

Great Oxendon Parish Council

Village Hall, Main Street, Great Oxendon
 Minutes of the General Meeting held on Monday 12th January 2026 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr Steedman (Chair), Cllr Patel-Brown (Vice-Chair), Cllr Binns, Cllr Hogarth, Cllr Barker.

96. Apologies for Absence were received from: Cllr Lindsay-Smith, Ward Councillor: Cllr Irving-Swift

97. Declaration of Personal and Prejudicial Interests under the Councils Code of Conduct related to business on the agenda – Cllr Barker. Item 101 Planning Application

98. Minutes of the Meeting held on the 8 December 2025. Approved. Prop: Cllr. Binns. Sec: Cllr Patel-Brown.

100. Open Forum

No Members of the Public present.

101. Finance

i. Budget 2026/27

The Precept 2026/27 was approved at **£ 16,120.62. Prop: Cllr Hogarth. Sec: Cllr Binns**

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ii. Monthly Payments

Date of Meeting: 12th January 2026					
Payments to be Approved not yet Paid					
DATE	PAID TO	DESCRIPTION	NET	VAT	TOTAL
01/01/2026	Mrs Sarah Smith	Parish Clerk Salary - Jan'26	380.29	0.00	380.29
06/01/2026	Npower	Streetlight Electricity Oct-Dec'25	192.67	9.63	202.30
29/12/2025	Gt Ox Village Hall	Rent for 2025	195.00	0.00	195.00
05/01/2026	EON	Streetlight Maintenance Q4 2025	26.00	5.20	31.20
Payments to be Approved - Paid via Direct Debit					
DATE	PAID TO	DESCRIPTION	NET	VAT	TOTAL
11/12/2025	BT Group PLC	Telephone and Broadband - Dec'25	34.51	6.90	41.41

The monthly payments were approved. Invoices were circulated prior to the meeting and were signed. Payments are processed as per the Internal Controls policy found on the website.

Approved. Prop: Cllr Patel-Brown. Sec: Cllr Barker.

iii. Resolution of additional payments not listed above or those paid by direct debit - None

As per the Internal Control policy, the Clerk has delegated powers to spend up to £500 on day to day running expenses.

iv. The accounts to the 31st December 2025 were presented. These consisted of:

- a. Receipts
- b. Expenditure
- c. Bank Reconciliation
- d. Statement of Reserves
- e. Spend v Budget
- f. Copy of Payments to be Approved.
- g. Bank Statements

The accounts were circulated prior to the meeting. All documents were approved and signed.

Approved. Prop: Cllr Patel-Brown. Sec: Cllr Barker.

102. Planning and Licensing Consultations:

Planning

- i) **2026/0075/PA – 49 Main Street, Great Oxendon**

Cllr Barker left the meeting.

A short discussion was held regarding the proximity of the boundary wall to the neighbour fence. The Parish Council would like to ensure that any damage to the fence is made good by the applicant if damaged during construction.

Comment Approved. Prop: Cllr Binns. Sec: Cllr Patel-Brown. Clerk to action

Cllr Barker returned to the meeting.

Consultations/Engagement Activities

The following Consultations were noted by the Council.

- i. **West Northamptonshire Council Draft Budget 2026 to 2027 Consultation** – Please visit <https://westnorthants.citizenspace.com/cet/wnc-budget-2026-27/> . **This consultation closes midnight Tuesday 3 February 2026.**
- ii. **Call for Sites** – Meeting the needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople Local Plan - Submit a site by completing the form. **This activity closes on 26 January 2026.**
- iii. **Help Shape: Draft Active Travel Strategy, Mobility Hub and Rail Action Plans**
As part of the developing strategies for the Local Travel Plan for West Northamptonshire, we are asking for feedback to help shape the vision and themes in the draft Active Travel Strategy, Mobility Hub Action Plan and Rail Action Plan. **This activity closes on 27 January 2026**
- iv. **Now Closed** - Northamptonshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner Public Consultation: Precept and Public Confidence Survey 2026/2027. **This activity closed on 5 January 2026.**

A note was made regarding the WNC Local Plan which is due to go to consultation in February and the proposal of the re-opening of the Brampton Valley Way.

For all West Northamptonshire Consultation details please visit - <https://westnorthants.citizenspace.com>

103. Update from Councillors with regards to Areas of Responsibility

- i. **Planning and Neighbourhood Plan** – Cllr Hogarth

- **Emergency Plan** – Cllr Hogarth circulated a draft copy of the plan. A note was made regarding possible equipment that may need to be purchased. It was agreed that Cllr Hogarth and the team had a solid base of which minor tweaks can now be made. Leaders will be established. A Zoom meeting will be organised – date TBC.
- **Wormslade Farm** – Cllr Hogarth is due to visit another digester for a tour on the 12th February 2026. Update at the March meeting.

ii. **Highways** – Cllr Binns/Cllr Lindsay-Smith/Cllr Steedman

- Note – the Portakabins seen at the junction of the A14 near Kelmarsh are for the upcoming works due to begin with overnight closures from the 26th January 2026 until May 2026.
- Speed Sign – Accessing Speed Data – There are still issues with the Harborough bound sign holding charge during the darker months. Possible solutions include retrofitting a battery. Update at next meeting. Sign turned off intermittently at present. Data continues to be collected from the sign at the end of Main Street.
- Parking on the Clearway A508 – There is continued issue with parking along the A508. The Council agreed that advice is required from Highways and/or the Police on possible solutions and how to manage going forward as it continues to be a safety concern.

Cllr Barker shared information received from the PCSO from the speed survey that was carried out recently along the A508. The average speed recorded was 36mph and 15% of vehicles exceeded the 40mph limit. The data was captured between the 28th November to 5 December 2025. The PCSO confirmed that this data does not warrant any extra enforcement at this time.

The Council agreed to invite the PCSO to a meeting to discuss the best way forward regarding speeding and parking issues. Cllr Barker to action.

- It was noted that a recent post on social media has highlighted the camber on the new road that was recently laid outside the Wormslade Digester. During icy periods, a build-up of ice has caused numerous accidents. Clipston PC due to investigate.
- It was noted that an accident occurred at the junction of Main Street and the A508 after the recent heavy snowfall. Councillors confirmed that the gritting lorries had been observed on this stretch of road. Clerk contacted Highways to confirm gritting routes by WNC.
- Clerk to action – Request refill of grit bin on the Braybrooke Road

Reminder: Members of the Public are able to report any Highways issues on West Northamptonshire Council Fix my Street website - <https://fix.westnorthants.gov.uk/>

iii. **Public Rights of Way** – Cllr Lindsay-Smith was absent from the meeting.

- Bench Refurbishment – Item Closed.
- Rights of Way – None
- Griffin Trail – Cllr Hogarth attended a recent teams meeting with various organisations including Cycle England, WNC and NNC. The Peterborough diocese, that owns the land, have agreed to divert the current footpath. Costings are now required and grant applications to relevant bodies for funding.

A working group will be required to consist of Councillors and the Clerk as the footpath is part of Great Oxendon Parish. TBC

iv. **Police & Community Safety**

Data from October 2025 - 136 reported crimes vs 107 in 2024
2 Great Oxendon, 2 Justin Park
2 Kelmars, 1 Clipston, 3 Arthingworth

Note re Rural Thefts – a haul of stolen items were recently found in Braybrooke.
Note re Credit Card fraud – Please check your statements and accounts regularly

Please report all crimes whether big or small to the police. This can be done online
www.northants.police.uk - Report a Crime or by calling ‘101’. Please only call 999 in an emergency.

v. **Environment**

- Grass Mowing – No Update
- General Village Maintenance – Clearance of vegetation near bus shelter now complete. Clearance of paths – ongoing.
- Bus Shelter – No change, continue with current contractor.

vi. **Community Engagement and Communication** – Cllr Patel-Brown – None

vii. **Lighting** - Cllr Patel-Brown – None

viii. **Audit and Compliance** – Internal Audit check due to be carried out before February meeting between Councillor and Clerk.

104. Urgent Matters for report only (Notified to the Chairman before the meeting) – None

105. Date and Time of Next Meeting – The next meeting will be held on **Monday 9th February 2026** at 7:30pm at the Village Hall, Great Oxendon.

For Note - Dates of Future Meetings

Mon 9th Feb 2026
Mon 9th Mar 2026
Mon 13th Apr 2026

106. The meeting was closed at 21:19



Mrs Sarah Smith, Parish Clerk
Great Oxendon Parish Council

Date & Signature of Chairman

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