

GEDNEY HILL PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Held at the Gedney Hill and District Memorial Hall, Hillgate, PE12 0NN On Monday 15 September 2025, at 6.30pm

PRESENT:

GHPC Councillors: N Watson (Chair), M Shepherd (Vice-Chair), A Watson, K James

Clerk: V Watson

Also present:

8 members of the public

PUBLIC FORUM

A member of the public brought up the condition of the roads. The roads in the parish seem to be disintegrating rapidly over the past few months. This is an issue for Highways.

Clerk to raise

A member of the public asked why there is not more of a police presence in the village as speeding drivers and poor road and pedestrian behaviour seems to be on the increase. Also during Speedwatch events a police presence would add to the importance of the task. The Chair has tried on several occasions to get a police presence during Speedwatch and will continue to do so. The Chair reminded the floor to call 101 or report on-line behaviour incidents.

A member of the public commented that new footbridge has been built on public footpath 4 from Mole Drove to Luttgate. GHPC has been requesting it's repair for approximately 18 months but the member of the public felt the bridge built is excessive for the use of the footpath. Other members welcomed the bridge.

A member of the public requested that posters for local events be removed when the event is over.

1. Chairmans remarks.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies for absence and acceptance of apologies.

Apologies were received from Cllr P Redgate. They were accepted.

3. Declarations of interest under the Localism Act 2011 and consideration of any requests for dispensation.

None

4. To approve the draft minutes of the meeting held on 21 July 2025.

The minutes were approved and signed by Cllr N Watson.

5. PPC Update.

a) Planning

The publicity period has extended to end of September. A Bio-Diversity Net Gain report is required. 3 quotes have been obtained by Cllr M Shepherd.

It was agreed that Pro Hort would be the quote accepted and the Clerk will contact them, GHPC will pay this cost.

Proposed: N Watson

Seconded: A Watson

AGREED, UNANIMOUSLY

b) Events

The Flower and Veg show took place on the playing field on Monday 25 August. It was a great success and raised £123.

Cllr N Watson thanked the PPC and WG for all their hard work and enthusiasm.

c) Approval for grant applications: Lincolnshire Community Fund for marquee and sound system.

It was agreed that the PPC may make this application but it needs to be seen by GHPC before being put in.

AGREED, UNANIMOUSLY

d) SPF Grass Roots funding for remodelling of Pavilion

The application was successful and £24,800 has been granted to remodel the Pavilion. This will take place in October/November/December.

6. Clerks report on matters outstanding.

Nothing to report.

7. Financial Report

Gedney Hill Parish Council Play Park Current Account: £388.45

Gedney Hill Parish Council Play Park Saving Account: £3000.00

Wind Farm Account:

18 July 2025: £4181.57

11 September 2025: £1819.63

Deposits

None

Withdrawals

Date	Who	Why	Amount
12/08/25	GHPC Current A/c	Holy Trinity Church and Jubilee Art Group	£936.94
29/08/25	GHPC Current A/c	Gedney Hill and Whaplode Drove Bowls Club and Gedney Hill and Shepeau Stow PTFA	£1425.00
Total			£2361.94

GHPC Saving Account:

18 July 2025: £32500.00

11 September 2025: £29000.00

Deposits

None

Withdrawals

Date	Who	Amount
21/07/25	Transfer to Current a/c	£500.00
19/08/25	Transfer to Current a/c	£1000.00
11/09/25	Transfer to Current a/c	£2000.00
Total		£3500.00

GHPC Current Account:

18 July 2025: £1385.42

11 September 2025: £2078.61

Deposits

Date	Who	Amount
21/07/25	Transfer from GHPC Savings a/c	£500.00
24/07/25	Funeral of Jon Stokes	£220.00
12/08/25	Transfer from Wind Farm a/c	£936.94
19/08/25	Transfer from GHPC Savings a/c	£1000.00
29/08/25	Transfer from Wind Farm a/c	£1425.00
11/09/25	Transfer from GHPC Savings a/c	£2000.00
Total		£6081.94

Withdrawals

Date	Who	Amount
21/07/25	Anglian Water	£21.74
21/07/25	Clerk Salary	£475.94
24/07/25	HMRC SDDS (Clerk NI)	£19.77
31/07/25	Service Charge	£6.00
05/08/25	Cloudy IT	£7.63
12/08/25	Jubilee Art Group	£450.00
12/08/25	Holy Trinity	£486.94
18/08/25	ID Mobile	£6.00
20/08/25	Clerk Salary	£490.88
20/08/25	Holy Trinity (Tree Cutting)	£425.00
20/08/25	Clerk Back Pay	£59.76
20/08/25	M Ford	£219.26
21/08/25	EDF	£45.38
29/08/25	Bowls Club	£925.00
29/08/25	PTFA	£500.00
29/08/25	Scribe	£331.20

29/08/25	Rhino Security	£370.80
29/08/25	MJ PAT Testing	£65.00
31/08/25	Service Charge	£6.00
05/09/25	Cloudy IT	£23.76
10/09/25	N Watson	£36.90
10/09/25	Lincs Alarms	£84.00
10/09/25	Midlands Air Ambulance	£56.00
11/09/25	Gedney Hill Estate Charity	£273.50
11/09/25	GHPC PPC Current a/c	£2.29
Total		£5388.75

All financial transactions accepted.

8. To discuss any issues relating to the Parish Pavilion

a) Installation of anti-climb rollers

There has been some vandalism at the Pavilion over the past months. It has been reported to the police. MS has spoken with those responsible and is working on a resolution. It was suggested that anti-climb rollers be installed. Clerk to investigate costs.

9. Speedwatch Group Update

A new volunteer has been trained. More volunteers make it easier to be out for more sessions. There was a discussion on speeding incidents which appear to be getting worse. The chair reminded everyone they can report incidents to 101.

10. Planning

a) To discuss current planning applications and decisions:

H07-0967-24	Lodges and Caravans	Fishing Lakes North Road			Approved
H07-0805-25	Conditions 7 & 9 of H07-0629-24	Cordon Villa Station Road	16/10/25	Condition Compliance	Undecided
H07-0790-25	Erection of self-build dwelling	Adjacent to 77 North Road	21/10/25	Outline	Undecided
H07-0771-25	Holiday Rental Units	Golf Club West Drove North	08/10/25	Full	Undecided
H07-0273-25	Use of site as children's playground	Playing Field North Road	29/09/25	Full	Undecided

GHPC have no issues with any of these applications – H07-0273-25 cannot be commented upon as that is our own application.

b) To discuss consultations and concerns.

Meridian Solar Farm
Malice Solar Farm

There was nothing further to be added at this stage.

11. Cemetery matters

Headstone for Safia Hauge has been installed.

Burial of Mr J Stokes, 7 August 2025, plot D22

Burial of Mrs J Jones, 15 September 2025, plot C14

AGREED

12. Wryde Croft Wind Farm Small Project Funding

GHPC had received applications from:

Gedney Hill and Whaplode Drove Bowls Club, Shed - £925

Gedney Hill and Shepeau Stow PTA, Musical Instruments - £500

AGREED, UNANIMOUSLY

The grant year runs from 1 September - 31 August and this year we have allocated:

Gedney Hill and District Memorial Hall, Boccia - £400

Gedney Hill and District Memorial Hall, Acorns2Oaks - £485.94

Holy Trinity w/St Polycarp Church, Tables and Chairs - £486.94

Gedney Hill Jubilee Art Group, Canvases - £450

Gedney Hill and Whaplode Drove Bowls Club, Shed - £925

Gedney Hill and Shepeau Stow PTA, Musical Instruments - £500

A total of **£3247.88**

We have received £67.51 in interest, so £1819.63 remains in the account.

13. To review and agree GHPC policies:

Equal Opportunities and Safeguarding Policy – agreed subject to changes.

Financial Regulations and Standing Orders to be considered at next GHPC meeting.

Clerk to find out about basic safeguarding training for all councillors.

14. To advise of any items to be added to the next meeting agenda.

None

15. Confidential item – Clerk's Annual Review.

Motion carried.

Proposed: Cllr N Watson

Seconded: Cllr M Shepherd

AGREED, UNANIMOUSLY

16. Date of next meeting – Monday 17 November 2025 at 6.30pm

The meeting closed at 7.00pm