

Minutes from the ordinary general meeting of Wantage & Grove Angling Club, held in the Bear Hotel on Tuesday 6 October 2026.

Present: Matt Andrew (chair), Peter Constable (sec), Richard Harrison (treasurer), Peter Powell (match sec), Vince D'Sousa, John Blackwell, Jonathan Roberts & Joe Bowman.

Apologies: Les Teale, Andy Moody & Andy Earl.

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

Pond Monitoring

There were no readings this month. The oxygen meter is being serviced at an estimated cost of £250 (to be split equally with The Plough AC)

Chair's Report

Thanks were extended to all 14 members who attended at the work party and a great deal was done, it was suggested that a personal email will be sent to all non-committee members expressing our appreciation.

The new splashers is working well and operation of the splashers is alternated between the two to balance the load and keep them in working order.

Treasurer's Report

There have been a number of recent demands on club funds, mainly the new splashers, lily cutter, fuel for the generator and materials for the work party.

Club funds currently stand at £n,nnn.

Match Secretary's Report

Fifteen anglers fished aggregate 9 at the pond but results were poor.

Another work party is suggested for Sunday 25 October, materials needed are estimated at £700 which the meeting approved.

The match fund stands at £818 (£16 was used for refreshments at the work party).

The match against The Plough at Grove pond is scheduled for 15 November.

Secretary's Report

Clubmate

All members have been sent an invitation, along with a link, to join the Clubmate app.

Local Police

On 20 Sept I received a message from PC Jeremy Oldroyd from the Thames Valley police, he is requesting a meeting with the club to discuss ways we can help get the kids into fishing in a safe and legal matter. I sent an email to PC Oldroyd saying we would discuss this at the meeting and get back to him.

Wantage.com

On 4 October I received a message from Gordon Hill who is the administrator for a website called Wantage.com, this offers, free of charge, a listing of various activities, clubs etc in the Wantage area. He has included the fishing club in this but with basic details

Fire and Rescue service

Further to a discussion with Matt I have drafted an invitation to the Fire and Rescue service to use the pond for a water-side training exercise with the request that they empty their water tanks into the pond.

This would be sent to Grove Parish Council, Vale of White Horse district Council and Olly Glover MP for Wantage.

Any Other Business

The hedge cutting has been done. John B has paid £100 to the contractors.	JB to be reimbursed
Lily cutter has been bought.	No further action
The measurements have been taken for the new shed. The ground should be cleared at the next work party.	
2 bags each 4mm & 8mm pellets are to be ordered from Blake's.	Andy M to collect
"Out of Bounds" signs have been bought and erected. Thanks to Jonathan Roberts.	No further action
The tree contractors are to be contacted regarding ongoing maintenance.	PC to action
The club agreed to get pre-paid fuel cards for diesel buying for the generator	
Matt spoke to the EA and it is estimated it would cost in excess of £60,000 to refill the pond by tanker. Other options are to be actioned.	See sec report, above
It was asked if we could bring the netting forward whilst the water levels are still low. It was agreed that the club would stay with the original booking of Wednesday 16 December	No further action
There appears to be a shelter of some kind on the bank above peg 11. Could a camera be repositioned to see what is going on.	Matt to talk to Les about moving the camera
A "Danger – Deep water" sign should be put up.	Jonathan Roberts to action
The Lloyd Lyndsey rooms will be booked for the AGM.	PC to action

The meeting closed at 9:15pm.

The next ordinary meeting is Tuesday 3 November 2026 at The Bear Hotel.

I agree these are an accurate minute of the meeting on Tuesday 6 October 2026.

Proposed		Seconded	
Signed by		Position	
		Date	