

Goodmanham Parish

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 11th MAY 2026 AT PAXWOLD, GOODMANHAM

1. Attendance

Cllr Mary Rook (Chair); 11 parishioners; ERYC Cllr Carey, Jeremy Sherlock (Parish Clerk)

2. Minutes of the meeting held on 12th May 2025

The minutes were agreed as a true record

3. Annual Report 2025-26

The Chair circulated the Annual Report for 2025-6. This included:

The Goodmanham Council currently has 9 Councillors. Cllr Mary Rook was Chair during the year, with Cllr Tony Warnock-Smith as vice Chair. Councillor attendance at meetings is extremely high.

Cllr Liz Stephenson sadly passed away during the year. She had served the Council for many years, including a period as Chair, and will be missed.

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 makes Council administration easier.

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.

It has been agreed in principle to improve the Parish Pit as a nature reserve.

New benches have been installed at Cross Gate and near Red Lane using funding from the Sanction Windfarm Fund.

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.

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.

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.

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.

The Council continued to monitor and comment on Planning Applications. The Council also considered other consultations including the Wolds AONB.

A new History Research Group was established in the village. Their website is www.goodmanhamhistory.org.

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.

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.

4. Matters of Interest

None.

5. Next Meeting

Monday 10th May 2027 at 7:00pm at Paxwold