

**Goathurst Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday 11th November 2025 at 7:30pm
Goathurst Village Hall**

Agenda

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

1. Apologies – Tim Webster
2. Declarations of interest on agenda items - None
3. Public forum - None
4. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of 23rd September 2025 – approved and signed by RK
5. Matters arising and action points not covered on the agenda – RK sent card to Simeon Lloyd to say thank you for his work on the council over the years.
6. Planning applications:
 - 6.1. **Planning application number:** 29/25/00007/LE Retention of a rural an agricultural workers dwelling Apple Tree Lodge, Andersfield Farm, Andersfield Road, Goathurst, TA5 2DL.
 - 6.1.1. The parish council support the application with the proviso that the mobile home is removed as per the neighbours request. – Clerk done
7. Financial matters:
 - 7.1. Update on Parish Council Accounts – currently have £7,386.17 in the bank account
 - 7.2. Clerk to speak to Tara Bell – can offer £180 a year as payment for it.
 - 7.3. Grant to Goathurst Church – awaiting a formal letter from the church treasurer to request the grant but council have agreed to pay in meantime
8. Parish Councillor – The Council is still one down now that Simeon Lloyd has left. Clerk has submitted Register of Interests to Somerset Council Monitoring Office email address. Not had a reply from Somerset Council as yet to acknowledge.
9. Tree Preservation Order – request/information – a parishioner has raised that there is a tree which may be cut down in the village and has asked the parish council if a TPO could be raised on it. RK will contact Somerset Council to request they have a look at the tree.
10. Footpaths – Muddy!
11. Roads – Nothing of note at the moment
12. Village hall registry – Land Registry requires a cheque for the searches, Clerk to liaise with RK to get it sent off.
13. Village Sign – Clerk has emailed Dan Broadbent at QLPS but have not heard back from him – clerk will chase again.
14. Litter Pick – booked for Saturday 10th January – clerk to email somerset council and get notice in the parish magazine.
15. Levelling Up Act 2023 – until recently councils could not make contributions to religious bodies, but the law has changed that it is now allowed.
16. The 'Telephone Exchange – RK has spoken to Fraser – it is still on his list to do, but has not has opportunity to as yet. RK to ask again.
17. Wilder Goathurst – BR has done her presentation with Fiona from Enmore at Wilder Community Trust event. Goathurst is up to 11 on the "Wilder Gardens" and get the Wilder Churches which will also contribute towards it. There will be some more information in the magazine.
18. Dowsborough LCN – Nothing to report
19. Correspondence
20. Any other business – Niki Ingleby (clerk) has tended her resignation. She has agreed to stay on until a replacement has been found. Will place an advert in the parish magazine for a replacement.
21. DONM – Tuesday 13th January 2026

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