



GREATWORTH AND HALSE PARISH COUNCIL



MINUTES

of the **Ordinary** meeting of Greatworth and Halse Parish Council, held in the Mission Hall, Halse on **Monday 3rd November 2025 at 7.30pm.**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: 2 Members of the Public

1. Apologies for absence: None

2. Declarations of Interest: Cllr Bingham declared an interest in the GCTA Grant Application.

3. Approval and signature of the minutes of the ordinary meeting of 22nd September 2025

These were approved and signed with no amendments made.

4. Open Time:

5. To consider grant applications in relation to the allocation of the Community Solar Funding

Greatworth Primary School submitted an application for £11,500. After Cllrs discussed the application in detail, Cllr Hewison proposed an amount of £8,500 be awarded which was seconded by Cllr Lindop.

RESOLVED: Cllrs voted unanimously for a grant of £8,500 to be awarded. **ACTION:** Cllr Bingham to liaise with school over their next steps with Grantscape. **Clerk** to notify Grantscape of the Council's decision.

Greatworth Community Transport Association (GCTA) applied for £5,000. Cllr Robinson felt perhaps GCTA should be awarded funds via the Precept instead and this should be looked at in the budget first.

RESOLVED: Defer decision to a later meeting once the budget for the year has been finalised.

2 members of the public left the meeting.

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 £49,631.50 and an expected balance of £49,116.36 once the remaining invoices have been settled. It was resolved to pay the following invoices:

	Payee	Description	Amount
1	Rebecca Foote	Expenses	£80.14
2	Cheney Coaches	Banbury Bus	£290.00
3	Poppy Appeal	Remembrance Day Wreath	£25.00
4	Halse Village Association	Halse Christmas Tree	£120.00
		TOTAL	£515.14

b) To receive an update on the electricity contract

The Clerk provided an update on the new contract, day rates and standing charge changes and the new electricity provider.

c) To approve the purchase of a community Christmas Tree for Halse

RESOLVED: £120 was approved for the purchase of the Christmas Tree plus up to an additional £40 for tree lights.

7. To review and discuss the Council's 2025/26 and 2026/27 budgets

These were reviewed and discussed at length. The final figures for the 2026/27 budget will be set and approved during January's meeting alongside completing the Precept request.



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8. To discuss the Halse Road Bench and approve any associated expenditure.

The bench is broken and in need of repair. **RESOLVED:** To approach Nick Jackson to refurbish or repair the bench. A repair budget of £100 was set. **ACTION: Cllr Bingham** to liaise with Nick Jackson.

9. To discuss the relocation of the Defibrillator and approve any associated expenditure.

RESOLVED: a budget of up to £1500 was approved. **ACTION: Cllrs Jackson and Smith** to look into possible grants. **Cllr Lindop** to liaise with the school about requirements, inspections and maintenance.

10. To discuss the current goalposts situation and approve any associated expenditure.

The goalposts require replacement. **ACTION: Cllr Bingham** to liaise with Brackley Town Football Club

11. To discuss the upkeep of the Bus Shelter and approve any associated expenditure.

The bus shelter needs a refurbishment. **ACTION: Cllr Weller** to liaise with HS2 to see if they can help.

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

There are no current planning applications to review.

13. Councillor Questions

Cllr Hewison asked about training and how to book – all bookings must be made by the Clerk.

14. Date and location of the next meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Monday 5th January 2026 at 7.30pm in the Methodist Church, Greatworth.

15. Close

The meeting was closed at 9.50pm.

Signed _____ Dated _____
Councillor Simon Bingham, Chairman



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APPENDIX A

This report was presented by the Clerk for approval by the Council on 22nd September 2025
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Balance in Unity Current Account (03/11/25): £49,631.50
Expected TOTAL balance once invoices settled: **£49,116.36**

SO/DD payments made since 22/09/25

	Payee	Description	Type	Amount
1	Clear Insurance	Insurance	DD	£951.43
2	Nest	Pension Contributions	DD	£176.49
3	Unity	Service Charge	DD	£6.00
4	Lloyds Bank	Credit Card Payment	DD	£434.86
5	Rebecca Foote	Clerk's Salary	SO	£1056.74
6	HMRC	Employer's NI	DD	£289.16
7	Yu Energy	Electricity	DD	£17.44
8	Yu Energy	Electricity	DD	£426.31

Payments received since 22/09/25:

	Payee	Description	Amount
1	J Burnham	Bus Donations	£40
2	WNC	2 nd Precept Payment	£22,935.00

Payments to be approved on 03/11/25:

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1	Rebecca Foote	Expenses	£80.14
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		2025-26	
Code	EXPENDITURE	Budget	Actual
100	1. Lighting	8000.00	2825.07
101	Electricity supply	7000.00	2825.07
102	Street Light Repairs and Maintenance	1000.00	
200	2. Parks & Open Spaces	9470.00	4114.80
201	Grass cutting	3300.00	
202	Playground equip. inspection	170.00	196.80
203	Playground repairs/replacement	3000.00	
204	Notice boards		
205	Bus Shelter maintenance	500.00	
206	Bins	1000.00	1584.00
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	13803.63
401	Audit charge	400.00	252.00
402	Clerk's salary	12000.00	7549.54
403	Office Expenses	1000.00	1227.78
404	Election expenses		
405	Insurances/Subscriptions/Membership Fees	2000.00	2103.87
406	Training costs	1500.00	362.40
408	Meeting room rental	250.00	
409	Leaflets & Advertising		
410	Website	400.00	411.59
411	Traffic calming measures		
412	Office equipment		
413	Banking Charges	108.00	162.21
414	Other	250.00	1734.24
500	Grants	3,800.00	2,920.00
501	Grants to Village Organisations	900.00	900.00
502	Prizes		
503	Free Bus	1300.00	870.00
504	S. 137	1600.00	1150.00
505	CIL		
800	Projects		37,924.89
801	Playground Development		37924.89
802	Community Minibus		
803	National Events	500.00	
	Total Regular Expenditure	39178.00	75644.02
600	Miscellaneous Expenditure	1200.00	8915.09
601	Transfer Out		
602	To Deposit Account		900.00
603	Other	1200.00	
604	Vat Paid		8015.09
	Total Expenditure	40378.00	84559.11
	INCOME	86655.00	46477.44
701	Precept	39895.00	45870.00
702	Interest		
703	Newsletter		
704	Grants+Prizes	45510.00	
705	Donations		607.44
706	Wayleave		
707	Vat Repayment	1250.00	
708	Misc Transfers In		
709	CIL		
	Total Income	86655.00	46477.44

03-Nov-25		Totals	120134.98	70503.48	49631.50
		Balance B/Fwd -1	28147.54		28147.54
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		290.00	46303.36
02-Jun-25	Rebecca Foote	Clerk's Expenses		337.93	45965.43
09-Jun-25	Yu Energy	Electricity		17.23	45948.20
09-Jun-25	Yu Energy	Electricity		384.34	45563.86
13-Jun-25	J Burnham	Bus Donations	49.00		45612.86
16-Jun-25	Lloyds Bank	Adobe		19.97	45592.89
16-Jun-25	Lloyds Bank	HP Instant Ink		4.49	45588.40
16-Jun-25	Lloyds Bank	Virtual Landline		8.75	45579.65
16-Jun-25	Lloyds Bank	Monthly Fee		3.00	45576.65
16-Jun-25	Lloyds Bank	Amazon - Office Supplies		15.67	45560.98
16-Jun-25	Lloyds Bank	?Awaiting Bill to confirm		52.25	45508.73
16-Jun-25	Lloyds Bank	?Awaiting Bill to confirm		52.24	45456.49
20-Jun-25	Nest	Pension Contributions		63.11	45393.38
20-Jun-25	Rebecca Foote	Clerk's Salary		1031.66	44361.72
20-Jun-25	DOCC Treecare	Tree work		1272.00	43089.72
20-Jun-25	DOCC Treecare	Tree work		1062.00	42027.72
30-Jun-25	Unity	Monthly Fee		6.00	42021.72
08-Jul-25	Yu Energy	Electricity		350.78	41670.94
08-Jul-25	Yu Energy	Electricity		16.87	41654.07
11-Jul-25	ICO	ICO Annual Fee		47.00	41607.07
11-Jul-25	J Burnham	Bus Donations	40.00		41647.07
16-Jul-25	Lloyds Bank	Names.co.uk		59.99	41587.08
16-Jul-25	Lloyds Bank	Adobe		19.97	41567.11
16-Jul-25	Lloyds Bank	HP Instant Ink		4.49	41562.62
16-Jul-25	Lloyds Bank	Amazon - Office Supplies		12.98	41549.64
16-Jul-25	Lloyds Bank	Virtual Landline		8.75	41540.89
17-Jul-25	Lloyds Bank	Monthly Fee		3.00	41537.89
17-Jul-25	Nest	Pension Contributions		63.11	41474.78
22-Jul-25	Rebecca Foote	Clerk's Salary		1031.66	40443.12
22-Jul-25	Greatworth Methodist Church	Small Village Grant		250.00	40193.12
22-Jul-25	Brackley Hogwatch	Small Village Grant		250.00	39943.12
22-Jul-25	Marcus Young Ltd	Bins		1900.80	38042.32
22-Jul-25	NCALC	Training		42.00	38000.32
22-Jul-25	NCALC	Training		193.20	37807.12
22-Jul-25	NCALC	Training		127.20	37679.92
22-Jul-25	NCALC	Annual Membership		837.52	36842.40
22-Jul-25	Playsafety Ltd	RoSPA Inspections		196.80	36645.60
22-Jul-25	Cheney Coaches	Banbury Bus		290.00	36355.60
22-Jul-25	Rebecca Foote	Clerk's Expenses		73.16	36282.44
24-Jul-25	HMRC	Employers NI		276.60	36005.84
31-Jul-25	Unity	Service Charge		6.00	35999.84
05-Aug-25	Rebecca Foote	Backdated Increase		239.48	35760.36
05-Aug-25	Greatworth Sports&Social Club	Small Village Grant		250.00	35510.36
07-Aug-25	J Burnham	Bus Donations	51.00		35561.36
08-Aug-25	Yu Energy	Electricity		360.45	35200.91
08-Aug-25	Yu Energy	Electricity		17.50	35183.41
11-Aug-25	Nest	Pension Contributions		261.65	34921.76
18-Aug-25	Lloyds Bank	HP Instant Ink		4.49	34917.27
18-Aug-25	Lloyds Bank	Adobe		19.97	34897.30
18-Aug-25	Lloyds Bank	Virtual Landline		8.75	34888.55
18-Aug-25	Lloyds Bank	Amazon - Office Supplies		11.19	34877.36
18-Aug-25	Lloyds Bank	Monthly Fee		3.00	34874.36
20-Aug-25	Rebecca Foote	Clerk's Salary		1056.74	33817.62
27-Aug-25	Grantscape	Playground Grant	45510.00		79327.62
31-Aug-25	Unity	Service Charge		6.00	79321.62
08-Sep-25	Yu Energy	Electricity		367.63	78953.99
09-Sep-25	Wicksteed Leisure	Playground Replacement		15532.67	63421.32
09-Sep-25	Wicksteed Leisure	Playground Replacement		29977.20	33444.12
11-Sep-25	J Burnham	Bus Donations	44.00		33488.12
16-Sep-25	Lloyds Bank	Credit Card		108.21	33379.91
22-Sep-25	Rebecca Foote	Clerk's Salary		1056.74	32323.17
23-Sep-25	Clear Insurance	Insurance		951.43	31371.74
23-Sep-25	Rebecca Foote	Salary Underpayment		13.20	31358.54
29-Sep-25	WNC	Precept Payment	22935.00		54293.54
29-Sep-25	Nest	Pension Contributions		176.49	54117.05
30-Sep-25	Unity	Service Charge		6.00	54111.05
02-Oct-25	J Burnham	Bus Donations	40.00		54151.05
06-Oct-25	PKF LittleJohn	Audit		252.00	53899.05
06-Oct-25	Greatworth Charity	Village Grant		500.00	53399.05
06-Oct-25	Greatworth Glimpse	Village Grant		200.00	53199.05
06-Oct-25	Rebecca Foote	Office Expenses		94.06	53104.99
06-Oct-25	Cheney Coaches	Banbury Bus		290.00	52814.99
06-Oct-25	Greatworth Poors Lane	Village Grant		200.00	52614.99
06-Oct-25	Greatworth Glimpse	Small Village Grant		400.00	52214.99
08-Oct-25	Nest	Pension Contributions		176.49	52038.50
16-Oct-25	Lloyds Bank	Credit Card		434.86	51603.64
20-Oct-25	Rebecca Foote	Clerk's Salary		1056.74	50546.90
23-Oct-25	Nest	Pension Contributions		176.49	50370.41
23-Oct-25	HMRC	Employers NI		289.16	50081.25
23-Oct-25	Yu Energy	Electricity		17.44	50063.81
24-Oct-25	Yu Energy	Electricity		426.31	49637.50
31-Oct-25	Unity	Service Charge		6.00	49631.50