

GEDNEY HILL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MARCH FULL COUNCIL MEETING **Held at the Gedney Hill and District Memorial Hall, Hillgate, PE12 0NN** **On Monday 17 March 2025, at 6.30pm**

PRESENT:

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

Clerk: V Watson

Also present: SHDC Cllr L Eldridge (arrived late)

8 members of the public

PUBLIC FORUM (15 minutes)

The ground under the dog waste bin at the entrance to the park is eroding. The chair was grateful for this being reported and would be looked at.

1. Chairmans remarks.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. It was great to see so many members of the public there.

2. Apologies for absence and acceptance.

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr K James and Cllr P Redgate.

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

None

4. Sue Whitton, Emergency Planning and Business Continuity Manager, Lincolnshire County Council, Lincolnshire Emergency Planning & Business Continuity Service – An Introduction to Community Resilience.

SW was welcomed to the meeting and proceeded to give a talk about preparing for emergencies within the community.

Proposal:

GHPC to begin work to form a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

AGREED: UNANIMOUSLY

5. PPC Update.

a) Cllr M Shepherd updated GHPC on the PPC

The PPC asked the following questions:

Can GHPC provide a rubbish bin in the park?

Does the PPC have permission to apply for grants in a timely manner – running each one through GHPC before sending them off?

Does the PPC have permission to apply for grants for equipment beyond the Wicksteed quote, some of which was included in the booklet handed out at the last meeting – other items will be newly thought of as construction and work on the park begins?

PC Response:

Yes, a bin can be provided, however we need to consider how it is emptied as this could be an additional cost to GHPC.

Yes, the PPC has permission to apply for grants, passing them through GHPC before sending off. GHPC will call an extra-ordinary meeting before the National Lottery application can be sent off.

Yes, the PCC can apply for grants, for equipment outside of the Wicksteed quote.

AGREED, UNANIMOUSLY

b) Party in the Park

The PPC are planning a Party in the Park as a fundraiser for the play park. It is hoped to hold it every year – this year it will be on Monday 5 May.

There will be stalls, refreshments and live music.

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

6. To approve the draft notes of the meeting held on 20 January 2025.

The minutes were agreed and signed by the Chair.

7. Clerks report on matters outstanding.

Cllr Eldridge had arranged for the rubbish/waste/dog poo bins in Gedney Hill to be emptied on a Thursday. If they get missed please report to www.fixmystreet.lincolnshire.gov.uk

8. Financial Report

Gedney Hill Parish Council Play Park Current Account: £1021.21

Gedney Hill Parish Council Play Park Saving Account: £1553.29

Wind Farm Account:

20 January 2025: £5007.12

14 March 2025: £5007.12

GHPC Saving Account:

20 January 2025: £20,973.32

14 March 2025: £16,973.32

Deposits - None

Withdrawals

Date	Who	Amount
19/02/25	Transfer to GHPC Current A/c	£1000.00
27/02/25	Transfer to GHPC PP A/c	£1500.00
27/02/24	Transfer to GHPC Current A/c	£1500.00

GHPC Current Account:

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20 January 2025: £882.83

14 March 2025: £685.87

Deposits

Date	Who	Amount
19/02/25	Transfer from Savings A/c	£1,000.00
27/02/25	Transfer from Savings A/c	£1,500.00
Total		£2,500.00

Withdrawals

Date	Who	Amount
23/01/25	Anglian Water	£16.57
31/01/25	Service Charge	£6.00
03/02/25	EDF Energy	£19.00
04/02/25	ICO	£35.00
06/02/25	Cloudy IT	£23.76
10/02/25	Handyman	£173.00
10/02/25	AES	£66.00
14/02/25	Viking	£314.81
18/02/25	ID Mobile	£6.00
20/02/25	Clerk Salary	£475.94
21/02/25	Transfer to GHPC PP A/c	£6.00
28/02/24	Clock Winding	£150.00
28/02/24	T A Blackamore	£1,311.12
28/02/24	Service Charge	£6.00
03/03/25	EDF Energy	£19.00
06/03/25	Cloudy IT	£23.76
13/03/25	Lockstock Locksmith	£45.00
Total		£2,696.96

9. Increase in fees for 2025 – TA Blackamore

TA Blackamore had informed the Clerk there would be an increase in fees for grass cutting and hedge trimming for 2025, from £1311.12 to £1364.40.

Proposal:

To accept the increase for 2025.

AGREED, UNANIMOUSLY

10. To discuss any issues relating to the Parish Pavilion

a) Bollard

The Clerk had received two quote

The Clerk had received two quotes to replace the bollard at the entrance to the play park.

LPS quoted for a hinged bollard - £904.80

Rhino quoted for a drop bollard weighing 6kg compared to the current 14kg. - £1,000

Discussion was had but an agreement was not reached.

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DEFER FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION

11. Speedwatch group update

There has been much talk of speeding through the village on the Gedney Hill facebook page. Cllr N Watson encouraged people to join the Speedwatch group so more sessions could be held. Please contact the Clerk if you would like to join the training session at the end of March.

A session was held on Mill Lane in February and several cars found to be driving above the speed limit.

12. Planning

a) To discuss current planning applications and decisions.

Since the last GHPC meeting the following applications have been before SHDC:

H07-0854-24	Land adjacent to Harvest Lodge Station Road	Residential development	Outline	Approved
H07-0235-25 Condition of H07-0629-24	Cordon Villa 24 Station Road PE12 ONP	Details of proposed boundary treatment	Condition Compliance	Rejected

There are no current plans to discuss.

b) To discuss consultations and concerns.

H22-0192-25 – Ossian Windfarm – no comment

H05-0985-24 – Letters from member of the public – 2 people have contacted the Clerk about the traveller site on Langery Gate Road – it was explained the site is not in our parish and to raise concerns with SHDC.

Cllr Eldridge brought up the proposed Malice Solar Farm, off French Drove. This is in the initial stages and it is expected that residents will be invited to attend public consultations.

13. Cemetery matters

To agree the installation of a headstone at plot D7

AGREED, UNANIMOUSLY

14. Flag of the Fens

To discuss and decide if there is support for the Flag of the Fens and if GHPC would write a letter for support for the campaign to use the flag.

AGREED, UNANIMOUSLY

15. Lithium Batteries

To discuss and decide if there is support for the campaign for Safety of Lithium-ion batteries.
A short public information film was shown.

AGREED, UNANIMOUSLY

16. Wryde Croft Wind Farm Small Project Fund

To discuss and decide if the application form to apply for a grant from the Small Project Fund is to be adopted by GHPC. The fund is to be topped up annually by Wryde Croft Wind Farm. It decided the maximum amount that can be applied for is £1,000 but it is at the discretion of GHPC if the full amount is given.

AGREED, UNANIMOUSLY

17. CCTV Policy

To discuss and decide if the CCTV Policy is to be adopted.

AGREED, UNANIMOUSLY

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

Lottery grant for the play park.

19. Date of next meeting – Monday 19 May 2025 at 6.30pm

This meeting with combine the Gedney Hill AGM and the next GHPC meeting.

The meeting closed at 7.40pm

A true record of the meeting:

N Watson