

**Great and Little Hampden Parish Council : Clerk to the Council – Nick Baxter**

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting  
on Tuesday 28 May 2024 at 6.00pm**

The meeting took place at the Memorial Hall, Memorial Road, Great Hampden.

**Present:** Councillor F Smith (Chair)  
Councillor C Aston  
Councillor C Page  
Councillor H Stanley

**Apologies** Apologies were received from Councillor Butler and three members of the public

**Attendance:** Mr N Baxter – Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

**Members of the public:** Two members of the public were present

**Members of the press:** None

**MINUTES**

**APM24/0001: Formalities**

- a) To NOTE apologies for absence
- The apologies shown above were accepted.

**APM24/0002: Minutes and matters arising**

- a) To APPROVE the minutes of the annual meeting held on 24 May 2023 and CONSIDER any matters arising:
- The minutes were unanimously APPROVED. There were no matters arising.

**APM24/0003: Annual report by the Chair**

- a) To RECEIVE an Annual report from the Chair for the period ending March 2024
- The Chair read her report which is shown below.

CHAIR'S REPORT 2023/2024

*"Firstly, thank you to my fellow councillors for the help and support over the last year especially in the depths of winter when the village hall is not the warmest place to be.*

*Thank you to Karen for her support as Vice-Chair and for sorting out the parking for the Village Hall.*

*Welcome to Heather Stanley who we co-opted to fill the vacancy left by Jane Colvin having to resign because of family commitments.*

*Thank you to Nick for all the hours he puts in keeping us compliant and for another internal audit running smoothly.*

*As you are all aware the Allotments project has had to be shelved because of the prohibitive costs of preparing the site.*

*We are still having regular meetings with the Hampden Estate which we hope will continue with the new agent. We wish David Sherborne-Hoare a Happy Retirement and thank him for his help over the years.*

*Blakemore Pond Project has also been shelved because of lack of interest. Hopefully, in the future, we might reinstate this. Thank you, Claire, for the work you did on this.*

*Thanks also to Claire for her work to get traffic calming measures in the village. This is not straightforward as the existing speed limit is considered acceptable by Bucks County Council. But there are other options to consider.*

*The Chiltern Society have now installed the gate on the footpath opposite the Estate Office. Thank you to the volunteers who completed what proved to be a difficult task due to the weather conditions and the ditch beside it being flooded every time they tried to do it.*

*Thank you to Ian Firth and Peter Collier for their work on the Monks Risborough and Stoke Mandeville Charity respectively.*

*Again, thank you to all the councillors for the efforts especially the Little Hampden representatives for keeping their village involved in what we try to achieve.*

*Thank you to Nick without whose hard work we/I would not be able to achieve what we/I do.”*

- There were no questions on the Chair's annual report.

**APM24/0004: Questions from parishioners/electorate**

a) To The Chair/Clerk will take questions from the floor

- There were no questions from the floor.

Signed ..... Date .....

*DRAFT until approved at the 2025 Annual Parish Meeting*