

GREYWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Greywell Parish Council meeting held in the Village Hall at 6pm on Wednesday 26 August 2026

In attendance: - Cllr M. Barter, Cllr R. Cole, Cllr J. Malmesbury, Cllr S. Powell and Cllr R. Trueman
Also in attendance - Beverley Bridgman (Parish Clerk) and County/District Cllr C. Dorn

Draft minutes subject to confirmation

1. Receive and accept apologies for absence

None received, all Parish Councillors present

2. Receive and note any declarations of interest relevant to the Agenda

None

3. The Chair to approve as a correct record the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 21 May 2026

Approved and signed

4. Open the meeting to members of the public

2 members of the public attended the meeting

One member of the public reported that the pond at the top of Dorchester Way is full of weeds and brambles - Cllr's noted the land isn't owned by anyone. Cllr Barter advised this information has been noted

5. Receive reports from County and District Cllrs

Cllr Dorn reported on behalf of Hampshire County Council (HCC) and Hart District Council (HDC):

- A new National Scheme of Delegation for planning committees in England will take effect from 31 October 2026
- Concerns remain regarding the lack of transparency in the Hart Local Plan process. The Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment document has still not been published, although it is understood that publication is expected in October this year
- HCC has commenced a legal challenge against the Government's decision on Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) in Hampshire and the Solent area, specifically the proposed reorganisation of councils. Several other county councils, including Essex, Norfolk and Suffolk, have now joined the challenge. This could potentially delay the Structural Change Order and have a knock-on effect on the planned elections in May 2027
- National Cadet Week will take place between 5th - 11th October
- Lodge Farm, North Warnborough - a new planning application hasn't yet been submitted

6. Consider and discuss the following planning application:

- a) Street Trading Consent Application for an American Style BBQ by Crane Feasts Ltd
Lay-by Northbound on A287, Farnham Road, North Warnborough, Hampshire**

Discussed and agreed to submit a comment of support

7. Update of previous planning applications

Since the last Parish Council meeting the following application has been approved by HDC:

Erection of a detached ancillary outbuilding (retrospective)

Fox & Goose The Street Greywell Hook Hampshire RG29 1BY

8. Approve the Electronic Payment request for August

Approved - the electronic payment request and copies of all invoices had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. The approved request can be found below:

Greywell Parish Council August 2026 Electronic Payment Request

To	Item	Amount	Invoice number	Type
Staff	Admin Expenses July 2026 1 x 2nd class stamp	£0.91	July 2026	EP

9. Note the current financial situation and payments made since the last Parish Council meeting

Noted - The current financial situation can be found in Appendix A. The balances as at 20 August 2026 were:

Community Account: £513.43

Commercial Instant Access Account: £15772.26

10. Approve the first quarter accounts

Approved. A copy of the first quarter accounts can be found in Appendix B

11. Speed Indicator data update from Cllr Cole

Cllr Cole provided an update regarding speed indicator data between January - July 2026, this data can be found in Appendix C

12. Discuss and agree next steps regarding solar panels for the speed indicator (see associated paper for decisions to be agreed)

A copy of the associated paper can be found in Appendix D

- Decision 1 - Do Councillors agree that alternative quotations should be obtained for solar panels before any purchase is made?

Concerns were raised regarding the use of solar panels not sold via Stocksigns as this could invalidate the guarantee on the speed indicators. Cllr Cole advised it would be difficult to judge whether an alternative solar panel would work as there are so many components and wires involved.

Discussed and agreed the Parish Council will not seek alternative quotations for solar panels

- Decision 2 - Funding the solar panels

Agreed if the grant application to HCC is successful the Parish Council will proceed with the purchase of 2 solar panels from Stocksigns, and the shortfall of £37.65 will be taken from the Elections budget which has £386 remaining for the 2026-2027 period

If the grant application is unsuccessful the Parish Council will purchase solar panels using money from their reserves together with the remaining funds in the election budget

- Decision 3 - SID volunteer reimbursement

Discussed and agreed to process the volunteer reimbursement, total £168.48. Cllr Cole will inform the Parish Clerk of the monetary split between volunteers

13. Update regarding South East Water and their extraction licence at Greywell Fen

The Parish Clerk confirmed South East Water have submitted an appeal against the decision made by the Environment Agency to refuse their application to continue water abstraction at Greywell Fen.

Greywell Parish Council is not classed as an interested party for this type of application however The Whitewater Valley Conservation Society (WVCS) are and they have been keeping the Parish Council updated with any information they receive.

The appeal only allowed 15 days for representations to be sent, WVCS sent theirs on 2 August.

The Parish Council will continue to monitor the situation and act appropriately when the opportunity arises

14. Discuss and agree next steps regarding the village defibrillator (see associated paper for decisions to be agreed)

Unfortunately the associated paper did not upload to the parish website so, to ensure transparency and allow Cllrs the time to be fully informed, this agenda item was postponed to the next meeting

15. Budget for 27/28 - note Councillors haven't put forward any projects to be considered

Noted

16. Discuss and agree whether the Parish Council wishes to submit a view to the governments consultation regarding judicial review reforms

Discussed and agreed Cllr Barter will draft a response to the consultation and the Parish Clerk will submit before the deadline of midnight on 27 August 2026. A copy of the response can be found in Appendix E

17. Confirm the date and time of the next meetings

Discussed and agreed the next Parish Council meetings will be held in the village hall at 6pm on:

5 November 2026

7 January 2027

There being no other business the meeting ended at 7.05pm

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Greywell Parish Council Monthly Sheet for August 2026 (Appendix A)

Lloyds Community Account

Balance as at 15 May 2026

£24.47 (agrees statement dated 29 May 2026)

Payments

Date	To	Amount
5 May 2026	HMRC Shipley Employers NI 6 May 26 - 5 June 26	£12.52
18 May 2026	Lloyds Admin Fees Mar - Apr Invoice 483767301	£4.25
22 May 2026	Staff Admin Expenses May 2026	£3.60
22 May 2026	HALC affiliation fees & NALC Levy 26/27 Invoice 8136	£204.00
22 May 2026	Community Heartbeat Trust Annual Support 26/27 Invoice 21460	£162.00
22 May 2026	Do The Numbers Ltd Invoice 12/971	£160.00
22 May 2026	Whitewater Valley Conservation Society Annual Renewal	£30.00
22 May 2026	Zurich Insurance Company Annual Renewal 26/27	£264.00
22 May 2026	Greywell Village Hall Hire May Meeting	£6.50
1 June 2026	HMRC Shipley Employers NI 6 June 26 - 5 July 26	£12.52
1 June 2026	Staff Salary & Home Office Allowance May 2026	£520.50
16 June 2026	HALC - Training Course for Cllr Powell Invoice 8529	£24.00
16 June 2026	HALC - Training Course for Cllr Trueman Invoice 8530	£24.00
16 June 2026	Lloyds Admin Fees Apr - May Invoice 486346073	£4.25
* 17 June 2026	Staff - SID expenses (2 x replacement batteries)	£105.98
30 June 2026	Staff Salary & Home Office Allowance June 2026	£520.50
6 July 2026	HMRC Shipley Employers NI 6 June 2026 - 5 July	£12.52
* 9 July 2026	Hart District Council - Invoice 41000781	£24.00
17 July 2026	Information Commissioners Office (ICO) Annual Renewal July 26-July 27	£47.00
20 July 2026	Lloyds Admin Fees May - June Invoice 488800196	£4.25
30 July 2026	Staff Salary & Home Office Allowance July 2026	£520.50
31 July 2026	HMRC Shipley Employers NI 6 July 2026 - 5 August 2026	£12.52
18 August 2026	Lloyds Admin Fees June - July Invoice 491379945	£4.25

Receipts

Date	From	Amount
21 May 2026	Lloyds Commercial Instant Access	£1400.00
17 June 2026	Lloyds Commercial Instant Access	£700.00
9 July 2026	Lloyds Commercial Instant Access	£24.00
15 July 2026	VAT Refund	£111.10
27 July 2026	Lloyds Commercial Instant Access	£500.00
29 July 2026	Greywell Village Hall Committee (for solar panel)	£425.00

Balance as at 20 August 2026

£513.43 (agrees screen shot on 20 August 2026)

* Payments made using delegated
authority under the Financial Regulations
and Cllrs informed by email

Lloyds Commercial Instant Access

Balance as at 15 May 2026

£18375.55 (agrees statement dated 5 June 2026)

Payments

Date

To

21 May 2026

Lloyds Community Account

£1400.00

17 June 2026

Lloyds Community Account

£700.00

9 July 2026

Lloyds Community Account

£24.00

27 July 2026

Lloyds Community Account

£500.00

Receipts

Date

From

Amount

9 June 2026

Bank Interest

£6.92

9 July 2026

Bank Interest

£6.76

10 August 2026

Bank Interest

£7.03

Balance as at 20 August 2026

£15772.26 (agrees screen shot on 20 August 2026)

Total Balance as at 20 August 2026

Lloyds Community Account

£513.43

Lloyds Savings Account

£15772.26

Unpresented cheques

Nil

Cancelled cheques

Nil

Net Bank Balance

£16285.69

Appendix B
Greywell Parish Council Q1 Accounts

Incoming Payments

	Predicted 2026-2027	Already received
Precept	£9234.00	£9234.00
Bank Interest		£18.98
Grants		£0.00
VAT refund (not in budget)		£0.00
Totals		£9252.98

Outgoing Payments

	Budget 2026-2027	Already paid	What's left in the budget
Salary	£6006.00	£1501.50	£4504.50
Employers National Insurance	£166.00	£37.56	£128.44
Home Office Allowance	£240.00	£60.00	£180.00
Clerk's Expenses	£50.00	£0.00	£50.00
Administration	£150.00	£16.35	£133.65
Insurance	£277.00	£264.00	£13.00
Audit	£160.00	£160.00	£0.00
Venue Hire	£112.00	£6.50	£105.50
Website Management	£332.00	£292.20	£39.80
Repairs and Maintenance	£457.00	£223.32	£233.68
Subscriptions and Donations	£424.00	£234.00	£190.00
Chairmans Allowance	£50.00	£0.00	£50.00
Grants	£200.00	£0.00	£200.00
Training	£200.00	£40.00	£160.00
Election Costs	£410.00	£0.00	£410.00
VAT		£111.10	
Totals	£9234.00	£2946.53	£6398.57

Balance Carried Forward 31/3/26	£10054.39
ADD Total receipts (as above)	£9252.98
LESS Total payments (as above)	£2946.53
Total	£16,360.84
Current Account as at 30/6/2026	78.37
Savings Account as at 30/6/2026	16282.47
Total	£16,360.84

Appendix C

SID Data Analysis January 2026 - July 2026 - Cllr R. Cole

Month	(All)	Jan26 - Jul26
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Row Labels	_Count	_Peak Speed(mph)	Entry > 30 %	Exit > 30 %	% improvement
Dorchester Way In	90,509	66	46%	24%	47%
Deptford Lane	38,487	65	60%	7%	88%
Nateley Road	70,914	67	26%	12%	55%
Grand Total	199,910	67	41%	16%	60%

Various road closures in Greywell have reduced the amount of data collected, particularly Deptford Lane.

The results do however remain compelling showing a 60% improvement in speed limit compliance, ie 41% of vehicles entered above 30mph, reducing down to 16% above 30mph when exiting the zone.

Removing all vehicles with an entry speed of 20mph (assumed cycles of slow moving road users) delivers a similar result.

Month	(All)	Jan26 - Jul26
CYCLIST?	N	

Row Labels	_Count	_Peak Speed(mph)	Entry > 30 %	Exit > 30 %	% improvement
Dorchester Way In	74,337	66	55%	29%	48%
Deptford Lane	32,009	65	72%	8%	88%
Nateley Road	43,265	67	43%	19%	55%
Grand Total	149,611	67	55%	22%	61%

An estimate of 34% of all vehicle movements are cycles (or the slow road users)

Month	(All)	Jan26 - Jul26
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_Count	Column Labels			
Row Labels	N	Y	Grand Total	%age
Dorchester Way In	74,337	16,172	90,509	22%
Deptford Lane	32,009	6,478	38,487	20%
Nateley Road	43,265	27,649	70,914	64%
Grand Total	149,611	50,299	199,910	34%

Solar Panels for Speed Indicators

Update and Decisions Required - 26 August 2026

1. Background - what was agreed on 21 May 2026

At its meeting on 21 May 2026, the Parish Council agreed that:

- The Parish Clerk would contact County Councillor Dorn to ask whether he had a devolved budget available and whether he would support a grant towards the project in principle.
- If Cllr Dorn agreed, the Parish Clerk would apply for a grant towards one of the two new solar panels. At the request of Cllr Cole, the application would also consider the cost of two replacement batteries.
- Cllr Cole would contact Stocksigns to obtain up-to-date prices for the solar panels and replacement batteries.

2. What has happened since 21 May 2026

Solar panels

Stocksigns confirmed on 26 May 2026 that the cost of two solar panels for the existing speed indicators would be:

Item	Cost
Two solar panels	£1,100
Delivery	£30
Total, excluding VAT	£1,130

VAT is reclaimable by the Parish Council. Therefore, the initial payment to Stocksigns would be £1,356 including VAT, with £226 subsequently reclaimed.

NOTE - For the purposes of the funding calculations in this paper, the cost is shown as £1,130 net of VAT.

Replacement batteries

Stocksigns quoted £114 per battery including VAT.

Cheaper alternatives were available from Amazon at £52.99 per battery including VAT.

On 26 May 2026, Cllr Cole advised that two batteries were urgently required to replace dead batteries on Dorchester Way and requested that an order be placed with Amazon.

As the batteries were required immediately, the Parish Clerk advised that they could not be included in the grant application and would need to be paid for from the maintenance budget, which had £332 remaining for the 2026–27 financial year.

Two batteries were purchased from Amazon on 15 June 2026 for £105.98.

The purchase was authorised under Financial Regulation 6.7, which allows the Clerk and RFO to authorise payments of up to £250 excluding VAT where the expenditure is within an agreed budget.

The Parish Clerk initially paid for the batteries personally and was reimbursed £105.98 on 17 June 2026. Councillors were informed of the decision by email.

3. Funds raised towards the solar panels

The Village Hall Committee organised a chargeable tour of Greywell Hill House on 26 July 2026. This raised £425 towards the cost of solar panels.

On 30 July 2026, the Parish Clerk, with assistance from Cllr R. Cole, submitted a grant application to Cllr C. Dorn for £550, representing the cost of one solar panel.

A decision on the grant application is still awaited.

4. Funds currently available

The current funds identified towards the solar panel project are:

Source	Amount
Remaining donation from Greywell Road Safety Group	£117.35
Funds raised by the Village Hall Committee	£425.00
Total currently available	£542.35

5. Position if the £550 grant is approved

If the grant is approved, the Parish Council would have:

£542.35 existing funds + £550 grant = £1092.35

Against the quoted net cost of £1,130, this would leave a balance of £37.65

6. Position if the £550 grant is unsuccessful

If the grant is not approved, the Parish Council would have £542.35 available against the quoted net cost of £1,130.

The remaining amount required would therefore be:

$$£1,130 - £542.35 = £587.65$$

Possible sources for the £587.65 shortfall are:

- Parish Council reserves – reserves were £10,054.39 at the end of the last financial year
- Election budget – £410 was originally budgeted for the May 2026 election. The actual cost was £24, leaving £386 available
- SID volunteer reimbursement – in May 2026, Cllr Cole's SID paper advised that volunteers were happy to donate their SID charging reimbursement of £168.48 for the 2025–26 period towards the solar panel project
However, the £168.48 reimbursement should be considered separately, as it was previously agreed and budgeted for as a payment to the volunteers.

7. SID volunteer reimbursement

In May 2026, it was advised that SID volunteers were willing to donate their £168.48 reimbursement for the 2025–26 period towards the solar panel project.

This reimbursement was due in April 2026 and had previously been brought to the Parish Council as a need and included in the 2026–27 budget calculation.

There has also been a suggestion that the SID charging reimbursement for the current financial year could be donated towards the solar panel project.

This cannot be included in the current calculation because that payment would not be due until April 2027 and would relate to the 2027–28 budget. The 2027–28 budget has not yet been discussed or agreed by the Parish Council.

The recommendation is therefore that the £168.48 reimbursement for 2025–26 is paid to the volunteers now, as previously agreed and budgeted.

8. Alternative suppliers

The figures in this paper are based on the quotation obtained from Stocksigns.

Before committing to the purchase of the solar panels, Councillors may wish to obtain quotations from alternative suppliers to establish whether the same or suitable solar panels can be obtained at a lower cost.

Any alternative panels would need to be suitable for, and work effectively with, the Parish Council's existing speed indicator devices (SIDs). A cheaper product would not necessarily represent better value if it were incompatible or did not perform effectively.

If alternative suppliers are investigated, quotations would need to be obtained and brought to a future Parish Council meeting for consideration.

The Parish Council should also be aware that purchasing one panel from Stocksigns and a second panel from another supplier, or from Stocksigns at a later date, may result in an additional delivery charge.

9. Decisions required on 26 August 2026

Councillors are asked to consider and decide the following:

Decision 1 - Solar panel quotations

Do Councillors agree that alternative quotations should be obtained for solar panels before any purchase is made?

If agreed:

- suitable alternative quotations will be obtained;
- the compatibility and suitability of any alternative panels will be checked as far as possible;
- the quotations will be brought to a future Parish Council meeting; and
- the Parish Council will then decide which supplier, if any, represents the best value for money

This approach would avoid committing the Parish Council to the Stocksigns quotation before alternative prices have been investigated.

Decision 2 - Funding the solar panels

Once the grant decision and any alternative quotations are known, the Parish Council will need to decide how to fund the purchase.

If the £550 grant is approved, the currently identified funds would be sufficient to cover the £1,130 net Stocksigns quotation.

If the £550 grant is not approved, the currently identified funds would leave a shortfall of £587.65 against the Stocksigns quotation. This could be funded from Parish Council reserves and/or the remaining election budget.

Councillors are therefore asked to agree, in principle, that the necessary shortfall can be funded from reserves and/or the remaining election budget, subject to the final supplier quotation being brought back to Council for approval.

Decision 3 – SID volunteer reimbursement

Do Councillors agree to pay the £168.48 SID volunteer reimbursement for the 2025-26 period?

This payment was due in April 2026 and was previously included as a budgeted expenditure for 2026-27.

10. Recommendation

It is recommended the Parish Council:

1. Pays the £168.48 SID volunteer reimbursement for the 2025-26 period now, as this was previously agreed and budgeted for.
2. Obtains alternative quotations for the solar panels before making any purchase, to establish whether better value can be obtained than the current Stocksigns quotation.
3. Ensures that any alternative solar panels are suitable and compatible with the Parish Council's existing SIDs before they are considered for purchase.
4. Brings the alternative quotations back to a future Parish Council meeting for a final purchasing decision.
5. If the grant is approved, uses the grant together with the existing funds available to meet the cost of the solar panels.
6. If the grant is not approved, considers using Parish Council reserves and/or the remaining election budget to meet any shortfall, subject to the final quotation and approval of the purchase.
7. Does **not** rely on the potential donation of the 2026-27 SID reimbursement at this stage, as that payment would not be due until April 2027 and would fall within the 2027-28 budget.

Summary of key figures

Item	Amount
Stocksigns – two solar panels	£1,100
Stocksigns – delivery	£30
Stocksigns total excluding VAT	£1,130
VAT (reclaimable)	£226
Initial payment including VAT	£1,356
Existing funds available	£117.35
Village Hall fundraising	£425.00
Total funds currently identified	£542.35
Grant application	£550.00

Funds if grant approved	£1092.35
Shortfall without grant	£587.65
SID volunteer reimbursement to be considered separately	£168.48

Note: All funding calculations relating to the solar panels use the net cost of £1,130 because VAT is reclaimable by the Parish Council.

Appendix E

Dear Sir/Madam,

Greywell Parish Council discussed the judicial review reforms at their meeting held on 26 August 2026 and agreed to submit the following comments:

In recent years, the number of judicial reviews categorised as 'significant planning court claims' only represented just under 1.5% of all judicial reviews. Given this small number of cases, the extant court processes which screen out weak or frivolous cases and the high cost of making a claim, Greywell Parish Council (GPC) believes the proposed changes simply represent a significant erosion of local democracy.

There is also concern that extending nationally significant infrastructure project (NSIP) style limits to wider major projects will weaken legal accountability, reduce access to justice, and shift (rather than remove) delay and conflict into earlier planning stages.

GPC's other concerns are:

- Erosion of access to justice

Removing the paper permission stage and abolishing appeals for "totally without merit" findings give claimants only "one bite of the cherry" making it harder to correct unlawful decisions even where errors are serious but technical.

- Risk of poorer decision making

The judicial review process tests lawfulness (procedure, evidence, statutory duties) rather than planning merits. Narrowing judicial review routes could reduce the system's ability to force authorities and developers to fix flawed environmental assessments and consultation before construction starts.

- Disproportionate impact on communities

Extending fast track, time limited judicial review rules to major housing, transport and energy schemes could tip the balance towards delivery speed at the expense of public participation and environmental safeguards.

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- Delay and conflict may simply move to earlier in the process

Restricting later legal challenges will not eliminate opposition but push it into local plan examinations and consultation phases, with the potential of making those stages more contentious and prolonged.

- Uncertain benefits

GPC questions whether the reforms will meaningfully accelerate delivery, noting that many delays stem from finance, land assembly, utilities and procurement rather than judicial review alone.