

# **Minutes of the Meeting of Osmotherley Area Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Osmotherley on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

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

**Apologies were received from:** Mr M Laverick and Mrs A Atkinson for personal reasons.

**2. Minutes of the meeting of 18<sup>th</sup> December 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:

- SB reported that excess water was also leaking from the village Pinfold. The Chairman agreed to consult the neighbour and the cause was excessive rainfall.
- The Clerk reminded councillors that they need to ensure that they have setup email notifications correctly to ensure awareness of emails received immediately. Some clearly have not carried out this vital task!
- 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, who have confirmed that they had assigned the job for jetting

#### **4.2 Police matters**

The police report from 1<sup>st</sup> Dec to 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2025 was circulated to all councillors to discuss the following incidents:

Anti-Social Behaviour: ASB Personal: 1

Arson/Criminal Damage: 1

Burglary: Commercial: 1 (farm out building entered and items stolen) ; Residential: 1 - attempted

Violence Against the Person: 1 – manner of driving complaint

#### **4.3 Highways**

A resident has officially reported the subject of the disabled parking bays becoming time limited. The Clerk reported this to Highways who confirmed that whilst it could be done it would likely mean all parking in the village would have to be amended to be time limited, with all the associated effects on residents that this would have. Highways confirmed they had asked enforcement to check on this particular spot more frequently in the meantime.

A number of councillors had commented on a possible water leak manifesting itself near the top of Clack Bank. The Clerk offered to report this to YW.

CN reported that water was flowing down Burnthouse Bank, which appears to happen most winters, near the bridge. This causes issues as it freezes over most mornings. The landowner is unknown at this time but SB offered to look into this further.

#### 4.4 NYC Representative Report

DH reported verbally at the meeting:

- The Boundary Review has been completed and will effect representatives on NYC. Next elections are in May 2027.
- The NYC budget is due to be considered next week and DH has asked for a briefing which he'll share when received. It is likely that a council tax increase of 4.99% will be required to balance the books. It is believed that shire counties as discriminated against by central government who have reduced funding levels in favour of supporting inner cities. This has resulted in financial pressures that have impacted on NYC's savings from reorganisation.

#### 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.

#### 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 38 South End, Osmotherley - Listed Building consent for construction of replacement extension to rear, together with installation of timber bi-fold doors and timber double glazed window – **Support**

6.2 Bank Top Sowerby Under Cotcliffe - Listed Building Consent For Proposed Replacement Windows and Rear Door - **Support**

6.3 The Mill House - Application for Listed Building consent for installation of two replacement timber slimline double glazed timber attic windows - **Support**

6.4 OS Field 8587 Opposite Pintail Nest Winton - Construction of a tractor shed - **Object**

#### 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 December. The monthly bank reconciliation was agreed and supported.

Income reported at last meeting	£28,147.58	
<b>a) Receipts in the period:</b>		
Burial Fees	£750.00	
Honesty Box	<u>£29.53</u>	
Total income for the period		<u>£779.53</u>
Revised 2025/26 income to 31st December 2025		£28,927.11
Expenditure reported to last meeting	£18,766.55	
<b>b) Payments in the period:</b>		
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	£5.99	
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>£1,306.47</u>
Revised 2025/26 expenditure to 31st December 2025		£20,073.02

### c) Funds:

Surplus/(Deficit) for Period (Income less Exp)	-£526.94
Funds B/Fwd From last meeting	<u>£35,427.22</u>
Funds C/Fwd to next meeting	£34,900.28

### Represented by:

<b>Balance of Unity Trust a/c 31st December 2025</b>	£34,900.28
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### Unpresented

#### Invoices for Payment:

J.Robinson - Expenses	£33.98	
B.Robinson - Chairmans Xmas	£100.00	
Holly Enisz - toilet cleaning December	£84.50	
D.Swales - Burial Officer Fees 2025	£840.00	
Sam Turner & Sons - Various toilet consumables	<u>£14.48</u>	
		<b>£1,072.96</b>

### 8. Any Other Business

The deterioration of Thompsons Shop has been made aware to the owners, following falling slates injuring a resident and they have stated that it was hoped to improve the building soon. DH reported that no application had been received for the locality grant offered to the Pre School. The Chairman confirmed that he would ask for an update and invite a representative to attend the next meeting.

### 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 19<sup>th</sup> February 2026 in the Supper Room, Village Hall, Osmotherley at 7:30pm prompt.**