Granborough Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Granborough Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 15th July 2025

Present: Cllrs de Niese, Ellerton, Fenwick, and Watson. Clerk & RFO: Lisa Prior, Buckinghamshire's Cllr Phil Gomm, 2 members of the public and Chris Atkinson from Noventum

MINUTES

56. Welcome & Apologies

- **Resolved:** Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Anderson, Oakland, and Smedley (holiday)

57. Declarations of Interest

- Cllr Ellerton declared a potential non-pecuniary interest as a committee member of BBOWT and a trustee of another wildlife organisation, both of which could possibly be involved in the local energy projects, in relation to biodiversity and ecological matters

58. Previous Minutes

- The minutes of the meeting held on 17th June 2025 were **approved**

The Chair advised that additional time would be allocated during the Public Forum to allow a brief presentation by representatives of the proposed solar farm in the village and to allow questions from Councillors and the public

59. Open Forum

- A brief presentation was given by Chris Atkinson, Head of Planning at Noventum Power, regarding the proposed solar farm at Wings Farm. Please see leaflet for details of the points covered on the Granborough website

At this point, item 61b was brought forward and discussed, after which the normal order of the agenda was resumed

60. Local Energy Infrastructure Projects – Updates

a. Rosefield; No updates

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b. Longbreach; Covered under item 59
c. National Grid; Cllr Gomm attended a meeting held on the 1st July. Consultation delayed; expected in coming months. Planning application due 2026, with construction to follow if approved. Cllr Gomm supports the upgrade; will follow up on connection details. Small working group suggested
d. Statkraft: Call-in requested with Cllr Gomm on 19th June
e. Statera BESS; Landscape expert (linked to planning officers) to conduct site visit on 21st July. Planning hearing scheduled for 22nd July 2025
f. Callum Anderson invitation: No response to date, chased 10th July 25. **Action:** Cllr Fenwick to write expressing disappointment.

61. Planning

a. Planning applications updates **noted**. See Appendix B
b. Application 25/01865/APP (Wings Farm, Marston Road, Granborough, MK18 3JX); Council resolved to object. **Actions**: Cllr Fenwick to draft and circulate comments, including suggested conditions if approved and Clerk to email Cllr Gomm requesting call-in with reasons

62. Ward Councillor Report

Cllr Gomm provided a verbal update. Key points included:

- **HS2**: Multiple road closures in the area; project timeline extended by 10 years due to workforce cuts. Updates to follow
- **Road Repairs**: BC have had to put any repairs in the background whilst HS2 are shutting roads without notice
- **Water Supply**: Ongoing issues with burst pipes and low pressure (Winslow/Granborough). Meetings planned; Cllr Gomm to liaise with resilience team
- **Speeding**: Remains a priority. Community Board (chaired by Cllr Gomm) may fund speed cameras, data collection is key
- **Community Board**: Encouraging parish input. Elaine Hassell visiting Granborough on 25th July at 3:30pm
- **Street Traders**: Licensing requirements clarified; both traders and organisers must hold a licence. Awaiting outcome of committee decision on Thursday. Cllr Gomm to provide a report

63. Policy Review

a. Data Protection Policy; **approved** and adopted
b. Privacy Notice Policy; **approved** and adopted
c. Vexatious Complaints Policy; **approved** and adopted

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64. Finance

a. June accounts were **approved**. See Appendix A
b. Online payments were **ratified** and invoices over £200 were signed
c. June bank reconciliation figure of £28,878.99 was **approved**
d. Quarterly bank spot check **approved** by Cllr Ellerton
e. Unity Trust Bank savings options discussed. **Action:** Clerk to open an instant access savings account and transfer £11,000.
f. Council documents page added to website. Policies need to be reviewed; **Deferred** to next meeting.
g. Assertion 9 of the Annual governance statement was **approved**
h. Boxes 11a and 11b of the Annual accounting statement **approved**
i. MVAS unit purchased, delivery expected end of July

65. Highways & Footpaths

a. Speed consortium ongoing; update expected in September
b. Bridge down near the pub (railway sleepers) in disrepair; reported to fix my street and Cllr Gomm
c. Overgrown footpath by play area**;** reported to fix my street and Cllr Gomm

66. Play Area

a. Cllrs to meet at the play area on 16th September at 6:45pm to assess condition and required repairs
b. Nest removed; bees no longer present **Action**: Cllr Ellerton to fill hole

67. Biodiversity & Coronation Meadow

a. Woodland Trust trees; **deferred** to next meeting

68. Street Lighting & Parish Council Assets

a. Second defibrillator unit project ongoing; **deferred** to next meeting. Proposed location: bus shelter near Bates Close **Action**: Cllr de Niese to obtain electricity cost estimate. Public donations to be sought.

69. Resilience Planning

- Still a work in progress; as mentioned above in item 62, working group to consider adding flooding into the plan

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70. Outside Body Updates

a. Brief reports received from attended meetings: -
    i. NBPCC
    ii. Planning Forum
    iii. Parish Liaison
    iv. Assertion 10 webinar; **Action**: Clerk to forward slides from webinar
b. Forthcoming meetings noted: n/a

71. Plans Structures and Consultations

a. NALC/ACRE Survey; **Action:** Cllr Anderson to complete the online survey on behalf of GPC

72. Next Meeting

a. Items for September agenda: remote attendance, internet access, assertion 10, dog bins/waste
b. Date confirmed for next meeting: 16th September 2025

Close of Meeting: 9.20

Signed: Date:

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Appendix A - Payments

Date	Description	Income	Expenditure	VAT
03.06.25	HMRC Employer NI May 25		£**.**	£0.00
03.06.25	RTM Village Cut #0128		£462.00	£77.00
03.06.25	RTM Play Area Cut #0128		£127.20	£21.20
03.06.25	RTM Meadow Cut #0128		£31.20	£5.20
24.06.25	SSE Street Lights		£204.33	£11.72
24.06.25	Smarty Plan Reimbursement		£5.00	£0.00
24.06.25	Clerk Expenses		£52.00	£0.00
30.06.25	Clerk Salary		£***.**	£0.00
30.06.25	Bank Charges		£6.00	£0.00

Payments over £200, highlighted in yellow, are to be signed off by two councillors.

Appendix B – Planning Updates

Reference	Address	Status
25/01297/APP	Land North of East Claydon Substation (Statkraft)	Awaiting decision
24/03223/APP	Land Adj. 4 Winslow Road	Approved
23/00214/APP	20D Green End	Awaiting decision
25/01865/APP	Wings Farm, Marston Road, Solar Farm	Awaiting decision
25/01597/APP	Stately Stables, Winslow Road	Awaiting decision
22/01260/APP	The Crown Public House	Awaiting decision
25/00013/REF	Rookery Farm, Hogshaw Road (Statera)	Appeal Lodged
25/01326/CPE	Brambles 31A Green End	Awaiting decision

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