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MEETING MINUTES

Goxhill Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday, 12th August 2026, at 19.00 at Parish Rooms, Howe Lane, Goxhill.

Present: Cllr V Gorbutt (Vice Chair), Cllrs D Carnell, D Elliott, K Favell, M Jones, A Ruddy, R Snell, T Snell
Locum Clerk: A Boulton
Ward Cllr D Wells
10 members of the public

Public Participation

A member of the public expressed concern that the last meeting was very chaotic. He had revisited Standing Orders and there were some issues with etiquette. He felt that personal arguments were involved.

AGENDA

Agenda Item		Detail
2611/01 Apologies		Apologies for absence, if any. None
2611/02 Declarations of Interests / Dispensations	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. 2611/21, - Cllr T Snell – personal, Cllr D Elliott - personal 2711/22 – Cllr T Snell, Cllr V Gorbutt, Cllr K Favell – Personal 2611/14 - Cllr V Gorbutt – personal
	b)	For the Council to note any dispensations presented to the chair prior to the meeting, and their resolution. None
2611/03 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 8 th July, 2026 and Extra Ordinary Meeting of the Council that took place on 20 th July 2026. 8th July – these were approved with the addition of Cllr Jones statement below <i>We need to wait for the minutes from the last ordinary meeting when we discussed the policies. The implications of the proposed changes to standing orders were not provided until David's email was distributed on 22 May 2026. I raised concern during the meeting regarding adult and children safeguarding, standing orders and financial regulations. I have concerns with the proposal.</i> – prop Cllr R Snell, sec Cllr Jones. Cllr T Snell asked that initials of Cllrs be included where surnames were the same. 20 July – Approved: Prop Cllr R Snell, sec Cllr Jones.
2611/04 Report from Ward Councillors		a) To agree the meeting be suspended to receive the Ward Councillors' report. Cllr Wells said he would recommend that ERNLLCA should be asked to provided training for some councillors.

		He clarified that if a Declaration of Interest was personal, the Cllr could still vote. The Minutes should record the resolution and anything else relevant but not "he said/she said". He reported that NLC is supporting students with help with bus fares and that school holiday free swimming is going well. He asked that motorists report near misses to the Police, as well as accidents. b) To consider any actions arising from the report, to agree any actions henceforth. None
2611/05		To note Standing Orders and Policies GPC have in place to support meetings. Asking for those who have not taken training, such as Good Councillor Parts 1,2 and 3 to do so. There are concerns about conduct at meetings. The Council needs to follow policies such as Standing Orders and the Code of Conduct. ERNLLCA training starts in September.
2611/06 GPC Payments		To discuss and agree the schedule of payments which includes NLC invoice due to non-return of duty of care forms March 1926. The NLC fine is on the laptop which the Chair has but this was not shared with Cllr Gorbutt Three of the payments on the scheduled were queried. Resolved: To approve the payments. Prop: Cllr Favell, sec:Cllr Jones. 1 abstention
2611/07 GPC Councillor		To note the resignation of Councillor Kate Bollington. Thank you for your support and time given to GPC. We wish you well. Noted. NLC have been informed.
2611/08 Committee meetings		To discuss Committee Meeting and any actions henceforth, to include BKV. Mr Jacques was invited to speak and said that he and his wife Heather and Jack Lawtey had worked very hard every year on the village floral decorations etc. He asked if the BKV could be include with PROWs, verges etc. The momentum was there but help was needed to keep it going. It was agreed that the PC needed a member on the committee. Votes were then taken on the various committee members: Parish Rooms – Cllrs R Snell, M Jones, V Gorbutt PROW and verges – Cllrs R Snell, M Jones, D Carnell Cemetery – Cllrs R Snell, D Carnell, V Gorbutt Playing Field – Cllrs R Snell, T Snell, K Favell, M Jones All these were agreed unanimously. It was also unanimously agreed to defer the Personnel Committee and the BKV. It was pointed out that if anyone was on the BCCRP (Barton to Cleethorpes Community Rail Partnership) this should be noted on their Declaration of Interest. Goxhill was Highly Commended in the BKV judging and won the Best Kept Cemetery. The presentation is on 30 September at Worlaby Village Hall. Four people will attend from Goxhill.
2611/09 Policy	KF	To discuss and agree Lone Working Policy, with any actions. Resolved: To defer this item. Cllr Elliott will look into it. Prop: Cllr Jones sec: Cllr Favell. Unanimous.
2611/10		To note contributions from North Lincs Council, with thank to Cllr R Snell for all his time and effort supporting the Play Park Noted
2611/11 GPC Picnic	TS	Discuss the possibility for a GPC picnic. Cllr T Snell explained that she would like to organise a picnic for two hours in the park on 29th August with games and pastimes such as rounders and cricket. Residents would bring their own picnic. It is hoped, apart from being enjoyable for everyone, it would make the PC more visible and accessible. Cllr Favell said she supported this and all councillors agreed that they also supported the idea.

2611/12 Stothard's Lane		Discuss and agree Stothard's Lane project, with any actions henceforth. Information received directly to all Councillors from Parishioner 24/7/2026. <i>It was agreed that the project was excellent with good graphics and the PC should look at costings. Cllr Ruddy said the paving slabs could present the danger of slipping. It was agreed that the privacy of neighbours should be considered when sitting benches.</i> <i>Mr Jacques explained how the project developed.</i> <i>Cllr Jones said he would fill in a grant application. Cllr Elliott said he would help put everything together.</i>
2611/13 Play park	RS	Discuss and agree Play Park repairs <i>Cllr R Snell reported on the work that had been done and had been budgeted for in the precept. The amount was £2630.40.</i>
2611/14 Hawthorn Trees		Discuss Hawthorn Trees for Barrow Road and the request to GPC to purchase said trees. <i>The NLC Tree Officer had suggested eight hawthorn trees which would be the only cost to GPC of the project as NLC would plant them. They would be semi-mature trees and would belong to NLC and have TPOs on them.</i> <i>Three quotes are being sought.</i> <i>Proposed Cllr R Snell, sec Cllr Elliott and this be deferred to the next meeting. Unanimous.</i>
2611/15 Date of Next Meeting		To confirm the date, time and location of the next meeting (subject to any change in circumstances). <i>9th September, 2026 at 7.30pm</i> <i>Before the public left, Cllr Favell updated the meeting that the new Clerk would be starting work for GPC on 3rd September.</i>
2611/16 Exclusion of the Press & Public		To consider exemption of press and public for remainder of the meeting under Public Bodies Admissions to Meetings Act (Section 1 ((2)) on the grounds that discussion of the following business is likely to disclose confidential information. <i>Agreed unanimously</i>
2611/17 Cutting tenders		To discuss and agree Grass Cutting tenders and any actions required. <i>Three tenders were considered and it was agreed:</i> <i>to award the verge cutting to Mark Nettleton. Prop: Cllr Jones, sec: Cllr Elliott</i> <i>to award the PROW cutting to Mark Nettleton. Props: Cllr Favell, sec: Cllr Jones.</i>
2611/18 Domestic Assistant		To discuss and agree GPC Domestic Assistant <i>It was suggested that NLC be approached as they organise the cleaning of the library</i> <i>It was agreed to defer this to next meeting to prepare an advert. Cllr Favell will ask ERNLLCA for advice.</i>
2611/19 Cutting maps		Maps for Grass Cutting to be discussed, updated and agreed. <i>Cllr Jones said there are cutting maps but they need merging. He will look into doing it.</i>
2611/20 DSAR Requests		Discuss DSAR request <i>This was discussed and councillors were asked to provide relevant emails.</i>
2611/21 Correspondence	VG	To discuss and agree actions following Legal Correspondence received <i>It was proposed that Cllr R Snell drafts a letter in reply to the correspondence. Prop: Cllr Favell, sec Cllr Jones. 1 abstension.</i>
21611/22 Clerk updates	KF	To note an update on GPC Clerk appointment. <i>Dealt with under item 2611/15</i>