

GOODMANHAM PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT 2025-26

Councillors and Staff

1. Goodmanham Council can have up to 9 Councillors. Following a Governance Review, from the May 2027 Elections Goodmanham this will reduce to up to 7 Councillors.
2. Cllr Mary Rook was Chair during the year, with Cllr Tony Warnock-Smith as vice Chair.
3. Councillor attendance at meetings is extremely high.
4. Councillors during 2025-26 were:
 - Cllr Liz Stephenson (to June 2025)
 - Cllr Chris Buswell
 - Cllr Anita Greener
 - Cllr Fran Preston
 - Cllr Mary Rook
 - Cllr Tony Warnock-Smith
 - Cllr Nigel Hammond
 - Cllr Zoe Shinkins
 - Cllr Derek Dunston (from July 2025)
 - Cllr Andy Goodwin (from September 2025)
5. Cllr Liz Stephenson sadly passed away during the year. She had served the Council for many year, including a period as Chair, and will be missed.
6. The Parish Clerk is Jeremy Sherlock who started in June 2020. As a qualified Clerk the Council can use the General Power of Competence which make Council administration easier.

Activities in 2025-26

7. The Car Park remains the largest Parish Council responsibility. A new sign has been erected, and grant funding approved for wall mounted space markings and improvements to the Picnic Area.
8. It has been agreed in principle to improve the Parish Pit as a nature reserve.
9. New benches have been installed at Cross Gate and near Red Lane using funding from the Sanction Windfarm Fund.
10. The Council have continued to liaise with ERYC on highway and parking issues. ERYC have undertaken a consultation on putting yellow lines on the pub corner.
11. The Speed Indicator Sign that has been acquired to try to reduce traffic speeds from vehicles entering the village has been in use during the year. The Sign has been acquired jointly with Bielby PM so has been in place for 6 months of the year. A resident survey has indicated that it has had an impact on reducing vehicle speeds.

12. The Events Group organised a number of successful events and well attended during the year including Party in the Park, a Cheese and Wine evening, and Fireworks Night. The group have continued to successfully fund raise for future events. These funds are accounted for separately by the Council. The Council also secured an ERYC grant to help purchase equipment for future events.
13. The defibrillator in the old telephone box is regularly inspected to ensure that it is available. A Yorkshire Ambulance Defibrillator training session was held which was attended by 14 villagers.
14. The Council continued to monitor and comment on Planning Applications. The Council also considered other consultations including the Wolds AONB.
15. A new History Research Group was established in the village. Their website is www.goodmanhamhistory.org.
16. The Council held its last meeting at the Fiddle Drill following its closure. Future meetings will be held at Paxwold.
17. The Council communicates with the Parish in a number of ways, with a website (www.goodmanaham-pc.gov.uk) , a Newsletter, and a Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100069064875199>).

Priorities for 2025-26

18. Priorities for 2025-26 will include:

- Continue to manage and improve the Car Park. Explore funding for the provision of additional space markings.
- Commence management of the Parish Pit as an informal nature reserve.
- Continue to monitor highway and traffic issues and lobby for improvements. Explore an Auto Speedwatch Camera.
- Consider further improvements to the Village including a bootscraper.
- Continue to support Village events and provide assistance when necessary.

Finance

19. The outturn for 2025-26 is as follows –

Income - £14,128

Expenditure - £12,266

£1,879.05 of the income and £1,526.67 of the net expenditure was for Events (the Parish Council can recover VAT incurred). The balance of funding is held for future events.

Expenditure was on the following:

Staffing	£2,711.04
Maintenance	£614.04
Administration	£1,479.99
Insurance	£418.64
Projects	£5,340.27
Events	£1,701.81

20. The Council attracted grant income with the following grant approved:

Project	Source	Grant
Environmental Enhancement	Sancton Windfarm	£2,546.86

Expenditure also includes implementation of the Speed Sign (Humberside PCC) and Noticeboard/ Bench (Sancton Windfarm) grants approved in 2024-5.

21. The Budget for 2024-25 is:

BUDGET 2026-27			
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

22. The Precept Budget for 2025-26 is £44.00 per year for Band D taxpayers, which is an increase of £7.46 per year.

Mary Rook – Chair Goodmanham Parish Council

May 2026