. Goodmanham Car Park – EGL2 Yorkshire Local Community Fund – Cllrs Rook and Goodwin attended an EGL2 event where the Community Fund was promoted. Works to the Car Park were seen as eligible and EGL2 are keen to allocate the funding. Grants of up to £20,000 are available, It was agreed to submit an application for car park space markings which is a long-term Council aspiration. At least 3 quotes will be needed.

Resolved that the Clerk will prepare and submit a EGL2 Grant Application (in consultation with Councillors) for car park space markings.

105. Windfarm Grant 2025 – Implementation – following the Windfarm Grant approval the following progress has been made:

- Gravel – a quote has been received for 9 bags which is less than the sum approved through the grant. It was agreed that 6 bags would be acquired initially which would be an additional saving. A working party will be arranged to tidy the site prior to delivery, and a further working party will be needed to spread the gravel.
- Car Park sign – erected. As there are savings to the gravel costs the Clerk, in consultation with Councillors had arranged for the removal of the old sign at a cost of £120+VAT
- Bench and Picnic Table – these have been delivered. A local volunteer (Andy Mayfield) had agreed to install these. The Chair will contact him to make arrangements.
- Reflectors – the Clerk will make arrangements to install these with the help of Councillor volunteers.
- Daffodils – these will be acquired in the summer. Photos will be taken to identify gaps. It was agreed to purchase a mixture of varieties.

It was proposed that any saving could be used to enhance the Planters. The Clerk will liaise with the funder to agree any agreement.

Resolved that:

1. **The removal of the old Car Park sign at a cost of £120+VAT be endorsed**
2. **Subject to the approval of the grant funder, any savings be used for the enhancement of the planters**

106. Car Park Weed Spraying – a local farmer who is licenced and has the necessary equipment has agreed to weed spray the Car Park at no cost to the Council.

RESOLVED that this offer be accepted, and the previous arrangement cancelled

107. Yorkshire Wolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty – Natural England have published the formal notice for the designation of Yorkshire Wolds AONB. The Council have previously supported the designation for Goodmanham as it provides an extra level of protection. The formal notice includes the village, but excludes some of the easterly part of the Parish. The Council did not wish to make any further comments.

108. Events – work on the preparation for AD627 is underway. The organisation of this event is separate from the Council. The main event will be a pilgrimage from Londesborough to Goodmanham on 5th June 2026. There will be supporting events including actors animating the pilgrimage, artworks, a flower festival, family activities, and a history exhibition.

The Events Group are organising a Beetle Drive, Easter activities for children, a Bread and Beer event, and the Summer Event (20.6.26). A newsletter will be prepared to publicise these events.

The Clerk had circulated some information from the Home Office about the new Terrorism Law which is coming into effect in 2027. Outdoor events of up to 800 are excluded so the impact on Goodmanham events will be limited.

109. Financial Regulations – the Clerk had circulated an additional clause to cover use of the Debit Card.

Resolved that the Financial Regulations be amended to include the additional clause to cover the use of the Bank Card

110. Change of Meeting Venue – the Clerk had met with the Paxwold Manager and confirmed that the venue would be suitable for future use. It was agreed to make the change from the May meeting as this was in a new Council year.

Resolved that Paxwold be used for Council meeting from May 2026

111. Planning

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

26/00330/TCA - GOODMANHAM CONSERVATION AREA - Remove 1 no. Downey Birch tree (T1) due to limited leaf cover during the last calendar year, has previously been heavily crown lifted, and concerns that it may become a hazard to the highway and property; Crown reduce 1 no. Downey Birch tree (T2) by up to 3 metres (15%) to re-shape and balance and to retain its appeal and viability at Mulberry Cottage Goodmanham Road

The Council would not object to the removal of tree T1 if it is in poor condition. Its loss would have some impact on the street scene and it would be better if a replacement was planted, though it is recognised that this cannot be conditioned. The Council has no objection to the Crown reduction of tree T2.

26/00410/PLF Church Farm Church Side - Change of use of land from agricultural to domestic (additional garden area for Plot 2)

Resolved that no objections be raised

26/00474/VAR Church Farm Church Side - Variation of Condition 8 (Approved Plans) of planning permission - 25/00659/VAR (Variation of Condition 7 (approved plans) of planning permission 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 the installation of rooflights to east and west facing roof slopes of Dwelling 1 to create additional living accommodation at first floor level) to allow for a design change of Dwelling 2 through amended plans

Resolved that no objections be raised

Applications **approved** by ERYC

25/03335/PLF - Erection of an additional poultry shed and associated infrastructure at Goodmanham Grange, Cross Gate

112. Finance

a. Clerk's Finance report - the current balance is £4,440.96. This includes a VAT claim for £932.85.

The Events balance is £2,841.43, and there is a grant commitment for £678.09, leaving a general balance of £921.44.

Resolved that the financial situation be noted

b. Payments

Danielle Quiney	Summer event	£60.00
Information Commissioner	Data protection fee	£47.00
J Sherlock	Salary	£180.92
HMRC	PAYE	£45.00
J Sherlock	Home working expenses	£26.00
Safety Supply Company	Reflectors	£54.01
Vizcom	Sign Board	£1,099.51
Vizcom	Removal of old sign	£168.00

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NBB Recycled Furniture	Bench/ Picnic Table	£920.40
J Sherlock	Salary	£180.92
HMRC	PAYE	£45.00
J Sherlock	Home working expenses	£26.00

c. Income

TSB	Interest	£3.45
PCC Humberside	SID Grant	£664.00
Quiz nights	Events fundraising	£125.00
TSB	Interest	£3.88
ERYC	Windfarm Grant	£2,546.36

113. Councillors Reports – Cllr Rook advised that grids had been marked but not cleared. Gully cleaning had only been done on one side. The Clerk will raise with Highways.

Work to clear the under road culvert near the Railway Bridge is underway.

114. Clerks Report (for information) – the Clerk advised that a large pothole on Cross Gate near to Goodmanham Grange has been reported. Highways have not yet refreshed the nearby SLOW signs which was promised last year. The Clerk will raise with Highways.

115. Agenda Items for Next Meeting – Annual Return, Car Park, Parish Pit

116. Date and time of next meeting –Monday 11th May 2026 at 7:00pm at the Paxwold, Main Street, Goodmanham

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