

GOODMANHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 14th September 2026 at Paxwold, Goodmanham

Attendance: Cllrs, Mary Rook, Chris Buswell, Zoe Shinkins, Nigel Hammond, Andrew Goodwin, Fran Preston

Parish Clerk Jeremy Sherlock;

ERYC Cllrs West and Cary

44. Apologies, Dispensations and Declarations

Apologies – Cllr Tony Warnock-Smith (illness), ERYC Cllr Leo Hammond

Cllr Warnock- Smith has advised the Chair that he is resigning from the Council. This vacancy will be formally advertised shortly after this meeting. This resignation leaves a vacancy as vice Chair, and as a Council Bank Signatory.

Resolved that Cllr Goodwin be appointed as vice Chair and Bank Signatory

45. Public Session

Cllr West advised:

- He is continuing to discuss the idea of a chicane under the Railway Bridge with Highways.
- The Tree in the Beck is the responsibility of the landowner. Cllr Shinkins agreed to raise this with the landowner.
- There is a walking/ cycling consultation through the ERYC Common Place website. Suggestions for improvements included Fleetbeck Lane, kissing gates for the footpath next to Bretwalda, and the footway under the Railway Bridge.
- ERYC are changing their gully cleaning process to prioritise areas of need (as assessed by their Inspectors) rather than on a rota basis.
- Yorkshire Water intend painting yellow fish on gullies that drain to a watercourse to discourage people from pouring polluted materials into them

Cllr Preston advised that grass was growing in material at the edge of the road between Market Weighton and Goodmanham. Cllr West will raise this with Highways.

Cllr Cary advised that Parish Council's will no longer be able to ask for planning applications to go to Committee, but Ward Councillors will continue to be able to make this request, which will be subject to a "Gateway Test". This change is part of national policy.

46. Minutes of the Last Meeting held on 13th July 2026

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of 13th July 2026 be approved

47. Matters Arising - None

48. Tree Inspection report – the Clerk had circulated the Tree Inspection report carried out by a Tree Surgeon. This advised that no works were required to the trees at the Picnic Area, but that there were a number of dead trees at the Parish Pit, some on the site boundary, which required felling. The Tree Surgeon gave an indicative cost of £550 for these works. As this is a significant budget for the Parish Council it was agreed to explore whether this could be included as part of a grant application to the Windfarm Fund,

49. Road Closures – the Clerk circulated responses from ERYC about the problems caused by recent road closures. The following was discussed:

- Requirements for working space limit opportunities to keep narrow roads open.
- Many of the works are by utilities – ERYC have limited ability to control these works. Utilities have the powers to carry out "emergency works" with limited notice.

- ERYC are introducing a “lane rental” charge to try to minimise road closures
- The Clerk has subscribed to one.network which gives notification of proposed streetworks, and is also posting these on the Facebook page.
- The Clerk will raise the issue with other ERYC Parish Councils to see if it an issue in other areas.

50. Sancton Hill Windfarm Fund 2026 – a new round of the Fund is open for applications with a closing date of 30th October 2026. It was agreed to prepare apply for funds for the Parish Pit. As the closing date is prior to the next meeting this was delegated to the Clerk in consultation with Councillors.

Resolved that a Sancton Hill Windfarm Fund Grant application for improvements to the Parish Pit Nature Reserve be submitted by the Clerk (in consultation with Councillors) to potentially include tree works, nest boxes and site clearance.

51. Sancton Hill Windfarm 2026 – as funds had not been required for the gravel in the Pinic Area (which was donated) there was a balance of funding. At the last meeting it was agreed to fund a bootscraper at the end of Fleetbeck Lane. ERYC have given consent for this to be located on this highway land. It had been proposed that the remaining balance be used for a Litter Bin at the junction between Hudson Way and Springwells. This must be ordered from ERYC as they are responsible for emptying and use a standard bin style. They have advised of a cost of £489.99+VAT. To proceed there would need to be a Council contribution of up to £121.40. Consent will be needed from the gnats section of ERYC to vire this money.

Resolved that the purchase of a Litter Bin at Springwells be approved at a cost of £488.99+VAT (with a Council contribution of up to £121.40), subject to the agreement by ERYC to use the Windfarm Grant funds

52. Car Park Space Markings – the grant application through the EGL2 Environmental Fund had not been approved. The Clerk advised that he had received feedback from the Fund Manager that the application would be put back to the panel if some supplementary information could be provided. The Clerk advised that this information has been provided, and the application should be reconsidered in the near future.
53. Humberhead Solar Project – the Clerk has been contacted by the Manager of Londesborough Park who has set up a STOP Londesborough Solar Farm Facebook page, and was enquiring whether the Parish Council wished to participate. Whilst not immediately adjacent to the Parish, Councillors felt that it impacted of its rural setting, and had concerns about its proximity to the proposed AONB. The Clerk will advise the Londesborough Park Manager of the Councils objection to these proposals.
54. Pay Award 2026-27 – NALC/ SLCC have advised that the JNC pay rates have been adjusted from 1st April 2025 to take account of a recent pay award of 3.3%. The Clerk’s pay is based on Scpt 20 in the JNC rates. Using NALC published pay rates this hourly rate has increased from £16.90 to £17.45 (£0.53 per hour). This results in an increase of £7.35 per month (£88.20 per year) giving a total annual Clerk’s cost to the Council of £3,111.24 for 2026-27. The budget provision for 2026-27 includes £2,765 for Staffing to cover the salary and holiday pay, and £312.00 in the Administration budget to cover the Home Office Allowance (£3,077.00). The Award will therefore require a budget increase of £34.24 in the Staffing Budget to £2,799.24. The award is backdated to 1.4.26 which means that backpay of £36.75 needs to be made to cover salary for April to August 2025.

Resolved that:

- 1. The pay award of £7.35 per month be confirmed, backdated to 1st April 2026**
- 2. The Staffing Budget be increased to £2,799.24**

55. Planning

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

26/01893/TCA - GOODMANHAM CONSERVATION AREA - Crown lift and tidy 7no. Yew trees (Y1-Y7), 6no. Cherry trees (C9-C14), 1no. Lawson Cypress tree (LC8) and 3no. Sycamore trees (S16-

S18) to 3.6m, with a crown reduction to Y1-Y7 by up to 1m and removal of epicormic growth to C9-C14, to provide easier access for funerals, tending of nearby graves and better light; Fell 1no. Cherry tree (C15) as it has a dangerous lean and interferes with the telephone wires at Churchyard, All Saints Church, Wateringdike Lane

The Parish Council have no objections to these tree works.

26/01916/PLF - Change of use from holiday let to dwelling at The Cottage Manor Farm Main Street

Resolved that the Council have no objections to this proposal

26/02199/PLF Erection of a free range egg unit with manure arm, feed bins, egg packing conveyor linking to existing egg packing building, hardstanding, access road and drainage at Enthorpe House Farm, Kiplingcotes Racecourse

Resolved that the Council have no objections to this proposal

56. Finance

- a. Clerk's Finance Report - the current balance is £4,306.34. The Events balance is £2,506.93, and there is an unspent grant of £558.59, leaving a general balance of £1,240.82. The second tranche of the Precept (£2,750) will be received in September.

The Clerk had undertaken a review of the Budget situation. The Budget is close to target, with a few minor expenditure revisions.

BUDGET 2026-27					
INCOME			EXPENDITURE		
General Funds	Approved May	Revised Sept	Budget Head	Approved May	Revised Sept
Carry forward (general)	£1,677	£1,677	Revenue Reserve	£1,519	£1,524
Carry forward (events)	£2,481	£2,481	Staffing	£2,765	£2,799
Precept	£5,500	£5,500	Maintenance	£850	£750
VAT Recovery	£300	£200	Administration	£1,300	£1,300
Interest	£60	£60	Insurance	£425	£385
Grant			Projects	£678	£679
Donations/ event income	£1,500	£1,500	Events		£1,020
			Events reserve	£3,981	£2,961
General Funds Total	£11,518	£11,418	Expenditure Total	£11,518	£11,418

Resolved that

- 1. The financial situation be noted**
- 2. The revised budget be approved**

b. Payments

Zurich	Insurance	£385.32
Edward Winlow	Tree inspection	£120.00
J Sherlock	Salary	£180.92
HMRC	PAYE	£45.00
J Sherlock	Home working expenses	£26.00
Norton	Virus Program	£49.99
Paxwold Training Centre	Room hire	£30.00
J Sherlock	Salary	£180.92
HMRC	PAYE	£45.00
J Sherlock	Home working expenses	£26.00

c. Income

TSB	Interest	£6.54
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57. Councillors Reports – Cllr Preston advised that the Events Group have agreed to include Christmas as part of Events activity, and are happy that the Events Budget is used for the Christmas Tree purchase.

Cllr Goodwin commented on the poor state of Red Lane. Cllr West agreed to raise this with Highways.

Cllr Rook raised the sites identified in the Local Plan “Call for Sites”. The Clerk will check the current situation, and advise of the consultation timetable.

58. Clerks Report (for information) – the Yorkshire Wolds AONB proposal has been formally submitted to the DEFRA Secretary of State.
59. Agenda Items for Next Meeting – Parish Pit, EGL2 Car Park grant application
60. Date and time of next meeting –Monday 9th November 2026 at 7:00pm at Paxwold, Goodmanham

..... Signature of Chair

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Chair's initials