

Minutes from the ordinary general meeting of Wantage & Grove Angling Club, held in the Bear Hotel on Tuesday 4 August 2026.

Present: Matt Andrew (chair), Peter Constable (sec), Des Bushnell, John Blackwell, Andy Moody, Joe Bowman.

Apologies: Richard Harrison (treasurer), Peter Powell (match sec), Danny Dance & Les Teale.

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

Pond Monitoring

Following discussions at July's meeting a comprehensive set of temperature readings were taken (from both bank and boat, at all water depths).

It was found that the samples taken by Les from the bank at four points on the pond were a reliable estimate for the overall temperature of the pond.

Chair's Report

It has not been necessary to run the new generator since the last meeting.

The new splasher unit has yet to be ordered, Matt to ask Richard to do so.

Thanks to Les for all his time taking the temperature and dissolved oxygen readings.

Treasurer's Report

There is no treasurer's report this month.

Match Secretary's Report

The match fund stands at £520.

Ten anglers fished aggregate 4.

There are £70 taken in deposits for Stacey's and Cheriton farm.

Secretary's Report

Membership – Now closed to new members for 2026. There are 4 adult and 1 Junior on the waiting list for 2027.

Network Rail

I now have the legal documents from Network rail:

- 1) A memorandum of change to alter the primary contact from Reginald Crouch to me.
- 2) An agreement that we can install an otter fence without further reference to Network Rail.

The fees for these changes are £250 plus VAT (£300). Network Rail will issue the invoice upon my return of the documents.

Clubmate

I have started the process to enable the club to use the Clubmate app. I will load the membership details in the next couple of weeks ready for members to start using the app to get used to it before renewals in March 2027, hopefully this will be by September 2026.

Any Other Business

The second half of the hedge that wasn't cut at the work party needs attention. Matt asked John B to ask a contractor to do the work using a flail.	John b to action party
New lily cutter blades will be bought.	Matt A will measure and buy
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. The club will need to organise the ground levelling
There are anglers putting themselves and fish at risk by fishing amongst the trees at the North end of the pond. "Out of Bounds" signs will be purchased and erected.	This remains outstanding
Matt has spoken directly to Phil Mansbridge to allay his concerns about the status of the club committee.	No further action required
Pellet supplies are low and orders for layers and carp pellets are to be placed as appropriate.	John B and Des act as required.
For the next work party – work is required on pegs 9, 10 & 20.	Will be added to the list of things to do.
Following a note on the WhatsApp group regarding the purchase of tench the meeting confirmed that we would not be purchasing any fish this year.	
John B asked if there had been any feedback from match anglers regarding the discussions about not presenting trophies.	To be followed up

The meeting closed at 8:55pm.

The next ordinary meeting is Tuesday 1 September 2026 at The Bear Hotel.

I agree these are an accurate minute of the meeting on Tuesday 4 August 2026.

Proposed		Seconded	
Signed by		Position	
		Date	

Post meeting note

Further to the Network Rail documents as per the secretary's report, the documents were signed by Peter Constable (secretary) and witnessed by Matt Andrew (chair). These will be returned to Network Rail by post.