

## Minutes from the ordinary general meeting of Wantage & Grove Angling Club, held in the Bear Hotel on Tuesday 2 June 2026.

**Present:** Matt Andrew (chair), Peter Constable (sec), Richard Harrison (treasurer), Des Bushnell & Peter Powell.

**Apologies:** John Blackwell, Andy Moody (match sec) & Les Teale.

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

### Pond Monitoring

Dissolved oxygen levels had fallen quite low recently, down to 16-35% however, use of the aerators has brought these back up to 37-55%. There were no detectable pollutants.  
There were no predators seen on the cameras.

### Chair's Report

The aerators powered from the generator were tested, the small aerator has a repeatable and intermittent fault which causes it to draw excessive current and cut off after about 5 minutes of running.

The larger aerator has been run without issue for 3 consecutive nights. However, the generator appears to run but doesn't generate power, given the recent problems with these 2 items it was agreed that the club should buy a new generator and a new splasher. The budget for the generator is £1,500 including delivery. For the splasher it may be possible to fit a new motor to the existing housing or get smaller, cheaper but more efficient units. Richard will investigate and buy as appropriate.

Thanks were given to Martin Bennett for his time at the work party, also to Andy and Pete. Lastly Theo Andrew for his work on trimming the hedge as far as peg 4. Otherwise, the work party was poorly attended.

### Treasurer's Report

Following the recent renewals and new membership payments the club is in good financial health. A proportion will be moved to the club's high-interest savings account.

### Match Secretary's Report

The match fund stands at £409, new batteries for the scales have been bought.

The 1<sup>st</sup> aggregate (and blind pairs) had 14 anglers of which ten weighed-in.

A home and away match for teams of 8 has been organised against Sutton Courtney AC. The home match will take place on Sun 29 Nov and the return leg on Sun 21 Feb 27 at a venue to be confirmed.

A private WhatsApp group for regular match anglers has been set up.

### Secretary's Report

#### Network Rail

I have been in contact with Gary Llewellyn at Network Rail who works as a manager in the Thames Valley area. He asked if everything had been resolved, I replied that nothing has been officially resolved and that I have heard nothing from Stephen Phillips following our meeting in March. On 20 May Gary Llewellyn said he would chase this and get back to me. I sent a reminder email but haven't heard anything yet.

**Renewals** - To end 1 June 2026 we have 209 members (185 adult & 24 junior)

**Clubmate** - We need to arrange an online presentation from Clubmate to at least 3 people (Matt & Pete have agreed to attend and I will forward available dates).

### Any Other Business

The work to fix the solar panels together remains outstanding. Electrical conduit or similar is required.	No immediate action needed
New lily cutter blades will be bought ready for when the lilies need cutting.	Matt A to buy
The account for Blake's is set up, ordering by email is preferred but can be by phone.	
Theo cut half the hedge during the work party but the rest needs attention.	
Some small items (sledgehammer, strimmer lines, brush cutter etc) have been purchased for the club.	
It was agreed that a new shed would be erected at the top of the slope by pegs 13/14. This will be a clean shed housing the boat, life jackets, tools, rat-proof pellet storage etc. Peter Powell has said he will erect the shed on a materials cost only and the club is grateful for this offer.	

The meeting closed at 8:55pm.

The next ordinary meeting is Tuesday 7 July 2026 at The Bear Hotel.

I agree these are an accurate minute of the meeting on Tuesday 2 June 2026.

Proposed		Seconded	
Signed by		Position	
		Date	