



GREATWORTH & HALSE PARISH COUNCIL



MINUTES

of the **Ordinary** meeting of Greatworth and Halse Parish Council, held in the Methodist Church, Greatworth on **Monday 5th January 2026 at 7.30pm.**

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr Lindop – these were accepted.
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None
3. **Approval and signature of the minutes of the ordinary meeting of 3rd November 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**
There are none at this time.
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 £45,721.41 and an expected balance of £44,678.54 once the remaining invoices have been settled. It was resolved to pay the following invoices (with the exception of Terry Stokes invoice – see note below table for action on this):

	Payee	Description	Amount
1	Rebecca Foote	Expenses	£81.98
2	Cheney Coaches	Banbury Bus	£290.00
3	Peter Tinkler	Halse Christmas Tree Lights	£45.98
4	Terry Stokes	Bus Shelter Cleaning	£624.91
		TOTAL	£1042.87

ACTION: Cllr Bingham to speak to Terry Stokes about invoice and report back at next meeting of the Council on the outcome. Payment approval will be postponed until further clarity has been gained.

b) To review payments made by the Clerk, since the last meeting, under delegated powers of authority

No payments have been made.

7. To approve the Council's 2026/27 budget

The Council approved a budget of £54,299.38 for 2026/27.

8. To approve and sign the Council's 2026/27 Precept Request paperwork

Cllr Bingham and the Clerk completed and signed the paperwork. A Precept of £52,500.00 was requested which is equivalent to a 14.45% increase.

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

ACTION: Cllr Lindop to confirm with school the electricity supply and maintenance responsibilities (No Update due to Cllr Lindop's absence from the meeting).

RESOLVED: Expenditure up to £1200.00 approved for the purchase of a new defibrillator.

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

There are no current planning applications to review.

11. Councillor Questions

Cllr Jackson queried the TPO tree progress and Cllr Bingham provided a brief update.

Cllr Weller provided a brief update on the projects they had arranged to be completed by HS2 – Village Litter pick (sometime in March, weather dependant) and the Bus Shelter refurbishment. Cllr Weller asked about the remaining rubbish in the playgrounds – Cllr Bingham confirmed he was speaking to the Solar Farm about removal.

Cllr Hewison raised the issue of faded and poor road markings in Halse which had been raised on fixmystreet but no answer had been forthcoming. Cllr Hewison received approval from the Council to contact Cllr Alison Eastwood for further assistance.

12. Date and location of the next meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Monday 2nd March 2026 at 7.30pm in the Methodist Church, Greatworth.

13. Close

The meeting was closed at 9pm.

Signed _____ Dated _____
Councillor Simon Bingham, Chairman

APPENDIX A

This report was presented by the Clerk for approval by the Council on 5th January 2026

Balance in Unity Current Account (05/01/26): £45,721.41
Expected TOTAL balance once invoices settled: **£44,678.54**

SO/DD payments made since 03/11/25:

	Payee	Description	Type	Amount
1	Yu Energy	Electricity	DD	£523.74
2	Yu Energy	Electricity	DD	£91.84
3	Lloyds Bank	Credit Card Payment	DD	£36.21
4	Valda Energy	Electricity	DD	£382.11
5	Lloyds Bank	Credit Card Payment	DD	£36.21
6	Valda Energy	Electricity	DD	£383.16

Payments received since 03/11/25:

	Payee	Description	Amount
1	J Burnham	Bus Donations	£36

Payments to be approved on 05/01/26:

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1	Rebecca Foote	Expenses	£81.98
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		2025-2026	
Code	EXPENDITURE	Budget	Actual
100	1. Lighting	8000.00	4162.53
101	Electricity supply	7000.00	4162.53
102	Street Light Repairs and Maintenance	1000.00	
200	2. Parks & Open Spaces	9470.00	5698.80
201	Grass cutting	3300.00	
202	Playground equip. inspection	170.00	196.80
203	Playground repairs/replacement	3000.00	
204	Notice boards		1584.00
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	16032.17
401	Audit charge	400.00	252.00
402	Clerk's salary	12000.00	9675.22
403	Office Expenses	1000.00	953.07
404	Election expenses		
405	Insurances/Subscriptions/Membership Fees	2000.00	2103.87
406	Training costs	1500.00	612.39
408	Meeting room rental	250.00	
409	Leaflets & Advertising		
410	Website	400.00	535.47
411	Traffic calming measures		
412	Office equipment		
413	Banking Charges	108.00	165.91
414	Other	250.00	1734.24
500	Grants	3,800.00	3,235.00
501	Grants to Village Organisations	900.00	900.00
502	Prizes		
503	Free Bus	1300.00	1160.00
504	S. 137	1600.00	1175.00
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	83337.56
600	Miscellaneous Expenditure	1200.00	9020.18
601	Transfer Out		
602	To Deposit Account		900.00
603	Other	1200.00	
604	Vat Paid		8120.18
	Total Expenditure	40378.00	92357.74
	INCOME	86655.00	46553.44
701	Precept	39895.00	45870.00
702	Interest		
703	Newsletter		
704	Grants+Prizes	45510.00	
705	Donations		683.44
706	Wayleave		
707	Vat Repayment	1250.00	
708	Misc Transfers In		
709	CIL		
	Total Income	86655.00	46553.44

		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	27640.21
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	7927.62
31-Aug-25	Unity	Service Charge	6.00	7921.62
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	Adobe	19.97	52018.53
16-Oct-25	Lloyds Bank	HP Instant Ink	4.49	52014.04
16-Oct-25	Lloyds Bank	Names.co.uk	148.66	51865.38
16-Oct-25	Lloyds Bank	Virtual Landline	8.75	51856.63
16-Oct-25	Lloyds Bank	FutureLearn Training	249.99	51606.64
16-Oct-25	Lloyds Bank	Monthly Fee	3.00	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

06-Nov-25	J Burnham	Bus Donations	40.00	49671.50
10-Nov-25	Yu Energy	Electricity	523.74	49147.76
13-Nov-25	Yu Energy	Electricity	91.84	49055.92
17-Nov-25	Lloyds Bank	HP Instant Ink	4.49	49051.43
17-Nov-25	Lloyds Bank	Adobe	19.97	49031.46
17-Nov-25	Lloyds Bank	Virtual Landline	8.75	49022.71
17-Nov-25	Lloyds Bank	Monthly Fee	3.00	49019.71
20-Nov-25	Rebecca Foote	Clerk's Salary	1056.74	47962.97
24-Nov-25	Valda Energy	Electricity	382.11	47580.86
24-Nov-25	Poppy Appeal	Remembrance Wreath	25.00	47555.86
24-Nov-25	Cheney Coaches	Banbury Bus	290.00	47265.86
24-Nov-25	Rebecca Foote	Expenses	80.14	47185.72
24-Nov-25	Rebecca Foote	Salary Underpay	6.20	47179.52
30-Nov-25	Unity	Service Charge	6.00	47173.52
04-Dec-25	J Burnham	Bus Donations	36.00	47209.52
16-Dec-25	Lloyds Bank	HP Instant Ink	4.49	47205.03
16-Dec-25	Lloyds Bank	Adobe	19.97	47185.06
16-Dec-25	Lloyds Bank	Virtual Landline	8.75	47176.31
16-Dec-25	Lloyds Bank	Monthly Fee	3.00	47173.31
22-Dec-25	Rebecca Foote	Clerk's Salary	1056.74	46116.57
23-Dec-25	Rebecca Foote	Salary Underpayment	3.20	46113.37
29-Dec-25	Valda Energy	Electricity	383.16	45730.21
30-Dec-25	Rebecca Foote	Salary Underpayment	2.80	45727.41
31-Dec-25	Unity	Service Charge	6.00	45721.41