

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

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting
on Tuesday 13 May 2025 at 6.00pm**

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

Present: Councillor F Smith (Chair)
Councillor K Butler
Councillor C Aston
Councillor H Stanley

Apologies None

Attendance: Mr N Baxter – Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer [via Teams]

Members of the public: Four members of the public were present.

Members of the press: None

MINUTES

AM25/0001: Formalities

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

AM25/0002: Minutes and matters arising

- a) To APPROVE the minutes of the annual meeting held on 28 May 2024 and CONSIDER any matters arising:
- The minutes were unanimously APPROVED. There were no matters arising.

AM25/0003: Annual report by the Chair

- a) To RECEIVE an Annual report from the Chair for the period ending March 2025
- The Chair read her report which is shown below.

CHAIR'S REPORT 2024/2025

“All councillors have all been re-elected in a non contested election. There is a vacancy on the council which we are actively trying to fill because, being a small council, it can at times be difficult to be quorate.

Our local Buckinghamshire councillors have also been re-elected. Congratulations to Steve Broadbent and David Carroll. Buckinghamshire council leader Martin Tett has stepped down and Buckinghamshire Councillor Steve Broadbent was to become leader of the Conservative Group on Buckinghamshire Council.

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.

Thank you to Nick for all the hours he puts in keeping us compliant and for another Internal Audit running smoothly.

I have met with the Hampden Estate's new agents and discussed their plans for the future of the Estate. They have no plans to do anything other than just manage the Estate as it is for the time being, but would be happy for any tenants/residents who have things they wish to discuss to get in touch.

We have at last been able to use the money donated by a film company, for disruption caused by them in Little Hampden, to partly cover the cost of new gates at Little Hampden Church. Thank you Cherry for sorting that.

There was another successful 'litter pick' in March. Thank you to all who took part.

The council have supported the installation of Defibrillators in Little Hampden and at Great Hampden Church. Nick Baxter is happy to instruct anyone who wishes to know how to use these.

We are currently looking at proposals from the Cricket Club and the Village Hall for help with improvements.

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

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

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

AM25/0004: Questions from parishioners/electorate

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

- A parishioner asked whether the allotment project “was dead”. The Chair confirmed that the costs had made the project untenable.
- A parishioner asked a question regarding the remaining CIL monies. The Chair explained there were earmarked funds to support bleed kits by the defibrillators (minute reference 24/0068 (e)), the village hall ((audio system, hearing loop, projector and retractable screen) (minute reference 25/0003 (e)) and cricket club ((Mower for Common) (25/0010 (d)) and that those costs would deplete all the CIL funds.

- a. The update to date CIL position is available at https://greatandlittlehampdenparishcouncil.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/CIL-annual-report-2024_2025-approved-07.04.25-ref-25_0010-i.pdf
- b. It was noted that the CIL monies could be withdrawn at anytime by Buckinghamshire Council until the monies were actually spent rather than earmarked.

Signed Date

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