

# **Minutes of the Meeting of Osmotherley Area Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Kirby Sigston on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

1. **Present:** Mr B Robinson (Chairman), Mr M Read, Mrs M Kay, Mr T Sillars, Mr T Wood, Mr S Blythe, Mrs A Atkinson and Mrs C Nozedar and NYC Representative Cllr D Hugill

**Apologies were received from:** Mr M Laverick and Mr N Ward for work related reasons. Mr P Howlett (Vice-Chairman) for personal reasons.

2. **Minutes of the meeting of 19<sup>th</sup> June 2025 were approved and signed by the Chairman**

3. **Public Forum**  
None

## **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:

- The Cleveland Way as it leaves Back Lane was getting overgrown but since the last meeting it has been cleared by NYM Volunteers.

### **4.2 Police matters**

The police report from 1<sup>st</sup> June to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025 was circulated to all councillors to discuss the following incidents:

Anti-Social Behaviour: ASB Personal : 1; ASB Nuisance: 2

Theft (including from shops):1 – possibly civil issue

Violence Against the Person: 1

### **4.3 Highways**

The Clerk gave members a pre warning of work to the cattlegrid on the road From Quarry Lane To Coalmire Lane, Osmotherley, which is due to take place on the 23<sup>rd</sup> July all day.

TS reported that there is a damaged bollard on North End, opposite the war memorial and there are several blocked gullies along North End. The Clerk agreed to report these.

### **4.4 NYC Representative Report**

DH presented his monthly update on county wide issues. These included:

- The roll out of National Project Gigabit programme to help the approx..11,000 homes that do not have internet capabilities. Following a meeting with Quickline there has been some progress as to the timing of the work. The Chairman extended an invitation to a representative of Quickline to attend the next meeting. DH agreed to follow up and it was agreed that the next meeting would start at 7pm.
- The Local Plan consultation process, including a 'call for sites' has now closed.
- The local nature recovery strategy consultation process has begun and seeks to drive a collaborative, coordinated action for nature. The Clerk confirmed that this has been shared with the Environment Group for comment.

#### 4.5 Village Assets

The Clerk confirmed that approval has been sought from NYM for the work on the trees in the village in autumn.

A review of gravestone safety is likely required due to insurance concerns and the Clerk agreed to look into this further with the Caretaker.

A resident has highlighted issues with the war memorial maintenance, as the surrounding area was not in good condition and asked the council for comment. It was agreed that we would remove all planting from the flower beds in the wall and replace with gravel (colour to be determined). The bulb planting would be cut sooner after flowering to help with appearance. TW agreed to discuss the proposals with the volunteers who currently undertake the tidying of the war memorial as to how much work they would be able to undertake,

Two benches were reported as being in a dangerous condition and have been repaired by the contractor who looks after the play-area. A broken seat in the gents has had to be replaced.

The Osmotherley Summer Games committee has allocated £262.77 to the PC towards the refurbishment of the public conveniences.

#### 4.6 Constituent Reports

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

BR reported that concerns have been made to him regarding the disabled access to the church. This runs between the Queen Catherine and the old fish and chip shop. The clerk was asked to write to the owner of the QC to remove the obstacles, which are the business refuse bins.

#### 4.7 Osmotherley Pre School Update

The issue of the future of the pre-school was discussed at the last meeting. Since then a village meeting has been held and the situation regarding the rent, past and future and the need to repair the roof, has been more fully reported to the council.

The issue over ownership lies at the centre of the concerns and a request has been made to the parish council to determine if it would be possible for the PC to have the building transferred to us as a community asset transfer. The Clerk was asked to look into this further. It was also suggested that village financial support could be achieved by increasing the Precept to all residents with a view to providing ongoing support to the Pre School. Further discussion on this point would be required as it would involve all homeowners in all the parishes comprised of the PC.

DH has agreed to provide £4000 from his Locality Budget to provide rent support in the coming years and the Clerk offered to assist the trustees of the Pre School in applying for this support. Other grants will be required to repair the roof and the Clerk was asked to look into assisting where necessary. The National Lottery Community Fund is possibly the best place to start the process.

#### 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.*

A request was received from a resident asking if the PC would support an event to commemorate VJ Day. It was agreed to offer £50 towards any such event.

#### 6. Planning.

##### a) Applications

6.1 67 South End, Osmotherley - Application for demolition of garage, construction of single storey side and rear extensions and siting of air source heat pump – **Support**

6.2 Low Moor Farm Long Lane Brompton - construction of a Replacement of Slurry stores - **Support**

**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 June. The monthly bank reconciliation was agreed and supported.

Income reported at last meeting	£12,849.54	
<b>a) Receipts in the period:</b>		
Honesty Box	£162.00	
Cremated Remains - Cafferkey	£90.00	
Northern Electric Rebate	£12.21	
Electronic Honesty Box	<u>£3.92</u>	
Total income for the period	<u>£268.13</u>	
Revised 2025/265 income to 30th June 2025		£13,117.67

Expenditure reported to last meeting	£3,395.85	
<b>b) Payments in the period:</b>		
Chq 7 for VE Day donation	£100.00	
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	£110.00	
Internet Fee	£12.00	
ICO Fee	£47.00	
Service Charge	<u>£6.00</u>	
Total expenditure for the period	<u>£2,602.44</u>	
Revised 2025/26 expenditure to 30th June 2025		£5,998.29

<b>c) Funds:</b>		
Surplus/(Deficit) for Period (Income less Exp)	-£2,334.31	
Funds B/Fwd From last meeting	<u>£35,499.88</u>	
Funds C/Fwd to next meeting	£33,165.57	

<b>Represented by:</b>	
<b>Balance of Unity Trust a/c 30th June 2025</b>	£33,165.57

**Unpresented**

**Invoices for Payment:**

Community TM - Summer Games Traffic Management	£720.00
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Holly Enisz - Toilet Cleaning June	£104.00	
Printroom	£117.00	
Restarting Hearts Training Donation	£100.00	
Design Display - Play area sign	£17.40	
J.Robinson - Expenses	£59.75	
Sam Turner & Sons - Various toilet consumables	£9.98	
Osmotherley Village Hall	£11.00	
Inside Outside Services - Maintenance	<u>£373.00</u>	
		£1,512.13

## **8. Any Other Business**

The Clerk confirmed that the newsletter advertising invoices would be sent out this weekend for the coming advertising year.

The SWAG group has had many instances of anti-social behavior reported over the years and as such has made the issue a public one. This has meant many new things can be enforced by the local agencies and landowners to highlight the issues and educate those most likely to break them. This action has been implemented at Richmond waterfalls and has proven effective. Posters will be widely displayed very shortly in prominent areas.

The Clerk reported that a resident had fallen up some damaged steps on the village green opposite Top Shop. It was agreed to ask the Caretaker to repair asap.

MR asked if overhanging branches could be trimmed in the village. The Clerk pointed out that it is the landowners responsibility but where we own such trees/shrubs, then it is our concern. However the tree growth will need approval under the current planning application before any such work can be undertaken.

MR also asked if the owner of the derelict property at 5 North End could be contacted to tidy up the property. Identifying the owner would prove more difficult!

## **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 18<sup>th</sup> September 2025 in the Supper Room, Osmotherley Village Hall at 7:30pm prompt.**