

GEDNEY HILL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PLAY PARK COMMITTEE MEETING Held at the Gedney Hill and District Memorial Hall, Hillgate, PE12 0NN on Monday 3rd November 2025, at 7pm

PRESENT:

M Shepherd (Chair), S Berrisford (Vice-Chair), A Watson, K Hasley, D Leedham, T Bill, G Taylor, N Watson (Acting Clerk)

PUBLIC FORUM (15 minutes):

No public present

2 Chair's remarks.

The Chair welcomed all members and thanked them for their continued interest in and hard work on all areas of the PPC's work.

3 Apologies for absence and acceptance of reasons given.

M Vernon – apology accepted

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

None

5 Acceptance of minutes from 1st September 2025.

Minutes accepted and signed by Chair.

6 To receive a financial update.

The funds allocated to PPC within the Parish Council accounts total £3398.67

7 SPF Grass Roots Funding.

Works continue at the pavilion. The boiler room has been incorporated into the new kitchen which provides an external fire exit, relocating the interior doorway gives another means of exit and moves the kitchen access away from the main entrance. The loft has been cleared and is being squirrel-proofed.

8 Grant funding

a. Michael Cornish application

The application has been submitted

b. Wryde Croft Windfarm application

The application has been submitted and we await a decision.

c. Linnean Grant

It was decided not to proceed with this application.

9 Lottery Funding.

a. Stage 2 funding documents

The shared document folder continues to be updated, sharing key documents with the National Lottery as appropriate

b. Lease

The National Lottery have advised exactly what clauses they would need the lease to include to make it acceptable to them, this has been passed to the Charity Clerk. The Charity have passed all correspondence to their Agent, Longstaffs, who will advise the Charity on the matter.

10 To discuss the current status of the planning application.

a. Correspondence from Planning Officer

The LPA Planning Officer is preparing to **APPROVE** our application, subject to a condition relating to BNG that reads:

“The development hereby permitted shall not commence until a biodiversity gain plan has been submitted to and approved in writing, by the Local Planning Authority. The development shall then be carried out in accordance with the details as approved.

Reason: To comply with Schedule 7A of the Town and Country Planning Act (1990, as amended).

This Condition is imposed in accordance with Schedule 7A of the Town and Country Planning Act (1990, as amended) and Policy 28 of the South East Lincolnshire Local Plan, 2019.”

At their prior meeting the Parish Council resolved to **ACCEPT** this condition.

b. Biodiversity Net Gain report

The BNG Matrix return has been received, its contents and conclusions were somewhat onerous and further discussions are planned with the LPA Officer and the Ecologist to find a way forward that is practical and affordable.

c. Correspondence with the Internal Drainage Board

The LPA appear to be satisfied with our responses on this matter.

d. Planning Application status

See 10a above

11 2026 events.

- a. Flower and Produce show – agree a date

A date was agreed of Sunday 6th September 2026

- b. Any other fundraising events

Suggestions included:

A Halloween Scarefest
Outdoor Cinema

The PPC have been invited by Cllr Laura Eldridge (SHDC) to join with Sutton St Edmunds to host Santa's Sleigh in early December. Insurance provision needs to be arranged, also a Santa and bucket-rattlers will be needed.

12 Items for the next Agenda

None

13 Agree date for next PPC meeting.

Tuesday 6th January 2026 at 7pm (**Date of next GHPC meeting 19th January 2026**).

The meeting closed at 7.35pm