

Minutes of the Meeting of Osmotherley Area Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Osmotherley on Thursday 19th June 2025

1. **Present:** Mr B Robinson (Chairman), Mr P Howlett (Vice-Chairman), Mr M Read, Mrs M Kay, Mr N Ward, Mr M Laverick, Mr T Sillars and NYC Representative Cllr D Hugill

Apologies were received from:, Mr T Wood, Mr S Blythe, Mrs A Atkinson and Mrs C Nozedar for personal reasons

2. **Minutes of the meeting of 13th May 2025 were approved and signed by the Chairman**

3. **Public Forum**

Was attended by two representatives of the Environment Group. The Chairman reiterated the PC's apologies that the weedkiller exercise carried out on School Lane was a one-off event, carried out too early, and would not occur again. Private weedkiller had been used on the cobbles on North End and the EG urged caution using this method of control in future. The proposed car park was raised as there is clearly a misunderstanding still existing over its future. The Clerk explained the current situation and reiterated that the owners of the field were highly unlikely to develop this as a car park for the village.

The tree survey was mentioned and the Clerk explained that approval to undertake cosmetic trimming was being sought from NYM in the autumn.

MR suggested that weedkiller use growth in the kerbs on South End would help improve the look of the village.

4. **Matters arising:**

4.1 **Items not on the agenda**

The Clerk and Chairman updated the council on the following items not on the agenda:

- PH had asked about the annual 'taking over of the parking bays by the QC'. The Clerk has contact the licensing authority to ask for confirmation as to what areas outside all business premises within the village are licensed for. Due to the unusual nature of the ownership of land in front of the QC and Three Tuns (highway waste) no enforcement of outside entertaining could be achieved. This of course raised potential issues with other businesses in the village. The PC reluctantly agreed to leave the situation as it is until such time as it escalates beyond current approvals.
- BR asked if the damaged kerbs on Clack Lane could be reported to Highways. This was done and repair work is due this week.
- A resident asked that speeding vehicles on North End be reported for action. The Clerk confirmed that Highways had been asked to comment and that all the necessary signage had been erected and the police do not enforce 20mph speed limits. The resident was informed of the Community Speed Watch scheme in operation on the Police website.
- Defib training session took place in the Village Hall on the 22nd May and was attended by in excess of 25 residents and businesses and PH asked if the donation could be made to Restarting Hearts asap.
- The Grit bin on Grant Close has been replaced and filled with salt.

4.2 Police matters

The police report from 1st May to 31st May 2025 was circulated to all councillors to discuss the following incidents:

Anti-Social Behaviour: ASB Nuisance: 1

Drugs: 1

Violence Against the Person: 2

4.3 Highways

Blocked gullies were reported on North End to Highways, who are not inclined to have them jetted before the annual maintenance visit in February 2026. DH pointed out that by contacting the Highways Officer directly, he felt that this could be achieved. Whilst many were not happy that the system could be circumvented in this way DH was asked to look into this further.

4.4 NYC Representative Report

DH had provided a written report prior to the meeting which concentrated on the current funding concerns following a raise of only 3.1% likely in central government funding, which will likely increase the need to raise local council tax even further. The public consultation on the Local Plan for North Yorkshire has been published.

PH asked for an update on the possibility of internet availability in Thimbleby but unfortunately he was not able to assure councillors of any progress. PH asked for a copy of the agreement with Open Reach to provide villages access to the internet in North Yorkshire

4.5 Village Assets

The Clerk confirmed that work would be required to bring the play area up to safety standards. Two meetings have been held to discuss the required work and a Community Fund grant application made for future replacement of large equipment. Two new signs had been purchased and erected and the contractor asked to highlight the cost of replacing or repairing equipment nearing the end of their useful life.

PH confirmed that the newly created storeroom, for the village hall equipment, has now been utilised.

4.6 Constituent Reports

Members from the other areas in the Parish were asked to raise any issues pertinent to their areas.

PH raised concerns over the state of the Cleveland Way as it leaves Back Lane and the Clerk was asked to raise with the NYM Ranger. Also it was pointed out that a directional arrow had been removed from the signpost on Back Lane causing confusion to users of the National Trail.

NW raised the issue of the Pre School in the village following concerns expressed to him about its lease and future ability to function. The Chairman has been fully aware of the issues over ownership and rent, due to his previous tenure as a governor of the school. Confusion over the property ownership were clarified (Church House was given to the village and not the old caretakers house as believed).

Assurances were given that the PC are fully supportive of the Pre Schools needs regarding the issues of future rent levels and the importance it has to the future of education in the village.

The Chair agreed to discuss the issues with the owners and report back.

MR asked if the PC would take over responsibility for the community defibrillator in Thimbleby following the leaving of the person responsible in the village. All agreed to this, with representatives of Thimbleby taking on day to day management. Other councillors were asked if there was a need to provide facilities in their villages.

5. Correspondence

Most correspondence is now electronic and is forwarded when received so Members can therefore raise concerns or comments by email to the Clerk should it need to be an agenda item. These items will only be minuted if they are discussed at a meeting.

NW reported concerns over whether the Pintail Nest Shop/Winton Farm Meals had met all the necessary standards and asked the Clerk to report to Trading Standards. This was done and they are on the case! ML asked that the Clerk contact the planning authority to confirm whether approval are required to open a shop with limited vehicular access and concerns over change of use.

6. Planning.

a) Applications

6.1 A Place In The Pines Holiday Lodges Keepers Cottage Thimbleby - Application for the construction of a Log Cabin to replace existing tent – **Support**

6.2 67 South End, Osmotherley - Application for demolition of garage, construction of single storey side and rear extensions and siting of air source heat pump – **for further discussion after circulation issues**

b) Decisions

6.3 Low Moor Farm Long Lane Brompton - Application for the construction of 2 roofs over existing silage clamps – **Granted**

6.4 Winton House, Winton – Application for the construction of an Oak Framed Gazebo – **Granted**

6.5 Winton House, Winton – Listed building consent for the construction of an Oak Framed Gazebo – **Withdrawn**

6.6 A Place In The Pines Holiday Lodges Keepers Cottage Thimbleby - Application for the construction of a Log Cabin to replace existing tent - **Granted**

7. a, b, c and d Accounts

The Clerk reported the up to date financial position of the council updating the accounts from the last meeting in May. The monthly bank reconciliation was agreed and supported.

Income reported at last meeting	£9,480.72
a) Receipts in the period:	
Honesty Box	£150.00
NYM - Caretaker Grant	£2,750.00
Burial Fees -	£460.00
Electronic Honesty Box	<u>£8.82</u>
Total income for the period	<u>£3,368.82</u>
Revised 2025/265 income to 31st May 2025	£12,849.54
Expenditure reported to last meeting	£1,480.36
b) Payments in the period:	
Scottish Water	£45.72
Printroom	£117.00
Zurich Insurance	£534.16
Holly Enisz - Toilet Cleaning April	£91.00
J.Robinson Expenses	£78.61
Osmotherley Village Hall - April	£11.00
M.Hague - Internal Audit 24-25	£30.00

Pearson Groundcare - Grasscutting April	£990.00	
1 & 1 Internet	£12.00	
Unity Trust service Charge	<u>£6.00</u>	
Total expenditure for the period		<u>£1,915.49</u>
Revised 2025/26 expenditure to 31st May 2025		£3,395.85

c) Funds:

Surplus/(Deficit) for Period (Income less Exp)	£1,453.33
Funds B/Fwd From last meeting	<u>£34,046.55</u>
Funds C/Fwd to next meeting	£35,499.88

Represented by:

Balance of Unity Trust a/c 31st May 2025	£35,499.88
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Unpresented

Invoices for Payment:

Pearson Groundcare - Grasscutting May	£990.00	
Osmotherley Village Hall - May meeting	£11.00	
J.Robinson - Salary	£773.85	
HMRC	£193.40	
Mackintosh & Parker - repair of locking mechanism	£43.20	
Printroom	£117.00	
Holly Enisz - Toilet cleaning May	£91.00	
J.Robinson - Expenses	£77.17	
Sam Turner & Sons - Various toilet consumables	£30.82	
Inside Outside Services - Maintenance	<u>£110.00</u>	
		£2,437.44

8. Any Other Business

DH confirmed that the development of cabins, proposed at Westlands Farm, along Cuddy Lane, had lost a second appeal. The application is therefore refused.

9. Press Items

It was agreed that the approved minutes be included on the website and a summary of the discussions at this meeting be included in the next available Messenger newsletter.

10. Date of next meeting :

The meeting will take place on Thursday 17th July 2025 in the Village Hall, Kirby Sigston at 7:30pm prompt.