

**Goathurst Annual Parish Council Meeting  
Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2025, 7:30pm,  
Goathurst Village Hall**

**Minutes**

1. Attendees – Richard Kilbey, Simeon Lloyd, Beth Riches, Tim Webster, Niki Ingleby (Clerk)
2. Apologies – None
3. Election of Chairman – Richard Kilbey is happy to stand, Beth Riches seconds.
4. Appointment of other Officers – Beth Riches proposed by Richard Kilbey, Simeon Lloyd seconds.
5. Finance
  - 5.1. To approve the annual accounts – accounts approved and accepted. Bank account at end of year is at £6201. Expenditure for year was £3385. Income was £3313.
  - 5.2. To agree the annual governance statement – completed and signed. To be posted on website by 1<sup>st</sup> July 2025
  - 5.3. To appoint an internal auditor – carried over to next meeting.

Followed immediately by  
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**Agenda**

1. Apologies - None
2. Declarations of interest on agenda items - None
3. Public forum - None
4. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of 12 March 2025 – Approved by Richard Kilbey
5. Co-option of new councillor – Tim Webster expressed interest in joining the Parish Council. Richard Kilbey proposes that Tim is co-opted as councillor, Beth Riches seconds.
6. Matters arising and action points not covered on the agenda – None.
7. Planning applications: None
  - 7.1. 1 The Old Rectory, Goathurst, Bridgwater, TA5 2DJ, Planning application 29/25/00001/STP, Erection of a single storey extension to the front of 1 The Old Rectory, Goathurst – date to comment has passed, however there was no objections/comments.
8. Financial matters
  - 8.1. Zurich Insurance renewal 1 June 2025 - £214.00 – approved.
  - 8.2. SALC Subscription - £95.76 - approved.
  - 8.3. CPRE Subscription - £45.00 - approved.
9. New Parish Councillor – advert in the magazine – still need another 1/2 councillors.
10. Footpaths – overgrown, all ok
11. Roads – nothing to report.
12. Village hall – heard nothing from Village Hall Committee with regard to increased funding – Clerk will look into. Clerk to chase Land Registry details with regards to the ownership/land title.
13. Village Sign – clerk has logged claim with Zurich, and have had some quotes, ranging from £1,000 for cast polyurethane sign and up to £3,000 for aluminium cast.
14. The 'Telephone Exchange – Richard has spoken to Fraser, he isn't sure how much it would cost for materials, and £150 per day for labour. Richard proposes that Fraser spends a day on it and see where he gets with it.

15. Wilder Goathurst – nothing much to report. Fiona at Enmore has asked Beth for a meeting to talk about the wildlife initiative. Meeting is in July. Burgess Farm have been doing the hedge surveys, but none of the local farmers have taken up the offer of grants to do the survey. Litter pick done, there was less litter in the hedges. Will do another one in autumn when the hedges have been cut.
16. Quantock Cluster / Dowsborough LCN – Anne Shilton has been invited to attend the 4<sup>th</sup> June Parish meeting.
17. Correspondence - None
18. Any other business –
  - 18.1. Tim Webster has brought up the issue around speed limits within the village. Richard Kilbey explained that an assessment would cost in region of £15,000 and would be unenforceable. Apparently, there are a couple of residents in Enmore that are qualified to use a speed gun. Can approach council to paint lines and repaint the slow sign on the road.
19. DONM – 4<sup>th</sup> June for the Parish meeting.
  - 19.1. 1<sup>st</sup> July 2025 for next normal meeting

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