

# Great Oxendon Parish Council

Village Hall, Main Street, Great Oxendon  
**Minutes of the General Meeting held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026 at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Cllr Patel-Brown (Vice-Chair), Cllr Hogarth, Cllr Barker, Cllr Lindsay-Smith, Cllr Binns

Cllr Patel-Brown chaired the meeting.

1. **Apologies for Absence were received from:** Cllr Steedman (Chair), Ward Councillor: Cllr Irving-Swift
2. **Declaration of Personal and Prejudicial Interests** under the Councils Code of Conduct related to business on the agenda – None
3. **Minutes of the Meeting held on the 16 March 2026. Approved. Prop: Cllr. Lindsay-Smith. Sec: Cllr Barker**
4. **Open Forum** – No members of the public present.
5. **Finance**

i. **Monthly Payments**

Date of Meeting: 13th April 2026					
<b>Payments to be Approved not yet Paid</b>					
DATE	PAID TO	DESCRIPTION	NET	VAT	TOTAL
01/04/2026	Mrs Sarah Smith	Parish Clerk Salary - Apr'26	380.29	0.00	380.29
01/04/2026	Northants CALC	Annual Subscription - Inv 5443	544.37	50.45	594.82
03/04/2026	Npower	Streetlight Electricity Jan-Mar'26	175.36	8.77	184.13
<b>Payments to be Approved - Paid via Direct Debit</b>					
DATE	PAID TO	DESCRIPTION	NET	VAT	TOTAL
11/03/2026	BT Group PLC	Telephone and Broadband - Mar'26	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 Hogarth. Sec: Cllr Binns.**

- ii. Resolution of additional payments not listed above or those paid by direct debit

**Thompson Ground Care – Grass Cutting March'26 – Inv 1114 - £461.76**  
**Thomspson Ground Care – Works to footpath - Inv 1113 - £180.00**

**Approved. Prop: Cllr Hogarth. Sec: Cllr Binns.**

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

- iii. The accounts to the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026 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

All documents were approved and signed.

**Approved. Prop: Cllr Barker. Sec: Cllr Lindsay-Smith.**

## **6. Planning and Licensing Consultations:**

**Planning** - None

**Consultations/Engagement Activities** – None

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

## **7. Update from Councillors with regards to Areas of Responsibility**

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

- **Emergency Plan** – The group is awaiting news on some possible free training. The group is looking for volunteers from the village to join the team – please contact the Clerk if this may be something you may be interested in.

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

- **Speed Sign** – Data has been downloaded from both signs. It was agreed to collate and present to the Police Road Safety team. Cllr Lindsay-Smith and Cllr Barker to action. It was noted that the direction of the solar panel – Cllr Binns/Patel-Brown to investigate possible correction.
- **Parking on the Clearway A508** – It was agreed that Highways had provided no obvious solutions. Item Closed.
- **Wheelie Bins** – Deferred. Councillor absent.
- **Note re WNC Highways closure of A508** - preparation for surface dressing commencing 22<sup>nd</sup> April for approximately 4 days

**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**

- **Rights of Way** – None
- **Griffin Trail** – Cllr Barker met with Lucy Hawes on site to understand the current plans. The PC have concerns regarding the ongoing maintenance costs once the footpath is in place and agreed to liaise with Braybrooke PC for advice.

It was UNANIMOUSLY AGREED that Great Oxendon Parish Council would support the principle plans and agreed to move forward with the purchase of the land from the diocese and will work closely with the project team.

iv. **Police & Community Safety**

Data from February 2026 – 139 reported crimes vs 103 in 2025 vs 113 in 2024 in the Brixworth/Moulton area. 2 Great Oxendon Village, 3 Clipston, 1 East Farndon, 7 Naseby

Please report all crimes whether big or small to the police. This can be done online [www.northants.police.uk](http://www.northants.police.uk) - Report a Crime or by calling '101'. Please only call 999 in an emergency.

v. **Environment**

- **Grass Mowing** – An agreement has been drawn up regarding the sowing of wildflowers and will be signed by the contractor and the PC in due course.
- **General Village Maintenance** - Quote to be obtained to cut back the hedge on Main Street and continue the footpath clearance up to the Church.
- **Millenium Monument** – It was agreed that Cllr Barker would source quotes for some posts or boulders to surround the paving slabs around the Millenium Monument to deter vehicles from parking over and damaging the slabs. Update at next meeting.

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

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

viii. **Audit and Compliance** – None

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

9. **Date and Time of Next Meeting** – The next meeting will be held on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2026** at 7:30pm at the Village Hall, Great Oxendon. It will begin with the Annual Parish meeting where members of the public are welcome to informally talk with the Parish Council. This will be followed by the Annual General Meeting of the Council at approximately 8pm.

**For Note - Dates of Future Meetings**

*Mon May 11<sup>th</sup> 2026 – Annual Parish and Annual General Meeting*

*Mon Jun 8<sup>th</sup> 2026*

*Mon Jul 13<sup>th</sup> 2026*

10. The meeting was closed at 20:30



Date & Signature of Chairman

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