

Great Oxendon Parish Council

Village Hall, Main Street, Great Oxendon

Minutes of the General Meeting held on Monday 13th July 2026 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr Steedman (Chair), Cllr Barker, Cllr Binns.

Three Members of the Public. Sergeant Greg Harrison, Northamptonshire Police

32. Apologies for Absence: Cllr Lindsay-Smith, Cllr Patel-Brown (Vice-Chair), Ward Councillor: Cllr Irving-Swift

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

34. Minutes - Meeting held on the 8th of June 2026. **Approved. Prop: Cllr. Binns. Sec: Cllr Barker.**

35. Open Forum

The Parish Council noted an issue regarding the footpath near the Railway Cottages on the A508 whereby the footpath had become flooded and impassable without walking along the busy main road. It was reported to WNC via Fix my Street however the report was subsequently closed. PC to notify Anglian Water to action.

Sergeant Greg Harrison attended the meeting and gave a short presentation.

Two questions were asked – firstly regarding the Police van with safety camera. Sergeant Harrison explained that there are strict criteria on where the Police van can carry out surveillance on speeding vehicles. As per the traffic survey undertaken in 2025, the Police look at the 85th percentile and unfortunately the village does not qualify based on this number.

However, due to ongoing concerns in the Parish, Sergeant Harrison and his team have attended the village with a manual speed gun to carry out checks and is looking to continue this hopefully monthly regardless of this data. The team use 'pulse' tactics and set a limit of 20 minutes before moving locations and returning later as to ensure that the speed checks are more effective.

In terms of the 40mph speed limit, WNC set these limits based on their criteria so unfortunately is not a police matter.

A question was asked on the effectiveness of 'advisory' speed limits as seen in other villages. Sergeant Harrison explained the complications with these advisory limits means that the actual 30mph cannot be enforced by the Police due to the confusing factor of advertising 2 different speed limits.

Community Speed Watch groups are highly encouraged as they create a 'smoke and mirrors' effect whereby motorists do not know if the group in high visibility jackets are Police or the Public. Cllr Barker agreed that he will set up a group. To qualify the group needs at least 6 volunteers. All are trained by the Police on how to use the speed gun and the speed gun will be purchased and owned by the Parish Council. Enforcement letters are issued to any vehicles travelling over the speed limits with warnings. Unfortunately due the A508 being a clearway, the group will not be able to enforce speed limits on the Harborough Road however will be able to enforce on Main Street and other surrounding side roads.

If you wish to join the group please contact the Clerk on the email address below.

A note was made regarding the Speed Signs on the A508 and where the camera records the speed of the vehicle as it was noted one sign flashes the warning before the vehicle has driven through the 40mph signs coming into the village.

Sergeant Harrison gave a short presentation on the below. The full presentation can be found on our website.

Northamptonshire Talking

- Official communication platform
- Local policing updates – specific to village.
- Contact neighbourhood police team directly.
- Tips on crime prevention and community profile.
- Northamptonshire Fire & Rescue, Neighbourhood Watch, Report fraud – all use this tool.
- Free, simple, resident-led.
- Can choose what to receive.
- Greg – 3 officers + 2 PCSOs (eventually).
- Access via webpage “Northants Talking” – direct contact.
- Does NOT replace 999 or 101 to report a crime.

Website:

<https://www.northamptonshiretalking.co.uk>

- To sign up enter postcode.
- Secure, central inbox.
- All information is confidential and secure.
- Provides a direct line of communication to the relevant officer.
- Platform will send surveys – can opt out.
- Option to select whether you have CCTV – may be useful to let police know through the platform.

Other Information:

- Name, address, phone, email
- Choose options on what to receive.
- Secondary email to activate the account – must be actioned to enable account (check junk/spam).
- Can be cancelled or changed at any time.
- Not an emergency platform.

Operation SNAP

- General principle: cannot capture people in private, but can be private to public.
- Police can capture via portal on Northants Police website.
- Any recordings of dangerous vehicle driving incidents, careless driving, seatbelt, phone use etc.
- Only two trained officers review the footage due to subjectivity, to provide consistency.
- Community Speed Watch groups cannot use cameras because it is an educational tool.

<https://www.northants.police.uk/police-forces/northamptonshire-police/areas/northamptonshire-force-content/about-us/about-us/operation-snap-northamptonshire/>

One Member of the Public left the meeting.
Sergeant Greg Harrison left the meeting 20:45

36. Councillor Vacancies//Co-option – Noted: 3 Vacancies. If you are interested, please contact the Clerk for more information or attend a meeting to see what it is all about.

37. Finance

i. Monthly Payments

Date of Meeting: 13th July 2026					
Payments to be Approved not yet Paid					
DATE	PAID TO	DESCRIPTION	NET	VAT	TOTAL
01/07/2026	Mrs Sarah Smith	Parish Clerk Salary - Jul'26	380.29	0.00	380.29
01/07/2026	Mrs Sarah Smith	Parish Clerk Salary - Aug'26	380.29	0.00	380.29
22/06/2026	Eon	Streetlight Maintenance Q2 Jun'26	26.00	5.20	31.20
Payments to be Approved - Paid via Direct Debit					
DATE	PAID TO	DESCRIPTION	NET	VAT	TOTAL
11/06/2026	BT Group PLC	Telephone and Broadband - May'26	37.62	7.52	45.14
31/06/2026	Unity Trust Bank	Service Charge - Jun'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 Barker Sec: Cllr Binns

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

NPower – Streetlight Electricity Apr-Jun'26 - £106.61

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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 30th June 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.

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38. Planning and Licensing Consultations:

Planning - None

Consultations/Engagement Activities – None

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

39. Update from Councillors with regards to Areas of Responsibility

- i. **Planning and Neighbourhood Plan** – Cllr Binns – No Updates
- ii. **Highways** – Cllr Patel-Brown/Cllr Lindsay-Smith/Cllr Steedman
 - **Speed Sign** – A note was made to investigate where the speed sign captures the speed as it triggers before the 40mph signs begin.

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 – Councillor was absent.
- iv. **Police & Community Safety** – Cllr Barker

Data from May 2026 – 114 reported crimes vs 134 in 2025 vs 124 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.

1 - Great Oxendon Village

1 – Clipston, 3 – Kelmarsh, 1 – Marston Trussel, 2 - 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
 - **Millenium Monument & Parking** – It was disappointing to note the disregard taken by four Members of the Public who decided to park their cars all over the Millenium Monument one mid-week lunchtime.
 - **Bollards** - While Highways have refused permission for the erection of concrete bollards around the monument, thoughts are to be given to placing large planters around the area to deter the nuisance parking.
 - **Trees (Millenium Monument)** – WNC recently closed a Fix my Street report on removing a tree currently growing out of hand near the Millenium Monument. Advice will be sought on possible options to remove or cut back.
 - A note was made regarding cars with no MOT parked on the Highway.
- vi. **Community Engagement and Communication** – Cllr Patel-Brown – Councillor was absent from the meeting.
- vii. **Lighting** - Cllr Patel-Brown – Councillor was absent from the meeting. Clerk to report lamp near the bus shelter covered by vegetation.

viii. **Audit and Compliance** – None

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

Cross Borders Meetings – The next meeting will be held on the 22nd of July and the 21st of October.

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

41. Date and Time of Next Meeting – The next meeting will be held on **Monday 14th September 2026** at 7:30pm at the Village Hall, Great Oxendon.

For Note - Dates of Future Meetings

Mon Sept 14th 2026

Mon Oct 12th 2026

42. The meeting was closed at 21:09



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Date & Signature of Chairman

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