

Minutes from the ordinary general meeting of Wantage & Grove Angling Club, held in the Bear Hotel on Tuesday 5 May 2026.

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

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

Meeting started at 8:05pm, the minutes from April 2026 were read, there were 2 changes (add Joe Bowman as an attendee and add the note regarding the generator) these changes were accepted.

Pond Monitoring

Dissolved oxygen levels were between 63-68%. There were no detectable pollutants. PH is at 8.0. There were one otter seen on the trail cameras on 17 April

Chair's Report

EA fisheries have been booked to carry out the netting on Wednesday 16 December. The Blake's account is now set up. Signatories are Matt Andrew, Richard Harrison, Andy Moody & Des Bushnell.

Treasurer's Report

There is no report from the treasurer this month.

Match Secretary's Report

There is no report from the match secretary this month.

Secretary's Report

Network Rail

Following my meeting with Stephen Phillips from Network Rail on Thursday 26 March, despite my best efforts, I have had no follow-up or feedback. I will continue to chase.

Renewals - To 4 May 2026

There are currently have 177 members (Adult – 161 & Junior – 16)

Rejoin : 157 (Adult 146 & Junior 11)

New : 20 (Adult 15 & Junior 5)

Members "lost" this year : 65 (Adult 57 & Junior 8)

Clubmate

I had a presentation from Clubmate showing their product. The cost would be £550 + Vat (£660), less 20% Angling Trust discount (£528)

Cost of card transaction is 2.3% plus 20p £1.12 per adult (est approx £200 for current membership).

A lively discussion followed and it was left that this would continue to be investigated and a decision made at a later date.

Any Other Business

The work to fix the solar panels together remains outstanding. Electrical conduit or similar is needed.	Matt A to source conduit material.
The purchase of new lily cutter blades remains outstanding.	Matt A to buy
Feed pellets are running low. Richard will be contacted by Andy to see if the account with Blake's has been set up. John B will collect layers pellets.	Andy M & John B to act accordingly
The Siltex application is postponed to the winter of 2026/27.	

The work on the generator remains outstanding. It was agreed that this would be contracted out.	Matt to organise this
The hedge needs cutting, this could be done by a work party or contractors.	
The barley straw has been applied to the pond, thanks to Peter Powell.	

The meeting closed at 9:45pm.

The next ordinary meeting is Tuesday 2 June 2026 at The Bear Hotel.

I agree these are an accurate minute of the meeting on Tuesday 5 May 2026.

Proposed		Seconded	
Signed by		Position	
		Date	