



GREATWORTH & HALSE PARISH COUNCIL



MINUTES

of the **Ordinary** meeting of Greatworth and Halse Parish Council, held in the Methodist Church, Greatworth on **Monday 7th July 2025 at 7.30pm.**

PRESENT: Cllrs Bingham (Chair), Hewison, Lindop, Jackson, Robinson, Weller and the Clerk (R. Foote).

IN ATTENDANCE: Cllr Alison Eastwood, Unitary Cllr.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr Smith - These were accepted.
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None.

3. **Approval and signature of the minutes of the annual meeting of 12th May 2025**

These were approved and signed with no amendments made.

4. **To receive a report/update from our new Unitary Councillor, Alison Eastwood**

Cllr Eastwood provided an update on the new make up of WNC, post elections. Cllr Eastwood explained she can help provide contacts, advice and guidance as needed. Cllr Hewison and Cllr Robinson raised the issue, with Cllr Eastwood, of the extremely poor and dangerous state of the roads in and around Halse. Concern was also raised that, when the Radstone Road was closed, the official diversion was down these roads. Cllr Eastwood provided the Council with the name of who our HS2 Liaison Officer should be. Planning issues were discussed.

5. **Open Time:** None

6. **Finance:**

a) **To receive the Finance Report and consider invoices to be paid**

The Clerk presented the financial report (see appendix A) which showed a balance of £42,061.72 and an expected balance of £38401.04 once the remaining invoices have been settled. It was resolved to pay the following invoices:

	Payee	Description	Amount
1	Rebecca Foote	Expenses	£73.16
2	Cheney Coaches	Banbury Bus	£290.00
3	RoSPA	Play Equipment Inspection	£196.80
4	NCALC	Cllrs Bingham and Smith Training	£127.20
5	NCALC	Membership 2025/26	£837.52
6	NCALC	Clerk and Cllrs Lindop, Smith and Robinson Training	£193.20
7	NCALC	Clerk Training	£42.00
8	Marcus Young	Dog Waste and Litter Bins 2023/24 and 2024/25	£1900.80
		TOTAL	£3,660.68

7. **To review the Small Village Grant applications received and vote on their approval - budgeted £1250 or approximately £250 each for 5 applications**

Three applications were approved unanimously:

Brackley Hogwatch: £250 to set up a village Hedgehog rescue as part of Brackley Hogwatch.

Greatworth Methodist Church: £250 to purchase and install LED lighting

Greatworth Sports and Social Clun: £250 towards repairing the car park.

Two further applications from the Glimpse and Halse Mission Room were received and a decision on these grants has been deferred until September's meeting, pending receipt of further information / documentation.

ACTION: Clerk to notify applicants of decisions and arrange payments as appropriate.

8. To review the play inspection reports and consider repairs to be made

The inspection reports were reviewed and points noted. The imminent replacement of the toddler play area will resolve a number of the issues. **ACTION: Cllr Bingham** to contact HS2/Solar Farm to see if they can help with any of the minor issues flagged such as weeds on the path.

9. To review WNC's Draft Statement of Community Involvement and to decide upon the Council's response to the consultation

ACTION: All Councillors to review at home and have any feedback to the Clerk by 14th July.

10. To discuss the use of the playing fields by Brackley Town Football Club

Brackley Town Football Club have approached Cllr Bingham about potentially using Happylands for one of their Junior Teams. BTFC will fund turning the current pitch into a "proper" one. Concerns were raised and discussed relating to parking.

RESOLVED: The Council agrees to the use in principle, providing it is for the Junior teams and limited hours. Any agreement would need to be reviewed on an annual basis to ensure it works for the village. **ACTION: Cllr Bingham** to feed this back.

11. To review current planning applications and approve any formal responses

a) **WNS/2025/2232/FULL:** Construction of DNA Access Track and temporary construction of compound. **RESOLVED:** Object

b) **WNS/2021/0492/EIA:** Land to West of Brackley, construction of 700 homes. **RESOLVED:** Object

12. Councillor Questions

Cllr Weller discussed the Police Roadshow – working towards a date in October. Clerk will advertise the date when confirmed.

Cllr Hewison asked whether the speed device could be turned around. Cllr Hewison to meet with Mr Dick to discuss.

Cllr Bingham raised the state of the hedges encroaching on public highways - this has been raised with WNC.

13. Date and location of the next meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Monday 22nd September at 7.30pm in the Mission Hall, Halse.

14. Close

The meeting was closed at 9.50pm.

Signed _____ Dated _____
Councillor Simon Bingham, Chairman

APPENDIX A

This report was presented by the Clerk for approval by the Council on 7th July 2025

Balance in Unity Current Account (07/07/25):

£42,061.72

Expected TOTAL balance once invoices settled:

£38,401.04

SO/DD payments made since 12/05/25:

	Payee	Description	Type	Amount
1	Lloyds Bank	May's Credit Card	DD	£280.71
2	Rebecca Foote	Clerk's Salary – May	SO	£1031.66
3	Nest	Pension Contributions	DD	£63.11
4	Unity Bank	Service Charge	DD	£6.00
5	Yu Energy	Electricity	DD	£17.23
6	Yu Energy	Electricity	DD	£384.34
7	Lloyds Bank	June's Credit Card	DD	£156.37
8	Nest	Pension Contributions	DD	£63.11
9	Unity Bank	Service Charge	DD	£6.00

Payments received since 12/05/25:

	Payee	Description	Amount
1	J Burnham	Bus Donations	£49.00

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		2024-2025	
Code	EXPENDITURE	Budget	Actual
100	1. Lighting	8000.00	1288.39
101	Electricity supply	7000.00	1288.39
102	Street Light Repairs and Maintenance	1000.00	
200	2. Parks & Open Spaces	9470.00	2334.00
201	Grass cutting	3300.00	
202	Playground equip. inspection	170.00	
203	Playground repairs	3000.00	
204	Notice boards		
205	Bus Shelter maintenance	500.00	
206	Bins	1000.00	
207	Defibrillator		
208	CIL		
209	General Maintenance	500.00	2334.00
210	Devolution of services	1000.00	
211	Sinking Fund Money	900.00	
400	4. General Administration	17908.00	4606.73
401	Audit charge	400.00	
402	Clerk's salary	12000.00	3094.98
403	Office Expenses	1000.00	540.98
404	Election expenses		
405	Insurances/Subscriptions/Membership Fees	2000.00	267.92
406	Training costs	1500.00	
408	Meeting room rental	250.00	
409	Leaflets & Advertising		
410	Website	400.00	361.60
411	Traffic calming measures		
412	Office equipment		
413	Banking Charges	108.00	27.00
414	Other	250.00	314.25
500	Grants	3,800.00	250.00
501	Grants to Village Organisations	900.00	
502	Prizes		
503	Free Bus	1300.00	250.00
504	S. 137	1600.00	
505	CIL		
800	Projects		
801	Happylands Development		
802	Community Minibus		
803	National Events	500.00	
	Total Regular Expenditure	39178.00	13085.85
600	Miscellaneous Expenditure	1200.00	974.14
601	Transfer Out		
602	To Deposit Account		900.00
603	Other	1200.00	
604	Vat Paid		74.14
	Total Expenditure	40378.00	14059.99
	INCOME	41145.00	23367.44
701	Precept	39895.00	22935.00
702	Interest		
703	Newsletter		
704	Grants+Prizes		
705	Donations		432.44
706	Wayleave		
707	Vat Repayment	1250.00	
708	Misc Transfers In		
709	CIL		
	Total Income	41145.00	23367.44

08-Apr-25	Yu Energy	Electricity		17.63	28129.91
08-Apr-25	Yu Energy	Electricity		455.74	27674.17
16-Apr-25	Lloyds Bank	Adobe		19.97	27654.20
16-Apr-25	Lloyds Bank	HP Instant Ink		3.99	27650.21
16-Apr-25	Lloyds Bank	Virtual Landline		8.75	27641.46
16-Apr-25	Lloyds Bank	Monthly Fee		3.00	27638.46
22-Apr-25	Rebecca Foote	Clerk's Salary		1031.66	26606.80
25-Apr-25	HMRC	Employers NI		113.28	26493.52
29-Apr-25	WNC	Precept Payment	22935.00		49428.52
29-Apr-25	Nest	Pension Contributions		41.01	49387.51
30-Apr-25	Unity	Service Charge		6.00	49381.51
01-May-25	J Burnham	Bus Donations	344.94		49726.45
02-May-25	HMRC	Employers NI		33.74	49692.71
06-May-25	J Burnham	Bus Donations	38.50		49731.21
08-May-25	Yu Energy	Electricity		17.02	49714.19
08-May-25	Yu Energy	Electricity		396.43	49317.76
16-May-25	Lloyds Bank	Adobe		19.97	49297.79
16-May-25	Lloyds Bank	HP Instant Ink		3.99	49293.80
16-May-25	Lloyds Bank	SLCC Membership		245.00	49048.80
16-May-25	Lloyds Bank	Virtual Landline		8.75	49040.05
16-May-25	Lloyds Bank	Monthly Fee		3.00	49037.05
20-May-25	Rebecca Foote	Clerk's Salary		1031.66	48005.39
23-May-25	Nest	Pension Contributions		63.11	47942.28
28-May-25	Parish Online	Website Hosting		420.00	47522.28
31-May-25	Unity	Monthly Fee		6.00	47516.28
02-Jun-25	SLCC	Membership Fee Increase		22.92	47493.36
02-Jun-25	Transfer	Savings Transfer		900.00	46593.36
02-Jun-25	Cheney Coaches	Banbury Bus		250.00	46343.36
02-Jun-25	Rebecca Foote	Clerk's Expenses		337.93	46005.43
09-Jun-25	Yu Energy	Electricity		17.23	45988.20
09-Jun-25	Yu Energy	Electricity		384.34	45603.86
13-Jun-25	J Burnham	Bus Donations	49.00		45652.86
16-Jun-25	Lloyds Bank	Adobe		19.97	45632.89
16-Jun-25	Lloyds Bank	HP Instant Ink		4.49	45628.40
16-Jun-25	Lloyds Bank	Virtual Landline		8.75	45619.65
16-Jun-25	Lloyds Bank	Monthly Fee		3.00	45616.65
16-Jun-25	Lloyds Bank	Amazon - Office Supplies		15.67	45600.98
16-Jun-25	Lloyds Bank	?Awaiting Bill to confirm		52.25	45548.73
16-Jun-25	Lloyds Bank	?Awaiting Bill to confirm		52.24	45496.49
20-Jun-25	Nest	Pension Contributions		63.11	45433.38
20-Jun-25	Rebecca Foote	Clerk's Salary		1031.66	44401.72
20-Jun-25	DOCC Treecare	Tree work		1272.00	43129.72
20-Jun-25	DOCC Treecare	Tree work		1062.00	42067.72
30-Jun-25	Unity	Monthly Fee		6.00	42061.72