

Goathurst Annual Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday 10th March 2026, 7:30pm
Goathurst Village Hall

Minutes

Attendees: Richard Kilbey (RK), Tim Parker (TP), Tim Webster (TW), Beth Riches (BR), Niki Ingleby (NI) (Clerk)

1. Apologies – None
2. Declarations of interest on agenda items - None
3. Public forum - None
4. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of 13th January 2026 – no comment, RK signed
5. Matters arising and action points not covered on the agenda - None
6. Planning applications: None
7. Financial matters:
 - 7.1. Clerk Salary for new incumbent – clerk salary has remained the same for a number of years. In line with minimum wage requirements and the SALC guidelines, it needs to be raised to meet the Payscale 15 of £15.56 per hour, with 8 contracted hours per month.
 - 7.2. Assertion 10 discussion – as part of the new Assertion 10 requirements of AGAR, the council requires a IT policy and Accessibility Policy for the website. Clerk to do
8. Parish Councillor/Clerk Role –
 - 8.1 Parish Councillor – still no further on with a new councillor. Brief discussion on merging councils with Enmore – formally add to agenda for 12th May 2026 meeting.
 - 8.2 Clerk Role – one of the candidates has said that she is no longer interested in the role. Clerk to speak to other candidate and meet with RK.
9. Footpaths – wet and muddy
10. Roads – Highways have been in and marked the potholes in the village. The hole is still by the Temple of Harmony. Missing bend sign has been reported.
11. Village hall registry – ongoing
12. Village Sign – neither Goathurst or Enmore council have heard anything about the signs.
13. The ‘Telephone Exchange – TP contact has been in and had a look at it. He estimates that it will take 5 days to do a really good job on it @ £160 per day, plus materials. The main issue is the door, which by repairing that solely may solve most of the problems. RK proposes that have the door fixed when the weather is better. Seconded.
14. Wilder Goathurst – Goathurst is a Wilder Community! Also have the Church Award which is up. Thanks to BR for pushing it. BR is doing a number of talks and meeting with Goathurst Church to develop a plan for the community and involving the children. Elm Tree project – disease resistant elms and reintroduction of harestreak butterflies – BR will find out how it works. Wilder Community Village signs are ready to be collected. Fiona at Enmore has asked whether Goathurst would split the costs on a board to display what has been done when they go to presentations – council feels that being able to borrow one.
15. Village Parking Signage – Richard Piron contacted the council about some new parking signs for open days, heritage days etc, RK has gone ahead and bought them – they also suggested getting some cones. Total for the signs is £255.42 and cones £38.97. Clerk to reimburse RK.
16. Dowsborough LCN – Nothing to report
17. Correspondence - None
18. Any other business - None
19. DONM – 12th May 2026.

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