

Minutes of the Meeting of Osmotherley Area Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Osmotherley on Thursday 19th February 2026

- 1. Present:** Mr P Howlett (Vice-Chairman, in the Chair), Mr B Robinson (Chairman), Mrs M Kay, Mr N Ward, Mr T Wood, Mr S Blythe, Mr M Read, Mrs C Nozedar Mr M Laverick and Mrs A Atkinson and NYC Representative Cllr D Hugill
Apologies were received from: Mr T Sillars for personal reasons.

- 2. Minutes of the meeting of 15th January 2026 were approved and signed by the Chairman**

3. Public Forum

A resident, representing the Environment Group, suggested that a new tree be planted to replace the one blown down in 2022. Following advice from the NYMNP it was agreed to support this and the PC would purchase a Himalayan Birch and this would be planted by the EG.

4. Matters arising:

4.1 Items not on the agenda

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

- The Clerk confirmed that poor inconsiderate parking should be reported to the Police and parking on yellow lines reported to Parking Services at NYC.
- The Chairman updated the council on the progress made on the Pre School. Locality funds had been supplied direct to the Pre School to support the rent. Both BR and TS had provided support in the negotiations with NYC over the rent but it was agreed that this would cease. The time and effort provided by the PC and the NY Rep is appreciated as without its support it would not have been able to secure the locality funding.
- The many water concerns in the village have escalated since the last meeting and are summarised as follows:
 - Excess water leaking from the village Pinfold has been pinpointed to the front entrance wall. It was agreed to leave this to see if it stops when the rain stops. The Pinfold was gifted to the village and is maintained by the PC and volunteers.
 - The leak on Burnthouse Bank is ongoing and is likely to be runoff. Reported to NY Highways but no action identified
 - The water running continuously near the war memorial seems to have moved to behind the bus shelter. Councillors believe that this blockage is likely to be caused by a tree root in the culvert. The Clerk will initially report this to Highways to determine a course of action.
 - The water leak on Clack Bank has declined since the last meeting and has meant residents have added their voices to ours in reporting to YW and Highways. The Highways Officer reported, the day before the meeting, that YW is looking to locate the problem. After the meeting it was noted that YW had indeed started work on the problem. The potholes caused by the water have also been reported and it is hoped that they would be repaired at the same time.

4.2 Police matters

The police report from 1st Jan to 31st Jan 2026 was circulated to all councillors to discuss the following incidents:

Burglary: Residential: 1 – farm buildings

Violence Against the Person: 1 – civil issue; 1 – dog bite

4.3 Highways

Water running down from Rueberry Lane has blocked the first gully but as yet the other gullies are taking the excess. The Clerk will report.

On Quarry Lane the road edging and verge is collapsing (w3w total.steadily.catchers).

Also there is a tree overhanging the road which appears to be dead but is in a private field.

The Clerk will report this to Highways.

4.4 NYC Representative Report

DH reported verbally at the meeting:

- The overnight visitor levy is causing some consternation with businesses in NY Moors and has been discussed at committee. Any monies collected will be paid to the major in York.
- It is hoped that a toilets policy in the NYM will improve facilities and standardise the pricing.

4.5 Village Assets

The Clerk thanked SB on replacing a faulty light in the bus shelter and also the broken hand washer in the gents toilet.

The disabled toilet door is sticking and Race Builders have been asked to look into sorting the issue.

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 Thimbleby Grange - construction of new farm access and track to link to existing track and closure of existing substandard farm access - **Support**

b) Decisions

6.2 Kirby Sigston Manor Chester Lane Kirby Sigston - 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 - **Granted**

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 January. The monthly bank reconciliation was agreed and supported.

Income reported at last meeting

£28,927.11

a) Receipts in the period:

Burial Fees	£665.00	
Electronic Honesty Box	£6.86	
Honesty Box	<u>£85.00</u>	
Total income for the period		<u>£756.86</u>
Revised 2025/26 income to 31st January 2026		£29,683.97

Expenditure reported to last meeting £20,073.02

b) Payments in the period:

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	£14.48	
SSE Electricity Toilets	£221.11	
1 & 1 Internet - Monthly web fee	£13.85	
Scottish Water - Cemetery	£3.94	
Service Charge	<u>£6.00</u>	
Total expenditure for the period		<u>£1,317.86</u>
Revised 2025/26 expenditure to 31st January 2026		£21,390.88

c) Funds:

Surplus/(Deficit) for Period (Income less Exp)	-£561.00
Funds B/Fwd From last meeting	<u>£34,900.28</u>
Funds C/Fwd to next meeting	<u>£34,339.28</u>

Represented by:

Balance of Unity Trust a/c 31st January 2026 £34,339.28

Invoices for Payment:

Osmotherley Village Hall - December	£11.00	
Osmotherley Village Hall - January	£11.00	
Printroom - Messenger February	£117.00	
J.Robinson - Expenses	£95.49	
Holly Enisz - January hours	<u>£84.50</u>	
		£318.99

8. Any Other Business

The Chairman asked if the flagpole at the church can be repaired and SB was asked to look into this.

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 19th March 2026 in the Supper Room, Village Hall, Osmotherley at 7:30pm prompt.