

## GOOLE FIELDS PARISH COUNCIL.

### Minutes from the parish council meeting held on 26th May 2026 at 7.00pm at Oak Lodge, Hook.

#### **Present**

Cllrs. M.Belton, F.Cawkwell, J.Barker ,J.Oldridge and J.Dougherty.

#### **1.Apologies.**

None.

#### **2.Declaration of interest**

Cllr Belton recorded a declaration of interest on agenda item 8E.

#### **3.Confirmation of minutes.**

Minutes of the last two meetings (19/5/25 & 12/1/26) were previously cascaded by the clerk prior to the meeting and confirmed as true and correct records and signed by the chairman.

#### **4 Election of Chairman.**

It was resolved to elect Cllr Cawkwell as chairman for the 2026-2027 period.

This decision was proposed by Cllr Belton and seconded by Cllr Barker. Cllr Cawkwell accepted the position and signed the acceptance of office forms immediately.

#### **5. Election of Vice Chairman.**

It was resolved to elect Cllr Dougherty as vice chairman for the 2026-2027 period.

This decision was proposed by Cllr Barker and seconded by Cllr Belton. Cllr Dougherty accepted this position and signed the acceptance of office forms immediately.

## **6. Asset Register 2026.**

It was resolved to fully approve the 2026 asset register as this has remained unchanged from the last year.

## **7. Planning Applications.**

None as at 26/5/26.

## **8. Financial matters.**

**A.** The accounts and bank reconciliation for year ending March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026, were circulated prior to the meeting with accompanying invoices and bank statements. All councillors approved the accounts, and the chairman signed the accounts book. The annual gross income and expenditure for 2025-2026 qualifies GFPC to be exempt from a limited assurance review and as such a certificate of exemption form was completed and approved and signed by the chairman and clerk.

**B.** The annual governance statement for 2025/2026 was approved as accurate and signed by the chairman and clerk.

**C.** The annual accounting statement for 2025/2026 was approved as accurate and signed by the chairman and clerk.

The clerk will now post the audit exemption forms and place all documentation on the parish council website.

**D.** The annual VAT rebate of £26.88 was noted as being applied for from HMRC and the £2500 precept request has been received into the GFPC bank account.

**E.** Clerk remuneration-a discussion was held to review the clerk annual salary. It was resolved to award the clerk a £100 salary increase. This was approved by all present and accepted by the clerk.

The salary increase award was proposed by Cllr Barker and seconded by Cllr Oldridge.

**Cheques approved; (during/after meeting)**

Zurich Ins. £196.00

S.Belton £1500.00

Clerk exp £347.00

ERNLLCA £192.91

J. Walker £100.00

**Matters arising/any other business.**

Bin collections-Cllr Cawkwell notified the council of missed refuse collections in the parish and provided a list of dates that each bin was missed. Despite reporting the incidents to ERYC, the bins remain unemptied. GFPC all confirm similar missed collections since March 2026. It was resolved to contact ERYC and WarD Cllr Sargeantson to alert them to the situation and request an information update as to how the situation can be remedied. The clerk will contact all and respond with an update.

Meeting closed 7.51pm

Sarah Belton 26/5/26

