

Great Oxendon Parish Council

Village Hall, Main Street, Great Oxendon
Minutes of the General Meeting held on Monday 8th June 2026 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr Steedman (Chair), Cllr Patel-Brown (Vice-Chair), Cllr Barker, Cllr Lindsay-Smith, Cllr Binns.
One Member of the Public.

21. Apologies for Absence: Ward Councillor: Cllr Irving-Swift

22. Declaration of Personal and Prejudicial Interests under the Councils Code of Conduct related to business on the agenda – None

23. Minutes - Meeting held on the 11 May 2026. **Approved. Prop: Cllr. Lindsay-Smith. Sec: Cllr Patel-Brown**

24. Open Forum - None

25. Councillor Vacancies – Noted: 3 Vacancies.

26. Finance

i. Monthly Payments

Date of Meeting: 8th June 2026					
<u>Payments to be Approved not yet Paid</u>					
DATE	PAID TO	DESCRIPTION	NET	VAT	TOTAL
01/06/2026	Mrs Sarah Smith	Parish Clerk Salary - Jun'26	380.29	0.00	380.29
01/06/2026	Mrs Sarah Smith	Expenses - Printer Ink	35.94	7.18	43.12
<u>Payments to be Approved - Paid via Direct Debit</u>					
DATE	PAID TO	DESCRIPTION	NET	VAT	TOTAL
11/05/2026	BT Group PLC	Telephone and Broadband - Apr'26	37.62	7.52	45.14
07/05/2026	PWLB	Loan - Payment 1 of 2	914.78	0.00	914.78
31/05/2026	Unity Trust Bank	Service Charge - May'26	7.00	0.00	7.00

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 Binns

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

Thompson Groundcare – Inv 1155 – Grass Mowing Apr'26 - £ 461.76

Thompson Groundcare – Inv 1156 – Grass Mowing May'26 - £ 461.76

Thompson Groundcare – Inv 1157 – Hedge - £ 228.00

Approved. Prop: Cllr Patel-Brown 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 31st of May 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.

27. Planning and Licensing Consultations:

Planning - None

Consultations/Engagement Activities – None

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

28. Update from Councillors with regards to Areas of Responsibility

i. Planning and Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr Binns

- **Wormslade Digester** – Cllr Binns visited the site near Clipston last week. It was noted that landscaping would commence weather depending between October to March. Smaller trees will be planted to ensure they establish stronger root systems and are expected to take around 3 years to establish fully.

The digester is currently being commissioned with the first step of bringing in the initial seeding materials. It is expected to receive between 15 to 17 HGV loads per day for approximately 15 days of which has already begun. Following this, the digester is expected to begin producing biogas through June with anticipated biomethane injection to the grid in July. Full production expected into August/September.

The input to the digester is maize, wheat and hay and a very small quantity of animal waste mainly chicken waste. The output produces fertilizer – which may be available to the surrounding villages to use TBC. Large vehicles attending the site must use the A508 and not travel through the villages, mainly Clipston.

Going forward it may be possible to organise some community educational events such as school visits etc.

Cllr Binns noted that he noticed no odour while at the site. It is not expected to produce offensive smells.

ii. Highways – Cllr Patel-Brown/Cllr Lindsay-Smith/Cllr Steedman

- **Speed Signs** – Data is being collected and shared with a Northants Police representative.

Note: Sergeant Greg Harrison is due to attend the next meeting on the 13th of July to present the Northamptonshire Talking platform, Operation Snap and answer questions from the Councillors regarding the A508. All are welcome to attend.

A short discussion was had regarding possibility of creating advisory 20mph signs for Main Street, especially while increase of traffic from various road closures in the area. Discussion due with Serg. Harrison.

The creation of a Community Speedwatch group was also mentioned. Clerk to send more information.

- **Wheelie Bins** – Monitoring has continued regarding wheelie bins being left out after bin day. Item now closed.
- Noted: A note was made regarding cars parked on the Highways without valid MOT.
- Noted: Fly tip on A508 towards Harborough, Clerk reported 08/06.

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

- Rights of Way - None
- Griffin Trail – Cllr Lindsay-Smith met with Lucy last week.

The diocese has agreed to sell the land to the Parish for the trail. Initial funding is now being sought. A discussion is being had with the original contractors that created the original Griffin Trail path. The quote given has been much less than was anticipated. Further discussion ongoing with another contractor over the choice of path vs boardwalk as well as the design and construction of the bridge.

Input will be required from the village via survey to present to those giving grants.

Regarding ongoing maintenance once installed, Braybrooke PC currently allow 2k per year in the precept for the Griffin Trail

A note was made about connecting the village to the trail and that work would likely be required to the footpath to bring this up to standard.

iv. **Police & Community Safety** – Cllr Barker

Cllr Barker noted he had received flyers from a Northants Police initiative and will hopefully be enough to distribute around the village regarding crime prevention tips.

Data from April 2026 – 145 reported crimes vs 128 in 2025 vs 120 in 2024 in the Brixworth/Moulton area.

Although the numbers have increased, this is the number of reported crimes and does not necessarily reflect an increase in the actual number of crimes.

2 - Great Oxendon Village – 1 Braybrooke Road, 1 Harborough Road
3 – Clipston, 1 – Kelmarsh, 0 – Arthingworth, 3 - Naseby

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** – Cllr Barker

- **Footpath (D1)** – Contractor due to quote to remove overgrown vegetation along a footpath Up to **£350** was pre-approved with the final decision to be made by Cllr Barker once received at the last meeting.
- **General Village Maintenance** - Works to the hedge on Main Street completed.
- **Millenium Monument** – Conversation regarding bollards to protect Millennium Monument ongoing with Highways.
- **Noted:** Gate on A508 broken, Cllr Patel-Brown agreed to raise a report on Fix my Street.

vi. **Community Engagement and Communication** – Cllr Patel-Brown – Welcome booklet due to be reviewed and updated once last 2 copies have been distributed.

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

viii. **Audit and Compliance** – None

ix. **Other** - Emergency Plan Policy - No Updates

Cross Borders Meetings – It was agreed that Cllr Steedman would attend the next meeting on 22nd July and Cllr Lindsey-Smith will attend 21st October

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

30. **Date and Time of Next Meeting** – The next meeting will be held on **Monday 13th July 2026** at 7:30pm at the Village Hall, Great Oxendon.

For Note - Dates of Future Meetings

Mon Jul 13th 2026
None August
Mon Sept 14th 2026
Mon Oct 12th 2026

31. The meeting was closed at 20:48



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Date & Signature of Chairman

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