

Fleet Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 20th July 2026 at 7.00pm

Councillors present: Councillors Barnes (Chair), Dickey, Hammersley, C Penney, E Penney
Also present: Neil Watson, Clerk & RFO and three members of the public.

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

A member of the public offered thanks to the Parish Council for arranging the relocation of a dog waste bin on the playing field.

A parishioner requested that the layout of the football pitches be looked at to try and stop balls being kicked into their garden. It was also discussed whether a five-a-side pitch might be useful.

The lack of waste bins along Fleet Road was noted – the supply and emptying of waste bins is a SHDC function.

Speed limits throughout the parish being ignored – enforcement is the responsibility of the Police. Painted roundels on the road surface are being sought from Highways dept.

Parking outside the service station was discussed, LCC and SHDC are aware and the matter is ongoing.

The lack of road sweepers and roadside weed control was noted.

Cllr N Carey, LCC:

No report

Cllr P Barnes, SHDC:

A booking system is to be introduced at the refuse tips, Cllr Barnes objected to the proposal as it is designed to reduce the amount of waste despite the rapid increase in population, leading to the risk of increased fly tipping. A local registration scheme to exclude vehicles from outside the area would be advantageous.

Local Government Reorganisation is confirmed with South Holland forming part of a large unitary authority covering the majority of Lincolnshire. It is important that our Parish receives a fair slice of the cake. The wards will change and the number of Councillors reduce.

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

Cllr N Carey, LCC. All Parish Councillors were present and the meeting was quorate.

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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 15th June 2026

After discussion around the payment to SHPVCS the minutes were accepted by acclaim and duly signed by the Chair. Prop Cllr Barnes, Sec Cllr C Penney (Minute reference 26/035)

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

The reconciliation was agreed as correct by acclaim and signed by the Chair. Prop Cllr C Penney, Sec Cllr E Penney, all in favour. (Minute reference 26/036)

b. Payment of invoices

See list attached

The payments list was approved by acclaim, Prop Cllr C Penney, Sec Cllr E Penney, all in favour. (Minute reference 26/037)

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

The roundabout has been serviced, the bearings are grinding as the grease nipples weren't fitted on installation, so they haven't been greased. The Clerk is to take this up with the installers.

The car park is being very well used

The school event on the field was a great success; the vehicle parked to the south of the field was a safety vehicle with permission to park there.

The abandoned vehicle has been collected.

b. Fund Raising and Grants Working Party

The Chair asked Councillors to prepare a wish list of projects (with budget figure) for future planning. A parishioner suggested a Multi-Use Games Area (cost approx. £100,000)

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

Some trees at Cherry Lane Orchard need staking

Litter bin sign to be removed

The hedge and fence around the War memorial would benefit from renewal

The steps to the War Memorial need attention

The various flower planters need removal, renewal or repair

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 volunteer works are scheduled for 4th/5th August

Agenda Item 7: Correspondence Received

None

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Agenda Item 8: Speedwatch Initiative.

No report this month. The Chair is trying to get activity restarted.

Agenda Item 9: Planning Matters

See the schedule attached.

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

The planning application for commercial-scale waste upcycling facility using black soldier fly larvae (BSFL) bioconversion on Washway Road has been withdrawn.

Agenda Item 10: Forward Planning & Events**a. Fleet School Sports Day – 19th June 2026**

The event was great success, the parking filled up quickly

b. SHDC Activity Fun Day – 27th July 2026

This is a turnkey event with the SHDC team simply needing access to the toilets. The Parish Council will have a cake stall in the pavilion

c. Use of pavilion for tea/coffee service

There has been minimal demand, so service is currently suspended

d. Parish Yard Sale – 16th August 2026

A number of expressions of interest have been received; work has started organising the event.

e. Future use of the car park

Following an informal Parish poll, Farmers Markets were a popular choice, so work has started to organise a taster event.

f. Summer Fete Sunday 13th June 2027

Bookings are already coming in from stalls and entertainment for this popular event

Agenda Item 11. Resolve to go into Closed session to discuss**a. Future development and potential assets**

Various options were discussed for future projects

b. Appointment of the Clerk on a permanent basis following a probationary period

Confirmation of appointment was agreed by acclaim. It was resolved that the Clerk's contract be amended at point 9.4 that salary in arrears be paid on the last day of each month rather than on the 12th of the following month. This is an administrative change only, to ensure that salary payments fall into the correct accounting month. (Minute reference 26/038)

Agenda Item 12. To Note Date of Next Meeting

Monday 21st September 2026, Gedney Hill Memorial Hall at 7.00pm

Meeting Closed: 8.50 pm.

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Fleet Parish Council

Prepared by: NHL WATSON Clerk RFO Date: 30.6.26
Name and Role (Clerk/RFO etc)

Approved by: [Signature] Date: _____
Name and Role (RFO/Chair of Finance etc)

Bank Reconciliation at 30/06/2026			
	Cash in Hand 01/04/2026		32,824.97
	ADD Receipts 01/04/2026 - 30/06/2026		44,036.26
			76,861.23
	SUBTRACT Payments 01/04/2026 - 30/06/2026		29,976.51
A	Cash in Hand 30/06/2026 (per Cash Book)		46,884.72
	Cash in hand per Bank Statements		
	Barclays Bank Current Account 30/06/2026 0.00		
	Unity Trust Bank CA 30/06/2026 607.57		
	Unity Trust Bank DA 30/06/2026 46,277.15		
			46,884.72
	Less unrepresented payments		
			46,884.72
	Plus unrepresented receipts		
B	Adjusted Bank Balance		46,884.72
A = B Checks out OK			

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Fleet Parish Council PAYMENTS LIST

Voucher Code	Date	Minute	Bank	Payment Ref.	Description	Supplier	VAT Type	Net	VAT	Total
15 Grass Cutting	01/06/2026		Unity Trust Bank CA		Grass cutting	JAH Garden & Grounds	X	1,597.00		1,597.00
19 Clerk/RFO Monthly Salary	12/06/2026		Unity Trust Bank CA		Clerk Monthly Salary	Neil Watson	X	576.17		576.17
19 Clerk - Working from home all	12/06/2026		Unity Trust Bank CA		Clerk Monthly Salary	Neil Watson	X	26.00		26.00
20 Software Licence	06/06/2026		Unity Trust Bank CA		Software for Accounts package	Starboard Systems Ltd T/A	S	444.00	88.80	532.80
21 SHPVCS	06/06/2026		Unity Trust Bank CA		Voluntary Car Scheme	SH Parish Voluntary Car Se	X	778.68		778.68
22 Bank Charges	30/06/2026		Unity Trust Bank CA		Bank Service Charge	Unity Trust Bank	X	7.00		7.00
23 Benches	06/06/2026		Unity Trust Bank CA		Benches	Breaker Surfacing Ltd	S	3,838.00	767.60	4,605.60
24 Car Park	06/06/2026		Unity Trust Bank CA		Car Park	Breaker Surfacing Ltd	S	11,340.00	2,268.00	13,608.00
25 Fleet Summer Fete	06/06/2026		Unity Trust Bank CA		Face Painter	Flutterby Face Painting	X	200.00		200.00
26 Fleet Summer Fete	06/06/2026		Unity Trust Bank CA		Fleet Parish Summer Fete	SHDC	X	21.00		21.00
26 Mobile Phone	06/06/2026		Unity Trust Bank CA		Fleet Parish Summer Fete	SHDC	X	6.00		6.00
27 Electricity to Pavilion	23/06/2026		Unity Trust Bank CA		Electricity to Pavilion	EDF	L	20.70	1.04	21.74
28 Fleet Summer Fete	25/06/2026		Unity Trust Bank CA		Fleet Parish Summer Fete	Karallunams	X	150.00		150.00
29 Fleet Summer Fete	25/06/2026		Unity Trust Bank CA		Fleet Parish Summer Fete	Holbeach Town Band	X	150.00		150.00
30 Repairs & Maintenance	25/06/2026		Unity Trust Bank CA		Pavilion	Paul Barnes	S	260.56	52.14	312.70
31 Fleet Summer Fete	23/06/2026		Unity Trust Bank CA		Fleet Parish Summer Fete	Bounce House	X	5.00		5.00
Total								19,420.11	3,177.58	22,597.69

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RECEIPTS LIST

Vouche	Code	Date	Minute	Bank	Receipt No	Description	Customer	VAT Type	Net	VAT	Total
13	Fleet Summer Fete	01/06/2026		Barclays Bank Currer		Fleet Parish Summer Fete	H Twelve	X	10.00		10.00
14	Bank Interest	30/06/2026		Unity Trust Bank DA		Bank Interest	Unity Trust Bank	X	277.15		277.15
15	Fleet Summer Fete	30/06/2026		Barclays Bank Currer		Fleet Parish Summer Fete	Unknown	X	25.00		25.00
Total									312.15		312.15

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South Holland District Council

<https://planning.sholland.gov.uk/OcellaWeb/planningSearch>

South Holland District Council / Resident / Planning & Building Control / Planning / Search Applications

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Reference	Location	Proposal	Received Type	Status
H05-0591-26	Anglia Motel Washway Road Fleet PE12 8LT	Erection of 2.4m high perimeter fencing including 2 new gates	23-06-26 FULL	Undecided
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
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
H05-0150-26	Delph Bank Touring Park Old Main Road Fleet Hargate PE12 8LL	Proposed 5 Holiday Lodges	17-02-26 FULL	Undecided
H05-0729-25	Land to the west of Langary Gate Road Fleet Coy Spalding PE12 0RU	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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