

GEDNEY HILL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MARCH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Held at the Gedney Hill and District Memorial Hall, Hillgate, PE12 0NN On Monday 2nd March 2026, at 6.30pm

PRESENT:

GHPC Councillors: N Watson (Chair), A Watson, K James

Clerk: T Brooks

Also present:

Cllr R Condell, Lincolnshire County Council

6 members of the public

1. Chairmans Welcome.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced T Brooks as the new Clerk.

2. Public Forum

Cllr Condell, LCC, advised that the 2026/27 budget for LCC has been approved and Council Tax will be increased by 2.9%. Cllr Condell advised that LCC have made £5million available for road improvements works and there will also be further funding from the Government, the exact amount was not specified. Cllr Condell stated that Balfour Beatty (Highways Contractor) will increase their highways teams from 19 to 42 to tackle road remediation works with an improved pot-hole repair technique that should last between 2 and 3 years noting that some pot-holes will still be temporarily filled where major road improvement works are scheduled. A parishioner queried where these additional resources from Balfour Beatty were being sourced without compromise to other services.

3. Apologies for absence and acceptance of apologies.

The Council resolved to accept apologies from GHPC Councillor P Redgate and South Holland District Council Cllr L Eldridge. The Chair noted that the meeting was quorate.

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

None

5. To approve the draft minutes of the meeting held on 14th January 2026.

The minutes were approved by acclaim, and signed by Cllr N Watson as a true record.

6. 2026 Meeting Dates

The Chair confirmed that the Annual parish Meeting and the Annual Parish Council Meeting will be held in Gedney Hill and District Memorial Hall on Monday 18th May 2026 at 6.30pm and the Council resolved to accept the meeting.

7 Councillor resignation and vacancy update

The new councillor election will take place on Thursday 5th March 2026, with two candidates standing. Voting will close at 10pm and results are expected that evening. The new councillor will take office on the 18th May when they will sign their Declaration of office.

8 PPC update

Planning – The Biodiversity Net Gain has been agreed and submitted noting the requirement for 6 Native Trees and 100sqm of Other Neutral Grass to be provided before works can commence. A planning decision is expected on 13th March 2026.

Events –

Easter Egg Hunt 29th March 2026 following the Pavilion Opening Ceremony. Cllr Eldridge has supported the event with a contribution for the purchase of Easter Eggs. The event runs from 11am to 1pm with jacket potatoes, tea and cakes, ice cream, bouncy castle and a teddy tombola. Party in the Park 3rd May 2026 with 21 outside stalls currently booked, a band has been booked, a dog show, raffle, tombola, scavenger hunt, with the main event for the main ring to be confirmed.

Flower & Produce Show 6th September 2026 between 10am and 3pm and there will be 54 classes across 8 categories.

The Chair on behalf of the Councillors thanked the PPC committee for the continued contribution to organising the events.

9 LGR Implications

Cllr Condell, advised that there have been 4 options presented of how Lincolnshire could be divided, from a 3-tier to a 2-tier council system, with the chosen option to be implemented for the May 2027 elections. The Government are seeking feedback and feedback can be registered following the link below:

<https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/news/article/2630/government-launches-consultation-on-changes-to-councils-in-greater-lincolnshire->

10 Financial Report

A Bank reconciliation was circulated and noted the following position as at 1st March 2026:

Unity Bank CA	£320.67
Unity Bank Savings 1	£22,000.00
GHPC Wind Farm	£458.30
GHPC Paly park CA	£511.54
GHPC Play park SA	£3,500.00
Bank Balance	£26,790.51

Expenditure - Councillors considered the list, previously circulated and have previously resolved to approve the following accounts for payment:

Date	Amount	Supplier
01.12.2025	£2,000.00	L Sallis
22.12.2025	£6,800.00	L Sallis
14.01.2026	£5,000.00	L Sallis
16.01.2026	£2,500.00	L Sallis
20.02.2026	£664.43	Staff Wages

Income – The following Deposits has been received.

Date	Amount	Description	Supplier
27.02.2026	£15.00	Party in the Park Stall Deposit	M Murray

12.02.2026	£180.00	Easter Egg Hunt	South Holland District Council
16.02.2026	£15.00	Party in the Park Stall Deposit	CWD Creations
11.02.2026	£15.00	Party in the Park Stall Deposit	A Moate
10.02.2026	£30.00	Party in the Park Stall Deposit	R Stocks
10.02.2026	£15.00	Flower and produce show	Amore Gifts
10.02.2026	£15.00	Party in the Park Stall Deposit	Luxury Third Dimension
06.02.2026	£10.00	Party in the Park Stall Deposit	Adam Ices
06.02.2026	£15.00	Party in the Park Stall Deposit	M&D Crafts
06.02.2026	£15.00	Party in the Park Stall Deposit	Cole Creations
06.02.2026	£15.00	Party in the Park Stall Deposit	To The Manor Born
05.02.2026	£15.00	Party in the Park Stall Deposit	JEM Artwork
06.02.2026	£149.00	Planning Permission	South Holland District Council
05.02.2026	£15.00	Party in the Park Stall Deposit	From the Fens
02.02.2026	£15.00	Party in the Park Stall Deposit	K C Castles
30.01.2026	£300.00	Cemetery fee	Private individual (re cemetery)
28.01.2026	£15.00	Party in the Park Stall Deposit	The Cookie Well
23.01.2026	£12,400.00	Lincolnshire Grass Roots funding	Lincolnshire.com
14.01.2026	£80.00	Cemetery fee	HJM Memorials
31.12.2025	£164.82	Bank Interest	Unity Trust Bank
31.12.2025	£6.18	Bank Interest	Unity Trust Bank
31.12.2025	£18.29	Bank Interest	Unity Trust Bank
08.12.2025	£170.58	Santa Run	Cash - Post Office

11 Update on the Parish Pavilion

Cllr Condell will officiate the Opening Ceremony on 29th March 2026 at 10:45am.

Council resolved to accept the allocation of £1,000.00 budget for the purchase of a tea urn, fridge, freezer and other sundries for the Pavilion. A parishioner asked if the electrical equipment required PAT testing, it was confirmed that this was not required on new purchased equipment for the first 12months but is required on any existing electrical equipment being retained. A list of all electrical equipment will be held for PAT testing dates.

Members had been circulated in advance a quotation to replace the emergency escape lighting (running man signs) in the Pavilion which has failed and it was resolved to accept the quotation of £230.28 from Circle Fire.

The Clerk is progressing quotations to replace the single fire door.

12 Party in the park – TEN Application

It was resolved that the bar provider of the licensed activity will be holder of the alcohol sale licence and responsible for the TEN Application.

13 To discuss current planning applications and decisions

A planning matters list was circulated covering the period from 14th January to 23rd February 2026 and the Councillors have no observations on the list below:

Application Number	Type	Decision	Applicant	Development
H07-1040-25	FULL	Approved	Mr & Mrs Wilson Hillside 41 Station Road Gedney Hill Spalding PE12 ONP	Single storey side extension Location: Hillside 41 Station Road Gedney Hill Spalding
H07-0080-25	FULL	Rejected	Mrs R Zdroba 32 Hillgate Gedney Hill Spalding PE12 OHH	Siting of 2 polytunnels, 10 bee hives, live stock shed, demolition of existing stables and part use of land for retention of existing container to be used for storage temporarily in connection with business - retrospective Location: Lionsbridge Stables Station Road Gedney Hill Spalding
H07-1277-25	CONDITION COMPLIANCE	Approved	Mr & Mrs L Gonzalez Applegate House Walnut Road Walpole St Peter Norfolk PE14 7PE	Details of scheme to deal with any contamination of land (Condition 6 of H07-1059-25) Location: Plot Adj. Corner Lodge West Drove South Gedney Hill Spalding
H07-1265-25	FULL	Approved	Ms Allard Allen House Mill Lane Gedney Hill Spalding PE12 OPW	Demolition of existing conservatory, erection of single storey rear extension and two storey side extension Location: Allen House Mill Lane Gedney Hill Spalding
H07-1204-25	FULL	Approved	Mr & Mrs Young 3 Sycamore View Gedney Hill Spalding Lincolnshire PE12 ONQ	Extension & Alterations to Dwelling & Erection of Garden Shed Location: 3 Sycamore View Gedney Hill Spalding

14 Cemetery Matters

No matters where noted.

15 Dog Mess

Whilst it was noted that there has been an increase in the amount of dog mess not being disposed of correctly there was no action for the Parish Council.

16 Speedwatch Update

A grant application has been made to Wryde Croft Windfarm Community Fund for the installation of two Speed indicators, to be installed on Hillgate and North Road. Further speed surveys are to be undertaken but no date has yet been set.

17 Environment Act 2021 – Green Council Biodiversity

A draft policy will be prepared for review and acceptance at the next meeting.

18 Wryde Croft Windfarm, Small Project Fund

All funds for 2025 / 2026 has been distributed, further funding has been applied for. Cllr James will contact Cambridge Community Foundation for the current position.

19 To advise of any items to be added to the next meeting Agenda

No items raised.

20 Date of next meeting – Monday 18th May 2026 at 6.30pm.

The meeting closed at 7.15pm