

Granborough Parish Council

*Minutes of the Meeting of Granborough Parish Council held in the Village Hall on
Tuesday 14th October 2025*

Present: Cllrs Anderson, Fenwick (Chair), Oakland (Vice Chair), and Smedley. Clerk &
RFO: Lisa Prior, Buckinghamshire's Cllr Gomm and 3 members of the public.

MINUTES

95. Welcome & Apologies

- **Resolved:** Apologies were accepted from Cllr Watson, Ellerton, and de Niese.

96. Declarations of Interest

- No declarations of interest were made in relation to any items on the agenda.

97. Previous Minutes

- The minutes of the meeting held on 16th September 2025 were **approved**.

98. Open Forum

Members of the public were invited to raise any comments or questions.

- One resident requested a general update on all green energy projects, specifically regarding the enforcement of planning conditions. Councillor Gomm indicated that he is happy to lead a Working Party to address these matters. A possible judicial review and community benefits were also referred to. The Parish Council is not aware of any judicial review having been lodged, noting that such action must be filed within six weeks of a decision with the High Court. The Parish Council is awaiting a meeting with Statera regarding community benefits.
- A member of the public raised a concern regarding a drone being flown over his property.

99. BESS Statera / Rosefield / National Grid / Statkraft / Longbreach

- a. **Statera BESS** – It was noted that the community benefit package for the project will be fully pursued. A meeting to discuss the package will be arranged in due course.
- b. **Rosefield** – the planning application has been submitted to the Planning Inspectorate (PINS). **Action:** The Clerk was instructed to register the parish council's interest with NSIP within the 28 days, specifying the Council's interests at this stage. The briefing slides recently shared by Buckinghamshire Council with Parish Councils are intended to be posted on the Parish website, subject to Cllr Gomm confirming by the end of the week that they are suitable for public release.
- c. **Longbreach** – no updates
- d. **National Grid** – no updates
- e. **Statkraft** – no updates

100. Planning

- a. Planning application updates were **noted**. See Appendix B.
- b. The Council discussed correspondence from Stately Stables regarding new structures, noting that up to five structures do not require planning permission and that Buckinghamshire Council's Enforcement Team is satisfied this remains the case, provided the terms of the licence are followed. The Council has seen the relevant certificate supplied by the owner.
The site opposite, Longacres, was also noted, and Councillor Gomm will investigate the current situation, as the temporary planning consent has now expired.

101. Ward Councillor Report

Cllr Gomm provided a verbal update. Key points included:

- **Capital works program:** currently under review by Cllr Gomm. All roads are being considered, with priority given to Green End and the far end of Hogshaw, which borders East Claydon. The review also includes resurfacing of footways where required.
- **Fire Authority:** There are proposals to dispose of some fire stations, which may affect the parish, as well as the potential removal of one fire engine from Buckingham. This would leave only one full-time engine to cover the area.

102. Finance

- a. The September accounts were **approved**. See Appendix A.
- b. Online payments were **ratified** and invoices over £200 signed.
- c. The bank reconciliation figure of £18,300.29 for September was **approved**.
- d. Council **noted** completion of the annual external audit and receipt of the Notice of Conclusion of Audit.
- e. Purchase of a poppy wreath was **ratified** as per budget.
- f. It was **noted** that the six-month budget review had been received.
- g. The ongoing issue with SSE billing was **noted**.
- h. The Council discussed rent payments for Coronation Meadow. It was agreed that the first year's rent would be paid on a pro-rata basis, with subsequent payments to be made annually in full, from April. **Action:** The Clerk will confirm the correct recipient and payment arrangements by speaking with Cllr Ellerton.
- i. Council discussed the Parish Council's donation towards the village Christmas tree. **Action:** Cllr Oakland to forward payment details to the Clerk

103. Highways, Footpaths & Rights of Way

- a. Discussion of the outcome of the controlled experiment with the new speed detection device was **deferred** due to the absence of Cllr de Niese.
- b. No updates were received regarding joining the Action for Speed consortium due to the time of year. The Parish Council will review this matter again in the spring.
- c. Discussion took place regarding the railway sleeper bridge near the pub. No further update was available at this time.

104. Play Area

- a. The Clerk has contacted Robert Kemp for a perimeter fencing quote; he expects to arrange this during the autumn. **Action:** Cllr Smedley will liaise with him directly.
- b. No further updates were available on the Community Board funding for the playground upgrade.

105. Biodiversity & Coronation Meadow

- a. Discussion of the Woodland Trust register of trees was **deferred** to the next meeting due to the absence of Cllr Ellerton.
- b. The Council considered the Dark Skies Policy. In principle, the Council supports the policy but agreed to discuss it further at the next meeting. It was agreed that

the policy should be posted on the noticeboard and on the website. **Action:** Cllr Fenwick was tasked with drafting a suitable notice.

- c. It was **noted** that the meadow had been kindly cut by Bruce Clark; the Parish Council has sent its thanks in appreciation.

106. Street Lighting & Parish Council Assets

- a. Street light failure number 4 Church Lane – **resolved**.
- b. Street light failure number 3 Bates Close and loose arm bracket – **resolved**.
- c. Update on provision of a second defibrillator **deferred** due to the absence of Cllr de Niese.
- d. Discussion of the telephone box library was **deferred** due to no representative from the local community.

107. Resilience Planning

- Work remains ongoing.

108. Website / Technology

- Update on Assertion 10 (Digital & Data Compliance) **deferred** due to the absence of Cllr de Niese.

109. Outside Body Updates

- a. Reports from recent meetings were received:
 - Town & Council Planning (25th September) – Cllr Smedley
 - Parish Liaison (8th October) – Cllr Anderson
- b. Forthcoming meetings were noted:
 - Clerks Forum (20th October) – Clerk
 - NBPPC (12th November) – Cllr Smedley
 - Community Board Workshop (27th November) – noted Cllr Ellerton away

110. Plans, Structures & Consultations

- a. The Council discussed the draft Buckinghamshire Council Local Plan consultation (deadline 29th October 2025). A recent briefing covered the consultation process only. **Action:** Cllr Fenwick will draft a response.
- b. The Parish Charter was **noted**.

111. Next Meeting

- a. Items for the November agenda: Budget and Precept setting, Rights of way
- b. Next meeting date confirmed as Tuesday 11th November 2025 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 21.07

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Initials: _____

Appendix A - Payments

Date	Description	Ref:	Income	Expenditure	VAT
01.09.25	Clerk Salary	51		£***.**	£0.00
02.09.25	SSE Street Lights	52		£204.33	£11.72
02.09.25	RTM Grass Cutting #0291	53		£1,082.40	£180.40
02.09.25	HMRC Employer NI August	54		£45.94	£0.00
03.09.25	East Claydon Parish Council	55	£2,000.00	£0.00	£0.00
09.09.25	Transfer of funds to savings	60		£11,000.00	£0.00
22.09.25	Smarty Plan Reimbursement	56		£5.00	£0.00
22.09.25	Clerk Expenses	57		£37.70	£0.00
22.09.25	Clerk Salary Back Pay	58		£***.**	£0.00
22.09.25	Bucks Council Precept Payment #2	59	£13,237.50	£0.00	£0.00
30.09.25	Clerk Salary	61		£***.**	£0.00
31.09.25	Bank Charges	62		£6.00	£0.00

Appendix B – Planning Updates

Reference	Address	Status
25/01297/APP	Land North of East Claydon Substation (Statkraft)	Awaiting decision
23/00214/APP	20D Green End	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
25/01865/APP	Wings Farm, Marston Road, Solar Farm	Awaiting decision
25/01597/APP	Stately Stables, Winslow Road	Awaiting decision
25/01898/APP	40B Winslow Road	Awaiting decision

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

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