

Minutes of the Meeting of Osmotherley Area Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Osmotherley on Thursday 20th November 2025

1. Present: Mr P Howlett (Vice-Chairman/Acting Chairman), Mr M Laverick, Mr N Ward, Mr T Sillars, Mr T Wood, Mr S Blythe, Mr M Read and Mrs C Nozedar

Apologies were received from: Mr B Robinson (Chairman), Mrs M Kay, Mrs A Atkinson and NYC Representative Cllr D Hugill for personal reasons.

2. Minutes of the meeting of 16th October 2025 were approved and signed by the Acting Chairman

3. Public Forum

None in attendance

4. Matters arising:

4.1 Items not on the agenda

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

- The councillor emails, linked to the Osmotherley website, has been rolled out and the majority have managed to setup their new accounts on devices, with the remaining few on course to complete this by the end of November.
- The Remembrance Sunday service went well and thanks to all involved.
- The overhanging shrubs on Clack Bank had been reported to NYC and they have indicated that letters have been sent to residents. PH reported that he felt that the hedges had indeed been cut back recently.
- The Clerk reported that the warped ladies' toilet door has been raised with both JT Atkinsons and Race Builders for a solution. We are still awaiting a response. The council members present agreed that the only financial commitment for the Parish Council should be any necessary re-painting.

4.2 Police matters

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

Burglary: Commercial: 3 (same area over 2 nights)

Violence Against the Person: 1

4.3 Highways

A resident in Thimbleby reported that a culvert under the ford at Bog Hole has become blocked by a log. The Clerk has reported this to Highways and is awaiting confirmation of any actions.

4.4 NYC Representative Report

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

- Northallerton Swimming Pool is still closed due to repairs which are taking longer to resolve than originally anticipated.
- Osmotherley Pre-School has not yet claimed the locality grant and time is running out for them to do so. BR, in absentia, reported that he'd attended a meeting of the Pre-School trustees. They have expressed some confusion around what planning approval is required to carry out repairs of the Pre-School. The Pre-School trustees confirmed that they have contacted DH and asked him to set aside the locality funding in support

of the repairs. The Clerk confirmed that advice and help would be offered to the preschool as required. BR and TS will continue to work with and support the Pre-School in this issue.

4.5 Village Assets

PH reported that Quickline have approached the village hall and asked them to host a digital awareness session aimed at village residents. It was agreed that this would be a good idea.

4.6 Constituent Reports

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

MR confirmed that he had moved out of Thimbleby and would hope to stay on the PC until the 2027 elections. The Clerk confirmed that he could, provided that he has property or business premises in the village or that he lives within 3 miles of the parish boundary.

TS raised concerns over the Quickline developments and the potential monopoly that this could create in villages like Thimbleby. It was noted that nothing can be done but that the PC has considered the issues that this raises with its residents.

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.

None

6. Planning.

a) Applications

6.1 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 – **No Objection**

6.2 Kirby Sigston Manor - The application seeks listed building consent for works of repair, upgrading and elements of replacement fabric to existing windows and replacement of a single door, as set out in the accompanying application documentation - **Support**

6.3 The Old Vicarage, 40 North End - Application for removal of summerhouse and construction of garden room with a raised decking - **Support**

b) Decisions

6.4 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 - **Granted**

6.5 20 Back Lane - Application for alterations to windows and doors, construction of two dormer windows, installation of one additional roof-light and solar panels – **NYM Meeting 21/11/25**

The Clerk attended a planning training session at NYMoors NP in October and the issues discussed included:

- Local Plan will be reviewed in 2026 and environmental sites, such as Clack Woodyard, will be a priority for development. Car Park site unlikely to be granted planning approval however it would for affordable housing. Should a housing needs survey, be something that the Parish Council engages with. This was last done in 2021.
- Local housing and affordable housing are important for community sustainability

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 October. The monthly bank reconciliation was agreed and supported.

Income reported at last meeting	£27,110.29
a) Receipts in the period:	
Burial Fees	£40.00
Honesty Box	£102.00
Electronic Honesty Box	<u>£4.41</u>
Total income for the period	<u>£146.41</u>
Revised 2025/26 income to 31st October 2025	£27,256.70
Expenditure reported to last meeting	£13,271.85
b) Payments in the period:	
Initial Care	£58.06
Printroom	£117.00
Holly Enisz - Toilet cleaning Sept	£91.00
J.Robinson - Expenses	£101.11
Inside Outside Services - Monthly fee & wooden beams	£917.03
1 & 1 Internet - Monthly web fee	£13.85
Scottish Water - Cemetery	£4.00
Service Charge	<u>£6.00</u>
Total expenditure for the period	<u>£1,308.05</u>
Revised 2025/26 expenditure to 31st October 2025	£14,579.90
c) Funds:	
Surplus/(Deficit) for Period (Income less Exp)	-£1,161.64
Funds B/Fwd From last meeting	<u>£39,884.63</u>
Funds C/Fwd to next meeting	£38,722.99
Represented by:	
Balance of Unity Trust a/c 31st October 2025	£38,722.99
Unpresented	
RBL Poppy Wreath - cheque	£25.00
Invoices for Payment:	
Pearson Groundcare - Grave top levelling	£176.00
Pearson Groundcare - Grasscutting October	£990.00
Pearson Groundcare - Grasscutting September	£990.00
Sam Turner & Sons - Various toilet consumables	£29.41
Osmotherley Village Hall - Oct meeting	£11.00
AF Arborists - Village Tree pruning	£600.00
Printroom	£117.00
Holly Enisz - toilet cleaning Oct	£117.00
J.Robinson - Expenses	£32.50
Restarting Hearts - Defib battery replacement	£360.00
Community TM - Remembrance Traffic Management	<u>£300.00</u>
	£3,722.91

8. Any Other Business

The Clerk warned councillors that the Precept would need to be discussed at the next meeting to determine what amount we require for 2026/27. A further complication is the loss of grant from NYM towards grass-cutting. The Clerk confirmed that a paper would be sent out following the meeting outlining the options for discussion.

The Clerk confirmed that a mobile library service would commence in the village from January and that this would be promoted on the notice board, newsletter and social media.

TS confirmed that he would kindly donate a Christmas Tree to the village this year. This will be erected by TS, SB and other residents.

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 18th December 2025 in the Supper Room, Village Hall, Osmotherley at 7:30pm prompt.