

Fleet Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 15th June 2026 at 7.00pm

Councillors present: Councillors Barnes (Chair), Dickey, Hammersley, C Penney, E Penney

Also present: Cllr N Carey, LCC; Neil Watson, Clerk & RFO and four members of the public.

The meeting was recorded by a member of the public as permitted by the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014.

PUBLIC FORUM – Incorporating reports from elected members of Lincolnshire County Council & South Holland District Council

A member of the public offered congratulations to the Parish Council for the excellent organisation and content of the fete yesterday.

Riparian responsibility for dykes was raised by a member of the public; the Clerk will source copies of the explanatory leaflet and arrange its distribution.

The replacement bench at the front of the car park was noted, and a question asked about the memorial plaque that was attached to the old bench – Cllr Barnes confirmed that the plaque is being restored and will be placed on the new bench in due course.

A question was asked by a member of the public about the Parish Council's co-option process.

Cllr N Carey, LCC:

A positive public meeting had been held in Sutton Bridge about the future use of the Bridge Hotel; Cllr Carey noted that similar support would be offered by LCC to any Parish Council in a similar situation.

Cllr Barnes questioned Cllr Carey about possible speed reduction measures along Old Main Road, Cllr Carey will see if an 'Archer' survey and road-painted roundels might form part of an action plan.

Cllr P Barnes, SHDC:

Local Government Reorganisation planning is ongoing, shadow elections to the new unitary authority are likely in May 2027 with the two authorities to run in parallel for twelve months.

The Garden Waste scheme is now fully operational.

The wheelie bin project continues to develop; the start of bin distribution is imminent with collections likely to start in November 2026. Arrangements will be put in place for residents unable to use bins due to storage/access considerations or requiring assisted collections. Dry recycling will be required to be put into the bins loose to avoid bin liners clogging the processing machinery. Public meetings will take place over the summer to introduce and explain the scheme.

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Agenda Item 1: To receive, consider and accept apologies for absence.

No apologies – all Councillors were present and the meeting is quorate.

Agenda Item 2: Receive applications (if any) for the office of Parish Councillor and to co-opt a candidate to fill the existing vacancy.

None

Agenda Item 3: Receive declarations of interest on agenda items.

No declarations were made.

Agenda Item 4: Approve the minutes of the meeting on 19th May 2026

The minutes were accepted by acclaim and duly signed by the Chair. Prop Cllr C Penney, Sec Cllr Hammersley (Minute reference 26/027)

Agenda Item 5: Financial Matters**a. Reconciliation of Bank account for May 2026**

The reconciliation was agreed as correct by acclaim and signed by the Chair. Prop Cllr P Barnes, Sec Cllr A Hammersley, all in favour. (Minute reference 26/028)

b. Payment of invoices

Grass cutting	£1597.00
Clerk/RFO monthly salary	£602.17
Bank Charges	£7.00
Scribe Software	£532.80
South Holland Voluntary Car	£778.68
Bench slabs	£4605.60
Car park surface	£13608.00
Clerk purchases reimbursed	£27.00
Face Painting	£200.00

The payments list was approved by acclaim, Prop Cllr P Barnes, Sec Cllr A Hammersley, all in favour. (Minute reference 26/029)

c. Receive and accept the Internal Auditor's Report for 2025/26

The item was approved by acclaim, Prop Cllr P Barnes, Sec Cllr A Hammersley, all in favour. (Minute reference 26/030)

d. Review and accept the Statement on Internal Control for 2025/26 (AGAR p3)

The item was approved by acclaim, Prop Cllr P Barnes, Sec Cllr A Hammersley, all in favour. (Minute reference 26/031)

e. Complete the Annual Governance Statement for 2025/26 (AGAR p4)

The item was approved by acclaim, Prop Cllr P Barnes, Sec Cllr A Hammersley, all in favour. (Minute reference 26/032)

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f. Accept the Accounting Statements for 2025/26 (AGAR p5)

The item was approved by acclaim, Prop Cllr P Barnes, Sec Cllr A Hammersley, all in favour. (Minute reference 26/033)

g. Approve the Notice of Public Rights for inspection of the 2025/26 accounts.

The item was approved by acclaim, Prop Cllr P Barnes, Sec Cllr A Hammersley, all in favour. (Minute reference 26/034)

The Chair thanked the Clerk & RFO for his hard work on the internal and external audit procedures for the last financial year.

Agenda Item 6: To receive reports from:**a. Playing Field & Pavilion Working Party**

The pavilion's external windows have been painted.

The car park extension works are complete.

The slabs for the new benches have been completed and the benches installed.

The footpath has been extended towards the play area to eliminate the wet spot.

The roundabout needs servicing (Clerk to arrange)

A toilet lock needs replacing in the pavilion.

The Chair said how pleasing it is to have the pavilion in operation; it is now a facility to be proud of.

b. Fund Raising and Grants Working Party

The UKSPF application has been unsuccessful on this occasion.

An application has been made to The Grange wind farm community benefit fund.

Other potential funders were identified as The National Lottery, Children in Need and the Postcode Lottery.

c. War Memorial & Amenities Working Party (including Cherry Lane)

Summer planting at the War Memorial is complete.

The step up to the memorial is loose and potentially dangerous, this is to be reported to Highways via Fix My Street.

i. Cherry Lane Volunteer Project – update

The project has been agreed with the LCC Volunteer Coordinator, the group will supply all labour and Brewers Decorator Centres have generously agreed to donate all the materials for the project. Work is scheduled for 4th & 5th August 2026.

Agenda Item 7: Correspondence Received

None

Agenda Item 8: Speedwatch Initiative.

No report this month. The Chair asked if the newly acquired 30mph signs had been erected on Old Main Road yet. It was noted that they hadn't but it was agreed that this would be done as soon as possible.

Agenda Item 9: Planning Matters

See the schedule attached.

Full details of all planning matters can be found at www.sholland.gov.uk.

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Agenda Item 10: Forward Planning & Events

a. Fleet Summer Fete - 14 June 2026 – report.

The fete was a well-attended and successful event enjoyed by all.

The Lithuanian singers and dancers were superb; it was agreed by acclaim to make a donation to their group and invite them to appear again next year.

The 2027 fete will be held on Sunday 13th June 2027

The security company failed to send their staff to the event – the Clerk is dealing with this.

b. Fleet School Sports Day – 19th June 2026

Plans and procedures are in place ready for Friday's event.

c. SHDC Activity Fun Day – 27th July 2026

This is a turnkey event with the SHDC team simply needing access to the toilets. Cllr Barnes will enquire whether the organisers wish us to provide refreshments from the pavilion.

d. Use of pavilion for tea/coffee service

The Royal British Legion under the kind supervision of Cllrs Penney have started this provision and word is starting to get around.

e. Farmers Markets

A number of expressions of interest have been received.

f. Tabletop Sales

The car park area will be made available for parishioners to use at the Fleet Hargate Yard Sale on 16th August, Cllr E Penney has kindly offered to lead this project.

Agenda Item 11. Tree and Landscape work at the church – update

LCC have accepted responsibility for raising the crown on the two trees on the green and cutting back the verge and brambles in front of the Church – this work should be completed shortly. LCC have requested the Church to deal with the tree that overhangs the highway as it is rooted in the churchyard.

Agenda Item 12. Baptist Chapel – Update

Discussions continue with the Church authorities.

Agenda Item 13. Parish Grass Cutting – update

An application has been made for the Parish to take devolved responsibility for some grass cutting, the application is being processed.

Agenda Item 14. To Note Date of Next Meeting

Monday 20th July 2026, Fleet Hargate Community Centre at 7.00pm

Meeting Closed: 8.10 pm.

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Fleet Parish Council

Prepared by: _____

Date: _____

Name and Role (Clerk/RFO etc)

Approved by: _____

Date: _____

Name and Role (RFO/Chair of Finance etc)

Bank Reconciliation at 31/05/2026			
	Cash in Hand 01/04/2026		32,824.97
	ADD		
	Receipts 01/04/2026 - 31/05/2026		43,724.11
			76,549.08
	SUBTRACT		
	Payments 01/04/2026 - 31/05/2026		7,378.82
A	Cash in Hand 31/05/2026 (per Cash Book)		69,170.26
	Cash in hand per Bank Statements		
	Barclays Bank Current Account 31/05/2026	250.11	
	Unity Trust Bank CA 31/05/2026	420.15	
	Unity Trust Bank DA 31/05/2026	68,500.00	
			69,170.26
	Less unrepresented payments		
			69,170.26
	Plus unrepresented receipts		
B	Adjusted Bank Balance		69,170.26
	A = B Checks out OK		

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Account Statement
01 May 2026 to 31 May 2026

Account Name: Fleet Parish Council FPC Current Account
Sort Code: 608301
Account Number: 20547417
Swift Code (BIC): NWBKGB2L
IBAN: GB93NWBK60023571418024

Summary**

Start balance	Paid out	Paid in	End balance
£2,536.91	£6,696.76	£4,580.00	£420.15

Your arranged overdraft limit is £0.00



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Transactions for Current T1 account 20547417

Date	Type	Details	Paid Out £	Paid In £	Balance £
30/04/2026		Balance brought forward	£0.00	£0.00	£2,536.91
01/05/2026	Faster Payment Debit	B/P to: JAH	£1,110.00	£0.00	£1,426.91
05/05/2026	Credit	BILLINGHURST IR	£0.00	£80.00	£1,506.91
06/05/2026	Faster Payment Debit	B/P to: Gallagher	£2,212.51	£0.00	£-705.60
06/05/2026	Transfer	Transfer from 20547420	£0.00	£1,000.00	£294.40
12/05/2026	Standing Order	S/O to: Watson N L	£576.17	£0.00	£-281.77
12/05/2026	Transfer	Transfer from 20547420	£0.00	£500.00	£218.23
19/05/2026	Transfer	Transfer from 20547420	£0.00	£2,000.00	£2,218.23
20/05/2026	Direct Debit	Direct Debit (EDF ENERGY)	£20.99	£0.00	£2,197.24
20/05/2026	Faster Payment Debit	B/P to: JAH	£1,597.00	£0.00	£600.24
20/05/2026	Faster Payment Debit	B/P to: V Clark	£53.50	£0.00	£546.74
20/05/2026	Faster Payment Debit	B/P to: LALC	£48.00	£0.00	£498.74
20/05/2026	Transfer	Transfer to 20547420	£500.00	£0.00	£-1.26
20/05/2026	Faster Payment Debit	B/P to: Paul Barnes	£375.10	£0.00	£-376.36
20/05/2026	Faster Payment Debit	B/P to: E Penney	£76.49	£0.00	£-452.85
20/05/2026	Transfer	Transfer from 20547420	£0.00	£500.00	£47.15
20/05/2026	Transfer	Transfer from 20547420	£0.00	£500.00	£547.15
26/05/2026	Faster Payment Debit	B/P to: Crampton	£120.00	£0.00	£427.15
31/05/2026	Fee	Service Charge	£7.00	£0.00	£420.15

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Account Name: Fleet Parish Council FPC Savings Account
Sort Code: 608301
Account Number: 20547420
Swift Code (BIC): NWBKGB2L
IBAN: GB93NWBK60023571418024

Summary**

Start balance	Paid out	Paid in	End balance
£72,500.00	£4,500.00	£500.00	£68,500.00

The credit interest rate is 1.95% AER as of your statement date.



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Transactions for Instant Access account 20547420

Date	Type	Details	Paid Out £	Paid In £	Balance £
30/04/2026		Balance brought forward	£0.00	£0.00	£72,500.00
06/05/2026	Transfer	Transfer to 20547417	£1,000.00	£0.00	£71,500.00
12/05/2026	Transfer	Transfer to 20547417	£500.00	£0.00	£71,000.00
19/05/2026	Transfer	Transfer to 20547417	£2,000.00	£0.00	£69,000.00
20/05/2026	Transfer	Transfer to 20547417	£500.00	£0.00	£68,500.00
20/05/2026	Transfer	Transfer to 20547417	£500.00	£0.00	£68,000.00
20/05/2026	Transfer	Transfer from 20547417	£0.00	£500.00	£68,500.00

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FLEET PARISH COUNCIL

Sort Code 20-80-78
Account No 70378852

SWIFTBIC BUKGB22
IBAN GB20 BUKB 2080 7870 3788 52
Issued on 01 June 2026

MRS ROBYN NEGUS
FLEET PARISH COUNCIL
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Your Community Account

At a glance

01 - 29 May 2026

Date	Description	Money out £	Money in £	Balance £
1 May	Start Balance			175.00
5 May	Giro Direct Credit From Lynn Bevis Ref: Beabearlies		10.00	185.00
12 May	Giro Direct Credit From Brian Jarvis Ref: Mags Grey		10.00	195.00
14 May	Giro Direct Credit From Roshier AB Ref: Monty and Mazie		40.00	235.00
	Giro Direct Credit From Easy Fundraising Ref: 370942 Quarter 1 2		15.11	250.11
29 May	Balance carried forward			250.11
	Total Payments/Receipts	0.00	75.11	

Start balance	£175.00
Money out	£0.00
▶ Commission charges	£0.00
Money in	£75.11
▶ Gross interest earned	£0.00
End balance	£250.11

Your deposit is eligible for protection by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme.

Anything wrong? If you notice any incorrect or unusual transactions, see the next page for how to get in touch with us.

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PAYMENTS LIST

Voucher Code	Date	Minute	Bank	Payment Ref.	Description	Supplier	VAT Type	Net	VAT	Total
5 Clerk/RFO Monthly Salary	12/05/2026		Unity Trust Bank CA		Clerk Monthly Salary	Neil Watson	X	576.17		576.17
7 Grass Cutting	01/05/2026		Unity Trust Bank CA		Grass cutting	JAH Garden & Grounds	X	1,110.00		1,110.00
9 Bank Charges	31/05/2026		Unity Trust Bank CA		Bank Service Charge	Unity Trust Bank	X	7.00		7.00
10 Audit Fees	19/05/2026		Unity Trust Bank CA		Internal Audit	Clark's Clerical Service	X	53.50		53.50
11 Training	19/05/2026		Unity Trust Bank CA		Training Fees	LALC	S	40.00	8.00	48.00
12 Grass Cutting	19/05/2026		Unity Trust Bank CA		Grass cutting	JAH Garden & Grounds	X	1,597.00		1,597.00
13 Planters	20/05/2026		Unity Trust Bank CA		Councillor Expenses	Evelyn Penney	X	76.49		76.49
14 Repairs & Maintenance	20/05/2026		Unity Trust Bank CA		Councillor Expenses	Paul Barnes	S	70.65	14.13	84.78
14 Fleet Summer Fete	20/05/2026		Unity Trust Bank CA		Councillor Expenses	Paul Barnes	S	179.97	35.99	215.96
14 Miscellaneous	20/05/2026		Unity Trust Bank CA		Councillor Expenses	Paul Barnes	X	74.36		74.36
16 Insurance	06/05/2026		Unity Trust Bank CA		Insurance	Gallagher Insurance	X	2,212.51		2,212.51
17 Electricity to Pavilion	20/05/2026		Unity Trust Bank CA		Electricity to Pavilion	EDF	L	19.99	1.00	20.99
18 Repairs & Maintenance	26/05/2026		Unity Trust Bank CA		Remove vehicle	Crampton	S	100.00	20.00	120.00
Total								6,117.64	79.12	6,196.76

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RECEIPTS LIST

Vouche Code	Date	Minute	Bank	Receipt No	Description	Supplier	VAT Type	Net	VAT	Total
8 Rent for use of Playing Field	05/05/2026		Unity Trust Bank CA		Rent for use of playing field/pa	LSFC UI6	X	80.00		80.00
9 Fleet Summer Fete	05/05/2026		Barclays Bank Curren		Fleet Parish Summer Fete	L Bevis	X	10.00		10.00
10 Fleet Summer Fete	12/05/2026		Barclays Bank Curren		Fleet Parish Summer Fete	B Jarvis	X	10.00		10.00
11 Fleet Summer Fete	12/05/2026		Barclays Bank Curren		Fleet Parish Summer Fete	A B Roshier	X	40.00		40.00
12 Easy Funding	12/05/2026		Barclays Bank Curren		Easy Funding	Easy Funding	X	15.11		15.11
Total								155.11		155.11

PLANNING APPLICATIONS SEARCH

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Reference	Location	Proposal	Received Type	Status
H05-0534-26	BELGRAVIA HOUSE 4 THE MAPLES FLEET PE12 8NT	Works to trees in Fleet Hargate Conservation Area	04-06-26 Tree Works in CON	Undecided X
H05-0512-26	HOVENDEN HOUSE FLEET BANK FLEET PE12 8LW	Works to Fleet Tree Preservation Order No. 11 2008	01-06-26 TPO Tree Works	Undecided X
H05-0516-26	1 THE MAPLES FLEET SPALDING PE12 8NT	Works to Trees in Fleet Conservation Area	01-06-26 Tree Works in CON	Undecided X
H05-0509-26	Land to the West of Branches Lane South Holbeach Spalding PE12 8PD	Details of Biodiversity Gain Plan and 30 Year Habitat Management & Maintenance Plan (Conditions 11 and 12 of H05-0439-25)	29-05-26 CONDITION COMPLIANCE	Undecided X
H05-0464-26	4 Tower Gardens Holbeach Spalding PE12 7FT	Works to Fleet and Holbeach TPO No 1 1987	14-05-26 TPO Tree Works	Undecided
H05-0456-26	Land adj Sanderi Winslow Gate Holbeach PE12 8LS	Proposed agricultural barn and access roadway from existing highway access	12-05-26 FULL	Undecided

X New since last
meeting

H05-0362-26 LANGARY GATE HOUSE LANGARY/ GATE ROAD GEDNEY HILL PE12 ORU	Proposed installation of ground mounted solar panels	17-04-26 FULL	Undecided
H05-0322-26 CHARLES HOUSE LITTLE MARSH LANE FLEET PE12 8NW	Proposed First Floor Extension & Alterations	01-04-26 FULL	Undecided
H05-0150-26 Delph Bank Touring Park Old Main Road Fleet Hargate PE12 8LL	Proposed 5 Holiday Lodges	17-02-26 FULL	Undecided
H05-1112-25 CREAM HOUSE CHURCH END FLEET PE12 8NQ	Proposed extension	12-11-25 FULL	Undecided
H05-0969-25 Ladypud Lodge Low Gate Fleet PE12 8LN	Proposed Extension	08-10-25 FULL	Undecided
H05-0729-25 Land to the west of Langary Gate Road Fleet Coy Spalding PE12 ORU	Change of use of previously reclaimed land to enable a mixed residential and equine use through the standing of two residential static caravans and two touring caravans and erection of two stables and ancillary works to create a home for a Gypsy / Traveller family	27-07-25 FULL	Undecided

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