

## Minutes from the ordinary general meeting of Wantage & Grove Angling Club, held in the Bear Hotel on Tuesday 1 September 2026.

**Present:** Matt Andrew (chair), Peter Constable (sec), Richard Harrison (treasurer), Peter Powell (match sec), Vince D'Sousa, Des Bushnell, John Blackwell, Andy Moody & Joe Bowman.

**Apologies:** Les Teale.

Meeting started at 8:00pm, the minutes from August 2026 were read and accepted.

### Pond Monitoring

On 31 August the DO was between 45-71% and water temperature was an average of 18.2°C.

### Chair's Report

The new generator and splasher are both running well. The generator has had an appropriately sized capacitor fitted.

The club needs to have an electrical inspection carried out (Brook Alder to be contacted for this).

There was a single otter captured by the camera on the night of the 30th August.

There have also been some reports of poor fish care by some members.

### Treasurer's Report

There is £x,xxx in the club funds with no major outstanding or expected invoices.

### Match Secretary's Report

Twelve anglers fished aggregate 5 and ten fished aggregate 6.

The match fund stands at £687.

### Secretary's Report

**Membership** – There are 7 adult and 1 Junior on the waiting list for 2027.

#### Network Rail

Following receipt of the relevant documents from Network Rail I have received the invoice for £250 plus VAT (£300). However, the invoice was addressed to Richard Harris, I have asked Network Rail to update their records with the correct name and reissue the invoice.

#### Clubmate

The club is now live with Clubmate.

Member details have been uploaded to the app and, with the assistance of 6 members, the login and registration procedure has been tested and found to be a smooth process.

I have uploaded a new privacy policy to Clubmate and taken this opportunity to update the website as well.

The Clubmate invoice has been received and passed to Richard for payment.

I will continue to familiarise myself with the back-end of the app with a view to rolling out the app to all members, we remain on track for a September launch. This will allow members to get used to the app prior to renewals next spring.

## Any Other Business

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| John B has contacted Paddock Care and they will trim the hedge. John B will manage the job and advise on likely dates for the work.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                              |
| It has not been possible to locate correctly sized blades for the lily cutter (probably because the cutter was purchased in America)<br>The club agreed to buy a new cutter rather than try to fit incorrectly sized blades . The cost of 2 blades is £110 against £150 for a complete unit.                                                                               |                                                                              |
| The project for the new shed remains ongoing. Measurements need to be taken for the new shed proposed for the top of the slope by pegs 13/14. Once measured the ground will need to be levelled.                                                                                                                                                                           | Peter P will measure.<br>The club will need to organise the ground levelling |
| A work party is scheduled for Sunday 27 September.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | To be promoted                                                               |
| “Out of Bounds” signs will be purchased and erected.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Jonathan Roberts will put these up                                           |
| Peter Powell has canvassed match anglers and none are concerned about receiving trophies. A virtual trophy and certificate will suffice.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | No further action                                                            |
| The club now has sufficient carp pellets but requires more layers pellets.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | John B to supply                                                             |
| Matt said that he considers building an otter fence would not be cost effective and that cormorants are more of a problem. The meeting agreed that club funds can be better spent.                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                              |
| Peter P said that he has seen bad fish handling kill fish, some members need to learn about basic safe fish handling.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | PC to update website and include in next email                               |
| The willows around the pond are regrowing fast following their trimming last year. It was felt that we don’t wish to kill the trees as the roots help hold the bank together. Tip Top Tree services will be contacted as they did a good job last time.                                                                                                                    | PC to contact the contractors                                                |
| Vince says that he has heard a few complaints about the chair, he has told them to address their concerns at a meeting rather than grumble in the background. Also, that the pond looks unloved would a five year membership option help to get funds up front. It was felt that the club had sufficient funds available for any work but this would be kept under review. |                                                                              |
| John B said that if we can’t get people to the work parties then the club would have to pay for contractors, this was generally agreed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                              |
| Peter C raised the issue of the continuing ban on meat, it was agreed that this ban would be lifted.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                              |

The meeting closed at 9:40pm.

The next ordinary meeting is Tuesday 6 October 2026 at The Bear Hotel.

I agree these are an accurate minute of the meeting on Tuesday 1 September 2026.

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| Proposed  |  | Seconded |  |
| Signed by |  | Position |  |
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