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Minutes of the meeting of the Trust held on Tuesday 2nd June 2026 after the town council meeting in Council Chamber at Town Hall

Present: Joseph Athorn (Chair), Krista Booker, Stephanie Bubb, Barry Darch, Philippa Drew, John Greig, Jeff Harris, Alan Hopley, Peter Shannon, Christine Wheeler

In Attendance: Paul Cunningham, Secretary

Apologies: Nathalie Chidley, Samuel Hunt, Tarek Lahin, Daniel Smith

Absent: Gillian Birrell

Members of public:

1 - To receive apologies for absence

Received from Sam Hunt, Nathalie Chidley, Daniel Smith and Tarek Lahin.

What?	By Whom?	By When?
There are no actions for this item.		

2 - To receive declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests in items on the agenda

There were none.

What?	By Whom?	By When?
There are no actions for this item.		

3 - To approve the minutes of the Beccles Fenland Charity Trust meeting held on Tuesday 5th May 2026

Motion to approve minutes proposed by Cllr Stubbings.

Seconded by: Cllr Bubb.

Councillors voted unanimously in favour and it was therefore

RESOLVED To accept for accuracy and adoption the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 5th May 2026

What?	By Whom?	By When?
There are no actions for this item.		

4 - Matters arising from these minutes

Councillors noted that Cllr Stubbings had drafted a business plan for leisure activities at Beccles Quay, which would be considered by DEvelopment Committee.

What?	By Whom?	By When?
There are no actions for this item.		

5 - To receive the Responsible Financial Officer's report and agree the payment schedules for May 2026

Motion to approve the payment schedules: Cllr Darch

Seconded by: Cllr Greig

Councillors voted in favour and it was therefore

RESOLVED To receive the RFO's report and to agree the payment schedules for May 2026.

What?	By Whom?	By When?
There are no actions for this item.		

6 - Draft minutes of Assets and Estates Committee meeting held on Wednesday 20th May 2026

Motion to receive draft minutes proposed by Cllr Stubbings.

Seconded by Cllr Shannon.

Councillors voted in favour and it was therefore

RESOLVED To receive for information the draft minutes of the Assets and Estates Committee meeting held on Wednesday 20th May 2026.

Councillors considered the following recommendations from this meeting:

i To accept the quotation from Exo to repair the weir behind Marsh 33 at a cost of £1,950 plus VAT

Motion to accept the quotation from Exo to repair the weir behind Marsh 33 at a cost of £1,950 plus VAT proposed by Cllr Stubbings.

Seconded by Cllr Darch.

Councillors voted in favour and it was therefore **RESOLVED** To accept the quotation from Exo to repair the weir behind Marsh 33 at a cost of £1,950 plus VAT.

ii To accept the quotation from Waveney Surfacing for £2,386.25 plus VAT to repair the entrance to the bowls club car park.

Motion to accept the quotation from Waveney Surfacing for £2,386.25 plus VAT to repair the entrance to the bowls club car park.

Seconded by Cllr Booker.

Councillors voted in favour and it was therefore **RESOLVED** To accept the quotation from Waveney Surfacing for £2,386.25 plus VAT to

repair the entrance to the bowls club car park.

What?	By Whom?	By When?
There are no actions for this item.		

7 - Draft minutes of the Development and Commerce Committee meeting held on Monday 11th May 2026

Motion to receive draft minutes proposed by Cllr Athorn.

Seconded by Cllr Wheeler.

Councillors voted in favour and it was therefore

RESOLVED To receive for information the draft minutes of the Development and Commerce Committee meeting held on Monday 11th May 2026.- To consider how to replace the analogue telephone line at Beccles Quay.

Cllr Stubbings noted the upcoming steep increase in analogue line costs and therefore the need to move away from this. He commented that he did not have confidence in Uno, the current provider, and he suggested switching to Voipfone for both telephone and internet. He noted that the Uno contract terms could lead to a penalty for withdrawing of up to £400.

Cllr Stubbings proposed that the telephone and broadband at Beccles Quay be switched to Voipfone.

Seconded by Cllr Wheeler.

Councillors voted in favour and it was therefore
RESOLVED To switch the telephone and broadband at Beccles Quay to Voipfone.

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There are no actions for this item.		

8 - Any other Fenland Trust business

Cllr Athorn noted that travellers had occupied part of the 'Hotel site' field from 23rd May to 1st June. He suggested that Assets & Estates Committee investigate the potential for a height barrier at the entrance to the site.

Secretary noted that there is an unregistered illegally moored boat on the Trust's land between A146 bridge and Sailing Club.

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There are no actions for this item.		

9 - To agree the date of the next meeting as Tuesday 7th July 2026 after the town council meeting

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 7th July 2026 after the town council meeting.

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There are no actions for this item.		

10 - To consider confidential items

Councillors noted that there were no members of the public present.

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There are no actions for this item.		

11 - Draft confidential minutes of Development and

Commerce Committee meeting held on Monday 11th May

2026 Motion to receive draft confidential minutes proposed

by Cllr Stubbings. Seconded by Cllr Wheeler.

Councillors voted in favour and it was therefore

RESOLVED To receive for information the draft confidential minutes of the Development and Commerce Committee meeting held on Monday 11th May 2026.

What?	By Whom?	By When?
There are no actions for this item.		