

GEDNEY HILL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MAY ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held at the Gedney Hill and District Memorial Hall, Hillgate, PE12 0NN
On Monday 19 May 2025, at 6.40pm

PRESENT:

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

Clerk: V Watson

Also present: SHDC Cllr L Eldridge
14 members of the public

PUBLIC FORUM

There was no public forum as the Gedney Hill Annual Parish Meeting was held immediately prior to this meeting

1. Election of Chair.

Neil Watson was elected as Chair.

Proposed: P Redgate

Seconded: M Shepherd

AGREED, UNANIMOUSLY

2. Election of Vice Chair.

Mellissa Shepherd was elected Vice-Chair

Proposed: N Watson

Seconded: Paul Redgate

AGREED, UNANIMOUSLY

3. Chairmans remarks.

None as the Chair spoke at length at the preceding Annual Parish Meeting.

4. Apologies for absence and acceptance of apologies.

None

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

None

6. To approve the draft minutes of the meeting held on 10 April 2025.

The minutes were approved and signed.

7. To welcome Cllr Ray Condell as the newly elected Councillor for Crowland and thank Cllr Nigel Pepper for his service as a Lincolnshire County Councillor.

Unfortunately, Cllr Condell was unable to attend the meeting but a welcome was extended in his absence.

8. PPC Update.

a) Planning

Planning was applied for in March, the application was returned for amendments to be made which will be submitted this week.

b) S Berrisford updated GHPC on the PPC

The update can be found on the Gedney Hill Parish Council webpage:
gedneyhillparishcouncil.gov.uk/parish-information/play-park-plans

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

9. Clerks report on matters outstanding.

Rubbish Bins for the playing field have been purchased and installed, they are being well used. PPC members are emptying them on a regular basis.

Applications have been put in for grants from: The Grange Wind Farm and the National Lottery.

10. Financial Report

Gedney Hill Parish Council Play Park Current Account: £1910.45

Gedney Hill Parish Council Play Park Saving Account: £1558.87

Wind Farm Account:

14 March 2025: £5007.12

15 May 2025: £5038.64

Deposits

Date	Who	Amount
31/03/25	Unity Bank Interest	£31.52

Withdrawals

None

GHPC Saving Account:

14 March 2025: £16,973.32

15 May 2025: £35,096.28

Deposits

Date	Who	Amount
31/03/25	Unity Bank - Interest	£122.96
15/05/25	Transfer from Current A/c	£20,000.00
Total		£20,122.96

Withdrawals

Date	Who	Amount
31/03/25	Transfer to Current A/c	£1,000.00
24/04/25	Transfer to Current A/c	£1,000.00
Total		£2,000.00

GHPC Current Account:

14 March 2025: £685.87

15 May 2025: £2543.14

Deposits

Date	Who	Amount
31/03/25	Transfer from Savings A/c	£1,000.00
17/04/25	Lincs Co-op (headstone)	£180.00
24/04/25	Transfer from Savings A/c	£1,000.00
25/04/25	SHDC Precept	£19,397.00
30/04/25	HMRC VAT Refund	£2892.95
Total		£24,469.95

Withdrawals

Date	Who	Amount
31/03/25	Unity Bank Service Charge	£6.00
28/03/25	Transfer to PP Current A/c	£12.00
20/03/25	Clerk Salary	£475.94
18/03/25	iD Mobile	£6.00
01/04/25	EDF	£19.00
01/04/25	Viking	£87.43
07/04/25	Cloudy IT	£23.76
16/04/25	iD Mobile	£6.00
22/04/25	Anglian Water	£20.09
25/04/25	Handyman	£80.08
25/04/25	Memorial Hall	£120.00
25/04/25	Clerk Salary	£475.94
30/04/25	Unity Bank Service Charge	£6.00
01/05/25	EDF	£19.00
06/05/25	SHDB	£34.55
07/05/25	Cloudy IT	£23.76
12/05/25	Kingfisher	£535.08
12/05/25	LALC	£270.42
12/05/25	AES	£66.00
12/05/25	V Watson Expenses	£13.60
12/05/25	Circle Fire	£88.80
12/05/25	FirstAid4Less	£82.44
12/05/25	N Watson Expenses	£30.79
12/05/25	SLCC	£110.00

15/05/25	Transfer to Savings A/c	£20,000.00
Total		£22,612.68

11. To discuss any issues relating to the Parish Pavilion.

Sandy Davis and Julie Bowley requested the use of the Pavilion for a signposting service. After much discussion GHPC agreed to make the Pavilion available on a trial basis, as long as risk assessments and insurance were completed.

AGREED, UNANIMOUSLY

12. Insurance Renewal

The clerk had received two quotes, one from our existing insurance company, Aviva, and another from Ansvar Charity and Community Insurance. It was agreed that we would use Aviva again this year.

AGREED, UNANIMOUSLY

13. Speedwatch group update

A session was held on Station Road in May with new volunteers and several cars found to be driving above the speed limit.

14. Planning

a) To discuss current planning applications and decisions.

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

H07-0267-25 Adj 26 Station Road, PE12 ONP

The Parish Council have no objection to the proposal but comment as follows: The proposed layout will result in three cramped properties on what is currently a spacious site. The Parish Council would prefer to see a more attractive street scene in keeping with neighbouring properties.

H07-0437-25 Cordon Villa 24 Station Road, PE12 ONP
Condition Compliance – Undecided

H07-0263-25 Codon Villa 24 Station Road, PE12 ONP
Application withdrawn

b) To discuss consultations and concerns.

Meridian Solar Farm – the consultation is once again open for anyone who wishes to comment. The Parish Councils response was read out and can be found on the GHPC web page. Parishioners were encouraged to attend the events being held locally.

Malice Solar Farm – there was nothing further to be added at this stage.

15. Cemetery matters

Gary Warner the gravedigger has retired, Rick Seaton has taken over. A vote of thanks was given to Gary

AGREED, UNANIMOUSLY

16. Wryde Croft Wind Farm Small Project Funding

An application was received from Gedney Hill & District Memorial Hall for £400 for a Boccia games set. This was approved.

AGREED, UNANIMOUSLY

Other applications will be considered and applicants informed as soon as possible.

17. Gedney Hill Estate Charity

There are three positions on the GHEC board which can be held by Parish Council nominees. Cllr N Watson and M Shepherd hold two of these positions. Cllr K James will hold the third position.

Proposed: N Watson

Seconded: M Shepherd

AGREED, UNANIMOUSLY

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

None

19. End of financial year.

- i) Receive and accept the Internal Auditor's Report for 2024/25 - **accepted**
- ii) Review and accept the Statement on Internal Control for 2024/25 (AGAR p3) - **accepted**
- iii) Complete the Annual Governance Statement for 2024/25 (AGAR p4) - **accepted**
- iv) Accept the Accounting Statements for 2024/25 (AGAR p5) - **accepted**
- v) Approve the Notice of Public Rights for inspection of the 2024/25 accounts - **accepted**

All points:

Proposed: P Redgate

Seconded: M Shepherd

AGREED, UNANIMOUSLY

20. To Confirm meeting dates for 2025/25

Monday 21 July 2025

Monday 15 September 2025

Monday 17 November 2025

Monday 19 January 2026

Monday 16 March 2026

Monday 18 May 2026

21. Date of next meeting – Monday 21 July 2025 at 6.30pm

The meeting closed at 7.40pm

Signed:

Date:

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