

Granborough Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Granborough Parish Council held in the Village Hall on

Tuesday 14th April 2026

Present: Cllrs Ellerton, Fenwick (Chair), Oakland, Smedley and Watson. Clerk & RFO: Lisa Prior, 1 member of the public and Buckinghamshire's Cllr Gomm.

MINUTES

1. Welcome & Apologies

- Apologies were received from Cllr Anderson & Cllr de Niese.

2. Declarations of Interest

- Cllr Smedley declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 8j (Small Grants Scheme) as Vice Chairman and trustee of the Village Hall and in relation to the local produce show application. It was also noted that three Councillors are trustees of the Village Hall.

3. Previous Minutes

- The minutes of the meeting held on 17th March 2026 were **approved**.

4. Open Forum

- A Local resident raised a planning issue.

5. Local Energy Infrastructure Projects

- a. Statera BESS; No updates.
- b. Rosefield Solar Farm; The Examining Authority has issued a request for further information, and the planning statement has also been updated to include relevant Neighbourhood Plans, including Granborough.
- c. Longbreach; No updates.
- d. National Grid; No updates.
- e. Statkraft; No updates.

6. Planning

- a. Planning updates were noted. See Appendix B.
Several applications on the list are awaiting decision, with some ongoing for over six months. It was agreed to make enquiries. **Action:** Clerk to provide Cllr Gomm with a list of outstanding applications for follow up.

7. Ward Councillor Report

A verbal report was received from Cllr Gomm:

- Resilience planning workshop upcoming, with support from council officers.
- Rural Economy Project launched, to be developed over the next year.
- New Community Board Officer appointed, with a strong focus on rural enterprise.
- Senior citizens breakfast club launched; working well and being coordinated with existing village groups to avoid clashes and enhance provision.
- Concerns raised regarding the proposed fire service cuts; with potential strike action expected.
- New Buckinghamshire Council Highways Inspector appointed.
- Planned water pipe works between North Marston and Granborough; further details to follow once plans are received.
- It was noted that Buckinghamshire Council is supporting local farmers, with ongoing engagement from the NFU.
- Planning policy updates noted, including consultations on Parking Standards and the Buckinghamshire Design Code, and the introduction of CIL to the area.
- Cllr Gomm has been promoted to a senior role and now chairs the Children's and Education Select Committee.

8. Finance

- a. The March 2026 accounts were **approved**. See Appendix A.
- b. Online payments were ratified and invoices over £200 were signed.
- c. The current account balance of £8,497.21 as of 31 March 2026 was **confirmed**.
- d. Receipt of quarterly interest of £57.12 in the savings account was **noted**.
- e. The savings account balance of £11,132.74 as of 31 March 2026 was **confirmed**.
- f. The year-end bank reconciliation total of £19,629.95 as of 31 March 2026 was **approved** for use in the AGAR.
- g. The year-end financial position for 2025/26 and budget variances were **noted**.
- h. The updated budget position for 2026/27 was **noted**.
- i. The internal audit date of 6th May 2026 was **noted**.
- j. Small Grant Applications were discussed; The Crew £250; Produce Show £200; Friendship Club £400. No applications were received from the Sports field (usually £1000) or the Charter Fair (£500). The total may exceed the £2,000 budget; a final decision will be made at the next meeting. **Action:** Cllr Ellerton to contact the Friendship Club for further details regarding the projection screen. Clerk to issue a reminders to the Charter Fair and Sports field, including a request for a business plan.
- k. It was **noted** that a 3-year electricity contract with SSE commenced on 1st April 2026 and a Direct Debit has been set up.

9. Play Area

- a. It was **noted** that the annual RoSPA inspection will take place in May.

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10. Coronation Meadow

- a. The design and price of £40 for two new pond signs were discussed. As the budget allows, it was considered that three signs would be more beneficial. **Action:** Clerk to order 3 x A3 signs with 4 pre-drilled holes (3mm).
- b. The condition of existing animal species notices was discussed and agreed that they need replacing especially as we are entering the Best Village Competition. **Action:** Cllr Ellerton to arrange replacement signage.
- c. The purchase of a strimmer for maintenance of the meadow was discussed, including batteries, charger and harness (£257 total). Members expressed support. **Action:** Clerk to include on next agenda for formal approval.

11. Street Lighting & Parish Council Assets

- a. It was noted that streetlights no. 3 and no. 7 on Green Lane and no. 2 on Denham View have been repaired at a cost of £414.00.
- b. The appointment of a contractor for asset cleaning was considered and agreed as per budget of £350. **Action:** Clerk to arrange.
- c. It was **noted** that a fixing device has been purchased at a cost of £18 to prevent rotation of the Speed Indicator Device.
- d. Further security measures for the Speed Indicator Device were discussed. **Action:** Cllr Ellerton to liaise with Dick Weston regarding installation of the fixing device and additional measures.

12. Resilience Planning

- a. No updates.

13. Website/Technology

- a. Cllr de Niese was not in attendance, so an update on the Granborough Portal was not available. It was agreed that access should be set up under "Chair" rather than an individual name.

14. Outside Body Updates

- a. A very brief update from recent meetings was received.

15. Next Meeting

- a. Items for the May agenda: purchase of a strimmer for Coronation Meadow.
- b. Next meeting date confirmed: Tuesday 12th May 2026.

The meeting closed at 20.35

Signed: _____

Dated: _____

Initials: _____

Appendix A - Payments

Date	Description	Ref:	Income	Expenditure	VAT
02.03.26	Clerk Salary February 2026	111		£***.**	£0.00
10.03.26	AC Kemp & Sons - Fence repair	112		£534.00	£89.00
10.03.26	HMRC Employer NI - Feb	113		£49.12	£0.00
10.03.26	Refund - Bucks Council Dog Waste	114	£98.42	£0.00	£16.40
18.03.26	SSE Energy Solutions Feb Invoice	115		£198.63	£9.46
18.03.26	Smarty Plan Reimbursement	116		£5.00	£0.00
18.03.26	Clerk expenses March 26	117		£37.70	£0.00
23.03.26	Village Hall Hire 6 months	118		£121.00	£0.00
23.03.26	Microsoft annual subscriptions	119		£673.92	£112.32
27.03.26	EON - Street Light repairs	120		£163.80	£27.30
27.03.26	EON - Street Light repairs	121		£250.20	£41.70
30.03.26	Clerk Salary March 2026	122		£***.**	£0.00
31.03.26	Bank Charges	123		£7.00	£0.00
31.03.26	Pandora Technologies	124		£18.00	£3.00

****Payments over £200, highlighted in yellow, are approved 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	Appeal lodged
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
PL/25/5690/OA	Land at Marston Road	Refused
PL/26/00064/FA	Ley House Winslow Road	Conditional Permission
PL/25/6558/FA	28 Green End	Conditional Permission
PL/26/00625/FA	2 Sovereign Close	Awaiting decision