

# GOODMANHAM PARISH COUNCIL

## ANNUAL REPORT 2024-25

### **Councillors and Staff**

1. Goodmanham Council can have up to 9 Councillors.
2. Following a Community Governance Review, East Riding of Yorkshire Council have confirmed that from May 2027 Goodmanham will have up to 7 Councillors. There will also be a minor boundary change.
3. Cllr Liz Stephenson was re-elected as Chair in May 2024, with Cllr Mary Rook re-elected as vice Chair. Following Cllr Stephenson's resignation as Chair Cllr Mark Rook was elected as Chair in January 2025, with Cllr Tony Warnock-Smaith as vice Chair.
4. Councillor attendance at meetings is extremely high.
5. Councillors during 2024-25 were:
  - Cllr Liz Stephenson
  - Cllr Chris Buswell
  - Cllr Anita Greener
  - Cllr Fran Preston
  - Cllr Christine Sawyer (to November 2024)
  - Cllr Mary Rook
  - Cllr Tony Warnock-Smith
  - Cllr Nigel Hammond (from January 2025)
  - Cllr Zoe Shinkins (from March 2025)
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 2024-25**

7. The Car Park remains the largest Parish Council responsibility. It is held on a long lease guaranteeing future availability. The spaces reserved for residents who lack off street parking have been reasonably successful. During the year the Council has added space markings along the wall to try to increase capacity, arranged for weedkilling, filled in a large pothole and tidied the planting boxes (this latter maintenance undertaken by volunteers).
8. Despite the provision of the Car Park parking and highway issues remain and the Parish Council has continued to liaise with East Riding of Yorkshire Council (ERYC) about measures to manage these issues. The road markings opposite the Church have helped reduce the verge erosion. ERYC are considering yellow lines on the pub corner.
9. Following numerous requests by the Parish Council, the pavements in the lower part of the village have been resurfaced.

10. A Speed Sign has been acquired to try to reduce traffic speeds from vehicles entering the village. As ERYC require that these signs are rotated between 4 sites (so people do not become familiar with them) the Sign has been acquired jointly with Bielby PM. The sign will be in Goodmanham for 2 3 month periods each year, at Goodmanham Road and Cross Gate.
11. A new Noticeboard has ben acquired and will be erected in Goodmanham Road. This is intended to be used by parishioners as well as the Council.
12. A new bench has been acquired to be located at the Cross Gate/ Springwell Road junction.
13. The Events Group have begun to expand their activities with the support of the Council. The 2 main events were the D-Day event and Bonfire evening which were both very well attended. In addition, regular quiz nights have been held which have also raised funding for future events. These funds are being accounted for separately by the Council. Following a successful grant application a Gazebo was acquired to “weatherproof” Events. This was used on the Firework evening and will be used for future events.
14. The defibrillator in the old telephone box was used during the year. It is regularly inspected to ensure that it is available.
15. The Council has published a map of the village on the website that lists all properties. This is available to make it easier for visitors, delivery drivers etc to find properties.
16. The Council has changed its email address to a .gov domain in line with government advice. The address is now [clerk@goodmanham-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@goodmanham-pc.gov.uk). All Councillors now have dedicated Parish Council email addresses.
17. The Council communicates with the Parish in a number of ways, with a website ([www.goodmanaham-pc.gov.uk](http://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:

- Monitor measures aimed at improving the traffic and parking situation in the village, and to continue to liaise with ERYC with regard to the need for any further measures..
- Support a the Events Group, and support their future Events Programme (including the D-Day Event) including provision of administrative and financial assistance.

### **Finance**

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

Income - £20,266.00

Expenditure - £17,970

£2,068.50 of the income and £1,294.37 of the expenditure was for Events. The balance of funding is held for future events.

Additional income of £2,431.60 (speed sign grant / VAT) relating to 2024-25 expenditure will be received in early 2025-26.

Expenditure was on the following:

Staffing	£2,625.96
Maintenance	£994.78
Administration	£1,134.97

Insurance	£355.32
Projects	£11,564.38
Events	£1,294.37
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£17,969.78</b>

20. The Council was particularly successful in attracting grant income with the following grants approved:

D-Day Event	£284.16
Gazebo	£4,650.00
Noticeboard and Bench	£2,000.00
Speed Signs	£2,031.50
Car Park	£265.00
Domain Name	£100.00

21. The Budget for 2024-25 is:

<b>BUDGET 2023-24</b>	<b>Income and Expenditure 2022-23</b>	<b>Original Budget 2023-24</b>	<b>Forecast Outturn 2023-24</b>	<b>Budget 2024-25</b>
<b>General Funds</b>				
Carry forward (general)	£5,489	£4,230	£4,556	£3,450
Carry forward (events)				£1,300
Precept	£4,100	£4,200	£4,200	£4,200
VAT Recovery	£272	£300	£520	£500
Interest	£34	£40	£60	£60
Grant	£500		£500	
Donations/ contribution	£280		£2,000	£1,000
<b>General Funds Total</b>	<b>£10,675</b>	<b>£8,770</b>	<b>£11,836</b>	<b>£10,510</b>
<b>Budget Head</b>				
Revenue Reserve	£1,000	£1,050	£1,050	£1,050
Staffing	£2,403	£2,509	£2,509	£2,600
Maintenance	£743	£950	£750	£1,200
Administration	£1,106	£1,250	£1,100	£1,150
Insurance	£337	£360	£350	£370
Projects	£1,529	£0	£894	
Events			£1,485	
Events reserve			£1,300	£2,500
Project Reserve	£3,557	£2,627	£2,398	£1,640
	<b>£10,675</b>	<b>£8,746</b>	<b>£11,836</b>	<b>£10,510</b>

22. The Precept Budget for 2025-26 is £36.14 per year for Band D taxpayers, which is an increase of £1.52.

**Mary Rook – Chair Goodmanham Parish Council**

**May 2025**