

Goathurst Annual Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday 12th May 2026, 7:30pm,
Goathurst Village Hall

Agenda

1. Attendees - Richard Kilbey (RK), Tim Parker (TP), Tim Webster (TW), Beth Riches (BR), Niki Ingleby
2. Apologies - None
3. Election of Chairman - TW nominates RK, BR seconds.
4. Appointment of other Officers - RK nominates BR as Deputy Chair, TP seconds.
5. Finance
 - 5.1. To approve the annual accounts - Bank account reconciled at £5,973 on 31st March 2026, RK signed off accounts.
 - 5.2. To agree the annual governance statement - RK read out statements to councillors, agreed and signed.
 - 5.3. To appoint an internal auditor - Tara Bell at Westcotts has agreed to do the next year audit, for £180. Paperwork needs to be returned for due diligence, money laundering etc.

To Immediately be followed by:

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1. Apologies - None
2. Declarations of interest on agenda items - None
3. Public forum - None
4. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of 20th March 2026 -
5. Matters arising and action points not covered on the agenda.
6. Planning applications: 29/26/00002/STP THE STABLES, Halswell Park, Goathurst, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA5 2DH – Proposed internal and external alterations – No comment from Parish Council
7. Financial matters:
 - 7.1. Zurich Insurance - £214 as last year – RK approves, BR seconds.
 - 7.2. Assertion 10 discussion – Clerk has completed the IT Policy and Accessibility Policy for website.
 - 7.3. CIL Payment – payments of £605.90
 - 7.4. Currently £9801.04 in bank account
 - 7.5. Parish Church request for grant – Helen has sent through the request, after discussion with the councillors, it has been proposed to raise the grant to £600.
8. Parish Councillor/Clerk Role – RK will meet with Amanda Sampson as she is interested in the Goathurst clerk role.
9. Merge with Enmore Council – RK has tried to arrange a joint meeting with Enmore to informally discuss. After a discussion it was felt that this is not a suitable course of action at the moment, however propose that put an item in the magazine stating that this has been discussed and that we need a 5th councillor to maintain the viability of having our own parish council.
10. Footpaths – Dry!
11. Roads – There has been a coupe of the potholes filled in, but the one down by Lovedere has yet to be filled.
12. Village hall registry - Ongoing

13. Village Sign – Unbeknownst to the council, apparently part of the sign is down at Huntstiles – which NI confirmed after speaking to Lizzie at Huntsiles! Amanda Sampson will be able to help with this, as the funding from QLPS is now finished.
14. The Telephone Exchange – TP's handyman will come in and do 2 days and clean up all the door and then see if its watertight over the wet season. TP will strim and keep the area tidy.
15. Wilder Goathurst – BR and Fiona done 2 presentations. CPRE have approached Fiona and Beth about a CPRE award, which after a lot of work, have subsequently won! Countryside Changemaker Award. BR can't make the awards ceremony, Brenda has been instrumental in helping get the award, so BR would like to ask her, but if she can't go, then there is another person from Enmore who can go with Fiona. There are 2 signs, which are quite big! There is a possibility of getting some smaller ones made to go. Kids night in June in the churchyard and the Watchet Hedgehogs coming to a Kids Night.
16. Dowsborough LCN – Anne Shilton to attend the next meeting.
17. Correspondence – None
18. Any other business - None
19. DONM – 14 July 2026

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