

Minutes of the Meeting of Osmotherley Area Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Osmotherley on Thursday 18th December 2025

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

Apologies were received from: Mr P Howlett (Vice-Chairman), Mr T Sillars for personal reasons and Mr N Ward for health reasons.

- 2. Minutes of the meeting of 20th November 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 updated the council on the following items not on the agenda:

- MR confirmed that he had moved out of Thimbleby The Clerk confirmed that he could continue as the councillor for Thimbleby, as he lives within 3 miles of the parish boundary.
- The village Christmas tree has been erected and new lights purchased by SB, for which he will be reimbursed.

4.2 Police matters

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

Other crimes: 2 – relating to same incident

4.3 Highways

The Clerk reported that the culvert near to the war memorial had once again released excess water onto the highway, down South End but into a gully. The Clerk has reported this to Highways.

SB reported that excess water was also leaking from the village Pinfold. The Chairman agreed to consult the neighbour.

4.4 NYC Representative Report

DH reported that the Fylingdales Moor fire was one of the largest on record and that the fire is now finally out, and the public rights of way are now reopened, but the scars remain.

Government have been asked to develop a compensation scheme to support farmers, grazers, landowners and local businesses impacted.

4.5 Village Assets

Nothing to report

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 Precept 2026/27

The Clerk had prepared a report detailing the various options around the increase to the rate charged to residents in the PC for next year. Councillors debated the grass cutting loss of grant and agreed that the Clerk should contact the NYM at the appropriate time to discuss alternative grant possibilities. The funding for village grass cutting would remain the same for 2026 as it was agreed that standards should be maintained but with an annual review, this funding for 2026 will be provided from existing PC account reserves.

It was agreed therefore to increase the precept from £16,400 to £17,400, an increase of 4.16%. This would increase the precept to residents by £1.42.

4.8 Councillor Email

All councillors are now setup to receive and reply using their new Osmotherley.org.uk addresses. The Clerk confirmed he would now amend the online details.

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 resident telephoned the Clerk to complain about the overhanging shrubs on the corner of Back Lane and the dog fouling near 77 South End. The Clerk suggested a reminder in the Messenger.

6. Planning.

a) Applications

None

b) Decisions

6.1 2 Back Lane – DH reported that this application had been considered at a full planning meeting at the NYM. After the PC supported the application, the planners were initially opposed to allow dormer windows however following a full discussion by councillors it was supported, showing the value of the system and the part the PC plays in it.

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 November. The monthly bank reconciliation was agreed and supported.

Income reported at last meeting	£27,256.70	
a) Receipts in the period:		
Burial Fees	£730.00	
Honesty Box	£155.00	
Electronic Honesty Box	<u>£5.88</u>	
Total income for the period		<u>£890.88</u>
Revised 2025/26 income to 30th November 2025		£28,147.58
Expenditure reported to last meeting	£14,579.90	
b) Payments in the period:		
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	£300.00	
1 & 1 Internet - Monthly web fee	£13.85	
SSE Electricity - Toilets	£267.62	
Scottish Water - Toilets	£147.27	
Scottish Water - Cemetery	£4.00	
Service Charge	£6.00	
RBL Poppy Wreath - cheque	<u>£25.00</u>	
Total expenditure for the period		<u>£4,186.65</u>
Revised 2025/26 expenditure to 30th November 2025		£18,766.55

c) Funds:

Surplus/(Deficit) for Period (Income less Exp)	-£3,295.77
Funds B/Fwd From last meeting	<u>£38,722.99</u>
Funds C/Fwd to next meeting	<u>£35,427.22</u>

Represented by:

Balance of Unity Trust a/c 30th November 2025	£35,427.22
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Invoices for Payment:

Osmotherley Village Hall - November meeting	£11.00	
Osmotherley Village Hall - September meeting	£11.00	
Printroom	£117.00	
J.Robinson - Salary	£798.29	
HMRC	£199.60	
Holly Enisz - toilet cleaning Novemebr	£91.00	
J.Robinson - Expenses	£48.74	
Sam Turner & Sons - Toilet consumables	<u>£5.99</u>	
		£1,282.62

8. Any Other Business

The Chairman raised an observation made by a resident regarding the disabled parking bays being time limited. It was agreed that this had not changed and as there are no time limits in Osmotherley to any parking there would be no difference to the disabled bay parking restrictions.

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 15th January 2026 in the Supper Room, Village Hall, Osmotherley at 7:30pm prompt.