

GREAT HINTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the ordinary parish council meeting held on Thursday 5th March 2026, in the Village Hall, Great Hinton at 7.00pm.

Present: Councillors C. Saunders (Chair), M. Winterburn, S. Mehsen, A. Kwasnicki.

In attendance: T. Hicks (Clerk), Cllr. A. Griffin (Wiltshire Council).

Minute No.

25-26/85

Recording and filming of the meetings

There were no members of the public in attendance, therefore this was not necessary.

25-26/86

Public Participation

25-26/86.1

There were no members of the public to address the council.

25-26/86.2

There had been no issues raised by residents for consideration.

25-26/87

Apologies

The council received apologies from Cllr. Keith. The reason for absence was considered and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

25-26/88

Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were received.

25-26/89

Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the parish council meeting held on 8th January 2026 were considered and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

25-26/90

Reports

25-26/90.1

The Chair updated the meeting regarding the working group for the short, medium and long term goals of the parish council. This was a useful session with a further date planned before the annual meetings to present ideas to the parish.

25-26/90.2

Wiltshire Councillor Griffin updated the meeting regarding the budget passed by Wiltshire Council for 2026-27. The main points of this are as follows:-
Council Tax to be increased by 5%, Highways budget reduced, Parish Emergency Assistance Scheme (sand/gel sacks, grit etc) to be ended in March 2027, parking charges to now cover 7am to 7pm with Sunday charges brought in at the same rate as Monday to Saturday rates, a booking system will be introduced at Household Recycling Centres and black bin collections moved to every three weeks. Also, the Local Plan submitted by Wiltshire Council has been rejected by the Planning Inspector, with further updates to be added to the parish council website when available.

25-26/91

Planning Matters to discuss:

25-26/91.1

The council received the planning schedule.

25-26/91.2

The council noted there was a further planning application received:

25-26/91.2a

[PL/2026/00920](#) Hinton House, 13 Hinton Lane, Great Hinton, Trowbridge, BA14 6BS.

Proposed natural wildlife pond with ancillary recreational swimming. Comments by 01.04.2026. The Council agreed to send the Clerk comments by email for submitting to Wiltshire Council and then to ratify in May 2026.

- 25-26/92 **Maintenance to include items as below:**
The council noted there was no Parish Steward visit due to them being diverted to repair potholes.
- 25-26/93 **Highways, Footpaths & Speeding**
The Council received a report regarding highways.
- 25-26/94 **Governance**
To discuss short, medium and long term plans for the council - The council agreed to carry this matter forward to enable more work to be done of this document.
- 25-26/95 **The General Power of Competence**
25-26/95.1 The council UNANIMOUSLY AGREED that it has met the criteria for adopting the General Power of Competence.
25-26/95.2 The council UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to adopt the General Power of Competence.
- 25-26/96 **Finance**
25-26/96.1 **Payments for Approval:** All APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.
25-26/96.1a Clerk's expenses - £78.80.
25-26/96.2a SLCC Inv MEM257545-2 - £26.32.
25-26/96.2b Great Hinton Memorial Hall - £84.00.
- 25-26/96.3 **Monthly Management Accounts**
Council received and APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY the monthly financial report and bank reconciliations. Cllr. Sauners signed the bank reconciliation and bank statements.
- 25-26/96.4 **Clerk's Qualification**
The council noted that the clerk has now passed the CiLCA and will receive an increase in NJC scale point as contractually obliged from 09.01.2026.
- 25-26/96.5 **Internal Auditor**
The council UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to appoint Parish and Town Auditing Services for the internal audit 2025-26.
- 25-26/97 **Defibrillator**
The council received an update on the new defibrillator options. Wessex Water have agreed that the council may install a defibrillator on the pumping station, and that Wessex Water will cover installation costs, but not appliance costs. It was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to instruct the clerk to investigate grants for a new defibrillator.
- 25-26/98 **Memorial Hall**
Cllr. Kwasnicki updated the meeting with feedback from the committee regarding the new website. It was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to instruct the clerk to investigate website training for committee members.
- 25-26/99 **Agenda Items for next meeting**
The council discussed matters for the next meeting.
- 25-26/100 **Confirmation of date of next meeting:** The Annual Meetings will be held on Thursday 14th May 2026. The Parish Council meeting will be at 6pm, followed by the Annual Village Meeting at 7.30pm. There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8.25pm.

These minutes are subject to approval at the next council meeting.

Minutes prepared by the clerk. 12/03/2026