

Goathurst Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday 13th January 2026 at 7:30pm
Goathurst Village Hall

Minutes

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

1. Apologies - None
2. Declarations of interest on agenda items - None
3. Public forum -None
4. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of 11th November 2025 – approved, and signed RK
5. Matters arising and action points not covered on the agenda - None
6. Planning applications:
 - 6.1.1. **Planning application number:** 29/25/00008/STP Gardeners Cottage, Halswell Park, Goathurst, TA5 2DH – Conversion of Gardeners into additional staff accommodation, including repair and redecoration of existing doors and windows on East elevation, reopening of a modern blocked doorway, and minor internal alterations to the internal layout including the demolition of modern block walls.
 - 6.1.1.1. **Comments:** None from the Parish Council
7. Financial matters:
 - 7.1. Update on Parish Council Accounts - £6,598.47 in the bank account currently
 - 7.2. Clerk to speak to Tara Bell re annual audit – done. She is happy to do it through Westcotts, need to do the 'know your client' forms, but otherwise in hand.
 - 7.3. Annual Precept – TW proposes to leave as is at £3,246.86, RK seconds.
8. Parish Councillor – unfortunately no-one has come forward yet, will continue to ask. Also to advertise Clerk role.
9. Tree Preservation – spoke to resident that was concerned and he decided that he would take it forward personally with Somerset Council. It's unlikely that a TPO would be issued, however it is a nice tree. Remove from Agenda
10. Footpaths – all a bit muddy but fine.
11. Roads – a resident asked that the grit bins be refilled. Clerk to follow up. One of the potholes towards Enmore and by Andersfield are opening up again, Clerk to report. There was a sign at the bend at Shepherds Corner, which is missing, to approach Somerset Council to replace – RK to report.
12. Village hall registry – nothing to report.
13. Village Sign – Clerk to chase Dan Broadbent, BR to ask Fiona at Enmore about their sign – enmorepc@gmail.com – Debbie, the clerk has also been chasing.
14. Litter Pick – was a success! Good turnout, Bill Cannings very kindly drove up and down with his car and trailer to collect it all. To plan for the next one in September – 19th September 2026. Maybe do tea and cake afterwards.
15. The 'Telephone Exchange' – Fraser not really able to do so need to find someone else to have a look at it. TP has a contact that may be able to do it, he will get in touch with him.
16. Wilder Goathurst – Church is now a Wilder Churches award (yesterday!) so the village is very close to getting its award. Bryony from Wildlife Trust has a lot of wildflower seeds to donate to the village to do a letterbox drop with a letter asking households to do the questionnaire. (the questionnaire is also going to be in the village magazine) – rather than a letterbox drop, actually do a seed collection point. BR and Brenda are meeting to discuss what else can be done in the churchyard.
17. Dowsborough LCN – Nothing to report
18. Correspondence - None
19. Any other business – Clerk to resend training dates for 2 new councillors (TW & TP). The council needs to change email address to comply, this is in order, and new address should be in place in 4 weeks.
20. DONM – 10th March 2026.

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