

Goathurst Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 28th July 2026
Goathurst Village Hall – 7.30pm

Minutes

Present:

Richard Kilbey (RK), Beth Riches (BR), Tim Webster (TW), Tim Parker (TP) and Amanda Sampson (AS).

1. RK – thanks to Niki and welcome to Amanda.
2. Apologies – None.
3. Declarations of interest on agenda items – None.
4. Public forum – Debbie Mularczyk emailed in to say that her husband is happy to put up some shelving in the old telephone exchange free of charge so it can be used as a possible book exchange. Debbie is also happy to clean it up and start the book sharing with a selection of her own books and put up a hanging basket if the PC agree.

The PC would like to accept the offer from Debbie. AS will email Debbie back to confirm and either RK or BR will contact Debbie to discuss it. The PC unanimously agreed for the old telephone exchange to be used as a book exchange.

5. Approval of the previous minutes of the meeting on Tuesday 12th May 2026 – amendment needed for title from agenda to minutes. The minutes were approved and signed by RK.
6. Matters arising and action points not covered on the agenda – None.
7. Planning applications – None.
8. Financial matters -
 - 8.1. Update on Parish Council Accounts – AS confirmed £8,323.91 in the bank account to date.
 - 8.2. AS has updated the correspondence address, email, phone number and contact details on the bank account RK approved.
9. Parish Councillor vacancy – PC discussed the vacancy and agreed the position should be re-posted on the Goathurst News Facebook page and the parish notice board. AS to do this.
10. Footpaths – TP the footpath in field of maze is very overgrown and not very accessible.
11. Roads – TW noted that the village of West Monkton does not have speed signs in the village either.

TW - The Forge in the village have been informed that scaffolding is going up on Wednesday 29th July to enable the home improvements at the property, the scaffolding means that the road will need to be kept free from parking by the green and there may even need to be a need for

temporary traffic lights. The PC agreed that hopefully the need for traffic lights can be avoided with people driving sensibly.

TP – raised a concern with the new Haygrove School entrance and where it would be sited and whether this would impact the Durleigh Reservoir traffic heading towards Durleigh from Goathurst and Enmore.

12. Village hall registry – To be taken off the agenda.

13. Village Sign – AS updated from QHNL, quotes have been obtained for multiple replacement village signs, once the signs have been ordered the QHNL will deliver the new sign but will not be able to fund the new posts. This will need to be funded by the PC. The PC agreed to fund new posts, possibly metal this time not wooden.

BR – The Wilder Goathurst signs can be added to the bottom of the village signs, and they cost £65 + VAT for 2 signs. The PC agreed for BR to arrange to purchase 3 and BR to ask Enmore PC whether they could purchase the Goathurst signs with the Enmore signs and Goathurst would pay Enmore the fee.

14. The Telephone Exchange – The PC agreed as per the public forum for the old telephone exchange to be used as a book exchange.

15. Wilder Goathurst - BR added that the children from the wilder group had an evening in the church garden recently working on the new barrel pond and plants. BR had to spend £95 on expenses which the PC agreed to reimburse. AS to arrange.

16. Dowsborough LCN – Anne Shilton (LCN Link Officer, Strategic Partnerships, Somerset Council) to attend the next PC meeting on Tuesday 15th September 2026.

17. Correspondence – Email from Iain Porter (Quantock Hills National Landscapes) for Joint Action Committee (JAC) new Parish reps to be nominated. RK, BR, TW and TP cannot afford the time to commit to this right now so Goathurst PC will not be able to nominate anyone.

18. AOB – Councillors details on website updates discussed.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.

Date of next meeting – Tuesday 15th September 2026.
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