

Minutes of the Meeting of Osmotherley Area Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Osmotherley on Thursday 16th October 2025

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

Apologies were received from: Mr M Read , Mrs A Atkinson and Mrs C Nozedar for personal reasons.

- 2. Minutes of the meeting of 18th September 2025 were approved and signed by the Chairman**

3. Public Forum

None in attendance

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 fly tipping on the Drovers Road has finally been cleared by NYC Waste Collection.
- The trees have been trimmed in the village and cemetery as approved by NYM.
- The Clerk reported that he'd met up with the contractor at the play area. The major issues, replacing dangerously decaying wood supports, are currently being addressed and will be sorted in the coming month. The remainder will be sorted throughout the winter including power-washing, replacing worn laminate, securing the trampoline sides and repairing the shelter roof.
- The Remembrance Sunday on the 9th November arrangements are all in place with the necessary authorities. Volunteer residents, trained to assist with traffic management will be available once again. TS will lay the wreath on behalf of the PC.
- The councillor email, linked to the Osmotherley website, will be rolled out during the next month.
- At the last meeting the Chairman reported that he'd been approached by a resident wishing to determine what had happened to any excess monies that had been as a result of the winding up of the Community Bus project around 2020. The Chairman confirmed that further enquiries had been made and that any surplus funds had been passed to the Treasurer of the OWLS (Osmotherley Womens Lunch Society).
- The water leak in Thimbleby as reported by MR last month has been confirmed with the landowner as reported to the necessary authority.

4.2 Police matters

The police report from 1st Sept to 30th Sept 2025 was circulated to all councillors to discuss the following incidents:

Burglary: Residential: 1

Theft : 1

Violence Against the Person: 3

4.3 Highways

CN, in absentia, asked that the landowners at the corner of Clack Bank be contacted to trim back excess growth from hedgerows. The footpath is also narrowing badly and the Clerk was asked to; contact NYC regarding the footpath and report the landowners to NYC for contact asking them to cut back the growth.

4.4 NYC Representative Report

There was no written report this month however the rep outlined that :

- NYC has removed many national flags from lampposts throughout the county
- Waste collection recycling is on target to exceed expectations in the Ryedale area
- Northallerton swimming baths have been closed recently and it is hoped repairs will be concluded this month.

4.5 Village Assets

The Clerk reported that the ladies toilet door has warped in the summer sunshine and will need to be replaced. The contractor has been approached for comment and solution. Councillors felt that the council should not be liable after such a short space of time and the Clerk asked ensure equality of liability.

4.6 Constituent Reports

Members from the other areas in the Parish were asked to raise any issues pertinent to their areas. Nothing to report.

4.7 NYM Footpath Identification

The Clerk introduced the subject and referred to the report highlighting the issues. For continued maintenance priorities the NYMNP have highlighted important footpaths throughout the park and requested parish councils if they'd like to nominate another two paths for priority maintenance. The PC discussed the paths in question and it was agreed that the footpaths selected would be:

- The route from Cuddy Lane to Mount Grace Priory
- The route to the side of the Youth Hostel at Cote Ghyll Caravan Park up through the woods towards point 226 and beyond.

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.

6. Planning.

a) Applications

6.1 Beech Dene, Crosby - Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed: Change of Use of Buildings on Agricultural Units and former Agricultural Buildings to two Dwellinghouses – **Object with Comment**

6.2 Oak Tree Enterprise Park Bullamoor Road - **Retrospective** application for the installation of a self-service car wash facility comprising a 6m x 8m concrete wash bay, enclosed on three sides by a 1.8m high timber fence to match existing site fencing, and a small equipment shed housing the pressure washer and soap dispenser. The proposal includes the installation of a sealed interceptor drainage system designed for car wash use, and associated services – **No Objection with Comment**

6.3 Thimbleby Hall, Thimbleby - Application for installation of ground mounted solar array comprising 234 panels – **Support**

6.4 Jasmine Cottage, 2 School Lane, Osmotherley - Application for installation of replacement timber slimline double glazed windows and timber doors together with refurbishment works to rear porch including installation of glazed lean-to roof – **Reply within one week of meeting**

b) Decisions
None to report

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 September. The monthly bank reconciliation was agreed and supported.

Income reported at last meeting	£15,545.81	
a) Receipts in the period:		
NYC Precept	£8,200.00	
Burial Fees	£230.00	
Newsletter Ads	£80.00	
Grant from Ossy Games	£262.77	
Grant from Osmotherley Society	£2,633.85	
Honesty Box	£151.00	
Electronic Honesty Box	<u>£6.86</u>	
Total income for the period	<u>£11,564.48</u>	
Revised 2025/26 income to 30th September 2025		£27,110.29
Expenditure reported to last meeting	£8,163.03	
b) Payments in the period:		
Inside Outside Services - Play Area Maintenance	£280.00	
Inside Outside Services - Repair of Equipment	£350.00	
Printroom - Messenger September	£117.00	
Sam Turner - Consumables	£16.48	
Eileen Bellett - VJ Celebrations Grant	£50.00	
PKF Littlejohn - External Audit Fee	£378.00	
Pearson Groundcare - June Grasscutting	£440.00	
Pearson Groundcare - July Grasscutting	£990.00	
Pearson Groundcare - Aug Grasscutting	£990.00	
Holly Enisz - Toilet cleaning July/Aug	£143.00	
J.Robinson - Expenses	£60.99	
J.Robinson - Salary	£822.93	
HMRC	£205.60	
D.Black - War Memorial refurb	£89.99	
Playsafety - RoSPA inspection	£129.60	
1 & 1 Internet	£25.85	
Scottish Water - Toilets	£9.38	
Scottish Water - Cemetery	£4.00	
Service Charge	<u>£6.00</u>	
Total expenditure for the period	<u>£5,108.82</u>	
Revised 2025/26 expenditure to 30th September 2025		£13,271.85

c) Funds:

Surplus/(Deficit) for Period (Income less Exp)	£6,455.66
Funds B/Fwd From last meeting	<u>£33,428.97</u>
Funds C/Fwd to next meeting	£39,884.63

Represented by:

Balance of Unity Trust a/c 30th Septembert 2025	£39,884.63
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Unpresented

Invoices for Payment:

Initial Care	£58.06	
Printroom	£117.00	
RBL Poppy Wreath - cheque	£25.00	
Holly Enisz - Toilet clening Sept	£91.00	
J.Robinson - Expenses	£101.11	
Inside Outside Services - Monthly fee & wooden beams	<u>£917.03</u>	
		£1,309.20

8. Any Other Business

The Clerk reported that a resident asked who owned the grass area near to the methodist chapel which she understands has been maintained by a neighboring resident but is not going to be maintained going forward. After debate it was determined that this was not the concern of the council at this time.

NW asked for an update on the Pre-School and the Chairman confirmed the actions of the council and would copy the councillor into correspondence.

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 20th November 2025 in the Supper Room, Village Hall, Osmotherley at 7:30pm prompt.