

Granborough Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Granborough Parish Council held in the Village Hall on **Tuesday 13th January 2026**

Present: Cllrs Anderson, de Niese, Ellerton, Fenwick (Chair), Oakland, and Watson. Clerk & RFO: Lisa Prior and 2 members of the public.

MINUTES

148. Welcome & Apologies

- Apologies were received from Cllr Smedley (holiday) and Cllr Gomm (Buckinghamshire Council).

149. Declarations of Interest

- No declarations of interest were made in respect of any item on the agenda.

150. Previous Minutes

- The minutes of the meeting held on 9th December 2025 were **approved**.

151. Open Forum

A query was raised regarding progress on Longbreach. This was noted and addressed under Item 152(c).

152. Local Energy Infrastructure Projects

Updates were received on the following:

- a. **Statera BESS**; Members were advised that Statera is currently working on arrangements with a third-party organisation to manage community benefit funds. It was noted that Statera intends to meet with the Parish Council once more detailed proposals are available, and no further update was received at this time.
- b. **Rosefield Solar Farm**; An update published by the Planning Inspectorate on 9 January 2026 was noted and has been added to the Parish Council website. The Examining Authority has requested clarification and additional information from the applicant on a range of matters, including ecology, landscape and visual impact, human health, flood risk, and highways.
- c. **Longbreach**; Members noted that this is the third consultation relating to proposals at Wings Farm / Longbreach. It was noted that the Environment Agency has maintained its objection in relation to flood risk and the site's location within the flood plain. Members also noted that there remains a lack of clarity regarding how

the proposed development would connect to the electricity network, with no confirmed details provided to date.

- d. **National Grid**; No further information received.
- e. **Statkraft**; No further information received.

153. Planning

- a. Planning updates were **noted**. See Appendix B.
- b. Application 25/01865/APP – Wings Farm/Longbreach (additional information). It was **resolved** to maintain the Parish Council's objection to the application. **Action:** The Clerk to submit the consultee response, reiterating that there remains insufficient information regarding the proposed grid connection.
- c. Application PL/25/4582/FA – Land and Barn rear of 8 Green End. It was **resolved** to submit a consultee response in support of the application, subject to clarification of outstanding matters. **Action:** Cllr Fenwick to draft the response for submission by the deadline of 16 January 2026.
- d. Longacres, Winslow Road; No update was received due to the absence of Cllr Gomm following the expiry of the temporary planning consent. **Action:** The Clerk was asked to contact Cllr Gomm to request a written update.

154. Ward Councillor Report

No update received.

155. Finance

- a. The December accounts were **approved**. See Appendix A.
- b. Online payments were **ratified** and invoices over £200 were signed.
- c. It was **noted** that the quarterly bank account spot check had not yet been completed. **Action:** The Clerk to re-send the request to Cllr Ellerton.
- d. The current account bank reconciliation figure of £12,298.51 as at 31st December 2025 was **approved**.
- e. The savings account bank reconciliation figure of £11,075.62 as at 31st December 2025 was **approved**.
- f. Bank interest received on the savings account was noted and it was **resolved** that the interest be retained within the savings account to increase reserves.
- g. Precept request for 2026/27 submitted for £28,100 was **noted**.
- h. It was **resolved** that the rent due for Coronation Meadow remains unpaid due to the absence of an invoice and payment details, despite repeated requests, that no further action be taken at this time, and that the funds continue to be held ring-fenced.
- i. The dates for the Small Grants Scheme were discussed and **resolved**.

156. Highways & Footpaths & Rights of Way

- a. Works to address the rotting railway sleepers on the public footbridge have been **completed**.
- b. It was **resolved** to request that Buckinghamshire Council repaint the faded 30 mph yellow rumble strips and speed-limit road markings to improve visibility and road safety. **Action:** Clerk to email.
- c. No update was received regarding the temporary Household Recycling Centre arrangements due to the absence of Cllr Gomm. **Action:** Clerk to email and seek a written update.
- d. No update was received regarding the Buckingham school bus timetable and related representations due to the absence of Cllr Gomm. **Action:** Clerk to email and seek a written update.

157. Play Area

- a. It was **noted** that approved repairs to the playground fencing are in hand, with materials to be purchased by Robert Kemp within the current financial year and the works to be carried out when weather conditions are suitable.
- b. T playground inspection Rota dates for 2026/27 were **approved**.
- c. The playground inspection procedure was discussed, and it was **noted** that gaps had arisen due to a combination of human error and the way inspections are recorded on the portal. **Action:** Cllr de Niese to amend the portal coding to improve clarity and help prevent future omissions.
- d. The quote for professional playground inspections from Glendale was discussed and **noted**, with no further action agreed.

158. Street Lighting & Parish Council Assets

- a. Street light number 4 on Winslow Road, reported on 15 December 2025, remains outstanding and it was **noted** that the Clerk chased the matter on 12 January and was advised that delays are due to vehicle/staffing shortages, with attendance expected as soon as possible.
- b. Options for improving the clarity of street light numbering in the village were discussed and it was **resolved** that the existing street-lighting map and numbering held on the Granborough portal be made public and linked to the Parish Council website. **Action:** Cllr de Niese to make available.
- c. The expiry of the street-lighting electricity contract on 31 March 2026 was **noted**, with an update received from the Clerk regarding the procurement of renewal quotations, and it was **resolved** to await a third quote and discuss the matter at the next meeting.
- d. It was **noted** that the Speed Indicator Device continues to be turned in the opposite direction. Members discussed possible measures to secure the device and improve

security. **Action:** Cllr de Niese to take and circulate a photograph to Councillors to assist with determining appropriate action.

- e. The sharing of speed-monitoring data was discussed, and it was noted that five months of data have been collected, with some concerning speed recordings.

Action: Cllr de Niese to contact Cllr Gomm to discuss possible next steps.

159. Resilience Planning

- No update received.

160. Website/Technology

- a. Assertion 10 (Digital & Data Compliance) was discussed and it was **noted** that Cllr de Niese is working on the required policies, with draft documents expected for the March meeting and adoption to be considered at the April meeting.
- b. The creation of the Granborough Parish Council Facebook page was discussed and it was **resolved** that a group profile would be more appropriate than a personal profile, with the Clerk and Cllr de Niese to investigate setting up a group profile, including shared administration and potential promotion options, and with the Clerk to post road-closure information once established. **Action:** Clerk and Cllr de Niese to investigate.

161. Outside Body Updates

- a. Reports from recent meetings:
 - i. Cllr Anderson gave a brief update from the Community Workshop meeting attended on the 27th November. No actions required.
- b. Forthcoming:
 - i. Community Board Meeting on 22nd January 2026
 - ii. Parish Liaison Meeting on 15th January 2026

162. Plans, Structures & Consultations

- a. The Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service On-Call Consultation Survey was **noted**, with a submission deadline of 28 January 2026. **Action:** Cllr Nick Fenwick to complete the survey.

163. Next Meeting

- a. Items for the March agenda; Assertion 10
- b. Next meeting date confirmed: Tuesday 17 March 2026.

Meeting closed at 20.37

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Appendix A – Payments

Date	Description	Ref:	Expenditure	VAT
01.12.25	Clerk Salary November 2025	84	£***.**	£0.00
12.12.25	HMRC Employer NI - November	85	£49.12	£0.00
12.12.25	EON - Street Light repairs	86	£303.00	£50.50
12.12.25	Aubergine	87	£238.80	£39.80
12.12.25	Councillor Expense - D Smedley	88	£12.00	£0.00
12.12.25	Clerk expense December 2025	89	£81.37	£0.00
12.12.25	SSE Energy - November Invoice	90	£237.20	£11.30
12.12.25	Smarty Plan Reimbursement	91	£5.00	£0.00
30.12.25	Clerk Salary December 2025	92	£***.**	£0.00
31.12.25	Bank Charges	93	£6.00	£0.00

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

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
25/01326/CPE	Brambles 31A Green End	Awaiting decision
25/01865/APP	Wings Farm, Marston Road, Solar Farm (Longbreach)	Awaiting decision
25/01597/APP	Stately Stables, Winslow Road	Awaiting decision
PL/25/4582/FA	Land & barn rear of 8 Green Lane	Awaiting decision