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Minutes of the Meeting of Goxhill Parish Council to be held on **Wednesday 11th March 2026** at **19.30** at Parish Rooms, Howe Lane, Goxhill. The agenda for the meeting is set out below.

Present: Cllr S England (Chair), Cllrs K Bollington, D Carnell, D Elliott, K Favell, V Gorbutt, C Leaning, A Ruddy
Ward Cllr R Hannigan
2 members of the public

AGENDA

Agenda Item		Detail
2603/1 Apologies		Apologies for absence, if any. Apologies were received from Cllrs M Jones, R Snell, T Snell Ward Cllrs P Clark, D Wells
	a)	Declarations of Interests, in respect to agenda items to be made and recorded in the minutes even if an interest has been declared on the register. COUNCILLORS MUST DECLARE ANY AMENDMENT TO PECUNIARY INTERESTS WITHIN 28 DAYS. 2603/9 (PA/2026/125) A Ruddy Personal & Prejudicial 2603/9 (PA/2026/149) K Favell Personal 2603/10 A Ruddy Personal
	b)	For the Council to note any dispensations presented to the chair prior to the meeting, and their resolution. <i>None</i>
2603/3 Minute Approval		To receive and approve as a true and correct record the minutes from the ordinary meeting of the council that took place on 14 th January 2026 at 7.30pm. Resolved: To approve the Minutes
2603/4 Clerk Recruitment		To receive an update on the recruitment progress for the current vacant clerk's position. There has been no successful application yet. It was agreed that advertising on the Grapevine and Barton Voice should be considered. The advertisements will not have a closing date.
2603/5 General Correspondence		To acknowledge and discuss any correspondence received in the month of December and up to the date of the meeting and to agree any actions henceforth. Items that have been received have been sent to all councillors.
2603/6 Cemetery		To receive an update on any recent activity concerning the cemetery. Cllr Gorbutt reported: Purchased plots – three grave plots and two cremation plots Recent burials. – one cremation and another one later this month Cemetery plans update.- it was agreed to wait until a new clerk was appointed Drainage updates – it is believed that the drainage problems are on the highway. Awaiting contact from NLC Cllr Waltham. Cllr Hannigan said he would look into it and arrange a meeting at the cemetery. Tiles on purchased plots – four are on the plots.

2603/7 Finance	<p>To approve the schedule of payments for January & February 2026. Resolved: To approve the payments. Prop: Cllr England, sec: Cllr Bollington. Unanimous.</p> <p>To approve that the acting RFO can pay invoices received for work in March, in April owing to there being no scheduled full GPC meeting. Resolved: To approve payment of invoices. Prop: Cllr Favell, sec: Cllr Ruddy. Unanimous.</p> <p>To receive an update on the savings account This is being pursued.</p>
2603/8 Report from Ward Councillors	<p>a) To agree that the meeting be suspended to receive the Ward Councillors' report. Cllr Hannigan reported that NLC has set its budget which has been challenging but the council is solvent and the situation is reasonably sound. Adult social care was overspent by £3m on a £70m budget and children's services were also overspent. Highways work is having to be prioritised with a site by site assessment. Answering a question from Cllr Elliott, Cllr Hannigan said it was not possible for the Parish Council to do the work because of the risks of working on public highways.</p> <p>b) To consider any actions arising from the report, to agree any actions henceforth. <i>None</i></p>
2603/9 Planning Applications	<p>To consider any planning applications or proposals and to agree any comments or actions henceforth.</p> <p>PA/2026/125 Conway, Thornton Road, Goxhill. Outline planning permission for up to nine dwellings with appearance, landscaping, layout and scale reserved for subsequent consideration This application has already been refused twice, with the local authority concerned about flooding and Anglian Water expressing concerns about sewage. These concerns are not answered in this application. It was also noted that as the application is for nine dwellings, the village would not benefit from any S106 payment and it could set a precedent for other paddocks. As the Parish Council has objected to the previous applications, it was proposed that a further objection would be lodged. Prop: Cllr England, sec: Cllr Bollington, unanimous.</p> <p>PA/2026/149 Crossing Cottage, Gatehouse Road, Goxhill Application to remove condition 4 of PA/2024/1377 to allow the development to utilise the existing access arrangements Resolved: If NLC are happy with the access, the PC offers no objections. Prop: Cllr Carnell, sec: Cllr England. 6 for, one abstention</p> <p>PA/2026/152 Rochester House, Ferry Road, Goxhill Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for a proposed ancillary mobile home within the existing garden Proposed: To offer no objection. Prop: Cllr Gorbitt, sec: Cllr Leaning, unanimous</p>
2603/10 NLC Drive Around	<p>To receive an update on the Drive Around the village with NLC to assess road quality. The report was read out. 150 people contributed to the pothole survey and there were effective discussions. The pothole near the pharmacy has been repaired. Greengate Lane was not included even though it was in bad state but it was repaired the next day. Also there had been repairs on Chapel Lane and North End will be skimmed and repaired. Cllr Ruddy was thanked for his help with the report.</p>
2603/11 South End	<p>To receive an update on the recent meeting held via MS Teams. Cllrs Carnell and R Snell took part with two others in the meeting regarding the pipeline. It was suggested that next time a survey is done, it should be when ships are unloading at Immingham and New Holland. Mr Jacques offered two dates for a meeting with four or five people at each one. A letter went out and questionnaires are being completed and sent back. There was a suggestion to widen the road from Soff Lane.</p>

2603/12 Handyman	To agree the Standing Orders for the role of Handyman within the scope of GPC and it's obligations to keep the villages assets in good order. Resolved: To note that the village has no handyman and to continue with the arrangement that Cllr R Snell organises for any repairs to be done on an individual basis. Prop: Cllr England, sec: Cllr Gorbutt. Unanimous.
2603/13 Web Domain	To agree that GPC adopts a .gov.uk web address/domain to align itself with national policy, and to agree any actions and resolutions henceforth Prop: Cllr England, sec: Cllr Gorbutt. Unanimous
2601/14 Playground Update	To take note of any updates to the park, MUGA or field that need to be brought to the attention of the council, and to agree any resolutions henceforth. Cllr Ruddy said that the new equipment looks good. The metal climbing frame needs replacing and quote of £500 has been received to remove it. Cllr R Snell has applied for a grant to replace it and he was thanked for his work. To agree any expenses incurred by GPC in the maintenance of the park and playground including monthly safety reports. <i>None</i>
2603/15 Smoking & Vaping in park	To discuss the new laws being brought to parliament and if GPC wishes to act in anticipation, and to agree any resolutions henceforth Resolved: To erect a sign asking people not to smoke or vape where children are playing. Prop: Cllr England, sec Cllr Leaning. 6 in favour, 1 abstention
2603/16 AGAR	To receive an update on the external audit of GPC Nothing has been received regarding the 2024-25 AGAR. The PC is now looking to be more pro-active so that everything is right this year and is looking for an internal auditor.
2603/17 Grant Application	To agree to support the initiative to improve the Cherry Tree lined roads in Goxhill and to support the grant application process to enable this. Some of the policies require for the grant need to be reviewed. The application will be supported by the PC. Prop: Cllr England, sec: Cllr Bollington. Unanimous.
2603/18 Community Café	To discuss March & April's Community Café and GPC's ongoing support, and agree any actions henceforth. There were provisional offers of help from Cllrs Favell and Ruddy for 20th March and Cllrs Gorbutt and Leaning for 17th April.
2603/19 Future Agenda Items	To advise of any agenda items for the next full Parish Council Meeting. <i>Parish Council AGM.</i> <i>Agree AGAR for audit</i> <i>Clerk update</i>
2603/20 Date of Next Meeting	To confirm the date, time and location of the next meeting. Wednesday 13 th May, 7.30pm, Parish Rooms, Goxhill. (subject to any change in circumstances)
2603/21 Exclusion of the Press & Public	To consider exemption of press and public for remainder of meeting under Public Bodies Admissions to Meetings Act 1960 (Section 1 (2)) on the grounds that discussion of the following business is likely to disclose confidential information. Prop: Cllr England, sec: Cllr Elliott unanimous. Members of the public left the meeting.
2603/22 To discuss matters of a sensitive and/or confidential nature	Resolutions arising with current contractor concerns/ issues. The contract and conditions of the lengthswoman's employment were agreed. To discuss how best to progress with retrieving monies paid incorrectly by GPC's RFO Resolved: To defer this until the audit takes place. Prop: Cllr Favell, sec: Cllr Elliott. Unanimous