

GREAT HINTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the ordinary parish council meeting held on Thursday 11th September 2025, in the Village Hall, Great Hinton at 7.00pm.

Present: Councillors C. Saunders (chair), M. Winterburn (vice-chair), A. Keith, S. Mehsen, A. Kwasnicki.

Absent: None.

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

Minute No.

25-26/39 Recording and filming of the meetings

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

25-26/40 Apologies

No apologies.

25-26/41 Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were received.

25-26/42 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the parish council meeting held on 10th July 2025 were considered and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

25-26/43 Reports

25-26/43.1 There were no announcements by the chair.

25-26/43.2 Wiltshire Councillor Griffin updated the meeting and discussed the new 20 mph speed limit in the village and whether the council had noticed a difference in speeding through the village. Other further options for reducing speeds were discussed and would be dealt with later in the meeting.

Cllr. Winterburn requested that Cllr. Griffin update the meeting about their attendance at the Melksham Area Board meeting on 3rd September, particularly in petitioning the Wiltshire Councillors to reconsider their decision to increase the percentage that parish councils pay towards any improvements carried on in their villages from 25% to 33%. Cllr. Griffin updated the meeting that no change in the decision was made and he stated he would ask them to reconsider.

25-26/43.3 The clerk updated the meeting that the test website was ready to review and approve. Once this had happened, it was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to

- ACTION:- Clerk to distribute new website address and email addresses to all relevant agencies and poster on noticeboard.
- Cllr. Saunders to put on Facebook.
- Clerk and Cllr. Mehsen to organise new resident's email list and invitation.
- Review at November meeting.

25-26/43.4 The council noted no change to the external meetings calendar.

25-26/44 Public Participation

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

25-26/45. Planning Matters to discuss:

- 25-26/45.1 The council received the update on the planning schedule.
 25-26/45.2 The council noted there were no further planning applications.
- 25-26/46 **Maintenance to include items as below:**
 25-26/46.1 Cllr. Mehsen updated the meeting with recent parish steward jobs.
- 25-26/47 **Highways & Speeding**
 The council discussed the options for the SID (Speed Indicator Device) and Cllr. Winterburn confirmed she would clarify the application process with Wiltshire Council. Cllr. Winterburn updated the meeting that she had applied to the LHFIG ad hoc road markings fund for two additional 20 roundels to be added to Main Street. Cllr. Kwasnicki is to advise on the exact placement of these so that the application can be completed in time to access the free funding. Cllr. Winterburn and Cllr. Griffin had also been in contact with Wiltshire Council regarding the incorrect placement of diversion signs due to the Wessex Water closure of the road in Keevil on 1st September. Cllr. Winterburn also informed the meeting that she had spoken and written to MP Brian Mathew regarding national progress in alerting Sat Nav companies to desist from inappropriately diverting traffic through the village as a response to local road closures.
- 25-26/48 **Defibrillator**
 To carry this matter to the next meeting. It was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to ACTION: Clerk to update the council via email and ratify any decision in November.
- 25-26/49 **Finance**
 25-26/49.1 **Payments for Approval:** All APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.
 25-26/49.1a Clerk's Salary September & October.
 25-26/49.1b Clerk's PAYE paid via Direct Debit.
 25-26/49.1c Clerk's expenses.
- 25-26/49.2 Council noted no invoices required ratifying.
- 25-26/49.3 Council noted no invoices/requests for payment received after the preparation of the agenda.
- 25-26/49.4 **Monthly Management Accounts**
 Council received and APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY the monthly financial report and bank reconciliations. Cllr. Saunders signed the bank reconciliation and bank statements.
- 25-26/49.5 **Budget and Precept 2026-27**
 Council reviewed and discussed first draft of the proposed budget for 2026-27. It was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to bring to the next meeting for further planning.
- 25-26/50 **Memorial Hall**
 No update regarding the Memorial Hall.
- 25-26/51 **Website/Emails**
 See 43.3.
- 25-26/52 **Governance**
 Council discussed implications of government plans to amend legislation to allow remote

and hybrid attendance at council meetings (wifi and video recording). To await more information from NALC.

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Agenda Items for next meeting

Council gave the clerk items to be added for the next meeting.

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Confirmation of date of next meeting: Thursday 13th November 2025 at 7pm.

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To close the meeting - There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 9pm.

These minutes are subject to approval at the next council meeting. Minutes prepared by the clerk.
12/09/2025