



Gedney Hill Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 7th September 2026

Attendance and apologies

Elected Members	Present	Absent	Apologies
Ken James	Yes		
Paul Redgate		Yes	Yes
Sarah Berrisford	Yes		
Angela Watson	Yes		
Neil Watson (Chair)	Yes		

Cllr Neil Watson took the minutes as Acting Clerk

Agenda Item	Discussion	Decision
1 Public Forum, including a short presentation on waste collection	Dave Reed from SELCP gave an interesting presentation on the new waste collection arrangements from November 2026. A member of the public raised the issue of the land on Highstock Lane/Mole Drove junction – the Chair explained that as this is not Parish Council land the Council will not enter into any discussions about its future until Lincolnshire County Council contact us. Cllr R Condell (LCC) explained LCC's current actions with the site. Other matters raised were Agenda items	
2 Chairman's welcome and introduction of Sarah Bligh	The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Thanks were expressed to our departing Clerk Tess Brooks, and it was explained that Sarah Bligh our new Clerk was unable to join us as she was in hospital.	
3 Apologies for absence and acceptance	Apologies received from Cllr Redgate	
4 Declarations of Interest under the Localism Act 2011 and consideration of any requests for dispensation	None	
5 Notes of the last meeting on 6 th July 2026 to be approved as the minutes	The notes were agreed by Councillors and signed by the Chair as a true record.	Agreed by acclaim

6 Clerk's report on matters outstanding	No report	
7 Financial Matters – accept the financial report to 31 st August 2026	The financial report to 31 st August 2026 was agreed by acclaim and signed by the Vice Chir Cllr James in view of Cllr N Watson's dual role this evening.	
8. Planning matters	Cllr R Condell advised that Lincolnshire County Council has rejected the application by Meridian Solar. Cllrs noted a retrospective planning application for the siting of a residential mobile home adjacent to 164 North Road.	
9. Correspondence	None	
10. Update from the Play Park Committee	See attached report	
11. Receive reports from representatives on outside bodies	None	
12. Cemetery Matters	Mr Nigel Warner stepped in at short notice to assist with an interment of ashes – the Council extended thanks to him.	
13. Update on the works by Anglian Water in the Parish	The works continue although the south end of North Road is complete. Any road damage left after the work should be reported via Fix My Street	
14. Highways		
a. Update on submission to LCC Highways to reduce the speed limit on West Drove North	The request is with LCC pending a traffic survey	
b. Note the new speed indicator sign on Hillgate, and future plans	The first sign was erected on Hillgate as this was the only suitable pole immediately available. Working with Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership we are to have additional poles on North Road, Station Road and Highstock Lane – this will allow the second sign to be put into operation and give options for the signs' placement. The Speedwatch group is expected to back in operation in October under the guidance of the new co-ordinator Joel Watson.	
15. To receive items for the next agenda	The Santa Run	
16 Date of next meeting	2 nd November 2026 at 6.30pm in Gedney Hill memorial Hall.	
17 Confirmation of Clerk employment contract	Item deferred	
CLOSE	7.30pm	

10. Update from Play Park Committee

The National Lottery Reaching Communities Fund have been in touch to request some further information regarding our Stage 2 documents. The Parish Council and Play Park Committee have compiled most of this information and there will be a further update in due course.

The Flower & Produce Show took place yesterday, this was it's 2nd year. There were some fantastic entries, a lovely atmosphere and an all round great day out for all. It's lovely to see the space being used to bring the community together.

Thank you to everyone that helps at these events; from visitors coming along to grab a cuppa which supports the stalls attending, sponsors, judges, the organisations that allow us to borrow their equipment, and all of the volunteers who spend hours organising and running the show – we couldn't do it without you all!

The show tripled in profit from last year, with overall takings at nearly £500 and a clear profit of just over £350 – well done everyone, all profits go the Play Park Fund.

The next event that the Play Park Committee will be helping with is the Santa Run in December, organised by Cllr Laura Eldridge, further details to follow.