

# **Minutes of the Meeting of Osmotherley Area Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Osmotherley on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

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

**Apologies were received from:** Mr P Howlett (Vice-Chairman) and Mrs M Kay for personal reasons

- 2. Minutes of the meeting of 19<sup>th</sup> March 2026 were approved and signed by the Chairman.**

- 3. Public Forum**  
None

#### **4. Matters arising:**

##### **4.1 Items not on the agenda**

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

- The leak on Burnthouse Bank has been investigated between the cattle grid at Greenhills and the junction with South End. Highways are awaiting the return of the CCTV footage from suppliers so that it can be reviewed in full. A number of small excavations on the pipework along the bank, which were necessary to provide access for the robotic camera, which was unable to pass through several misaligned joints. These have been left open and barriered off until repair works are ordered. The intention is to progress drainage repair works ahead of a potential resurfacing scheme between a point just north of Square Corner and the junction with South End. Please note that delivery of the resurfacing works will be dependent on the extent of drainage repairs identified.
- The damaged bollards on North End have been replaced by NYC.
- A request was made by some residents for an additional bus stop at the top of Clack Bank. The Clerk confirmed that a request had been submitted to Passenger Transport at NYC but despite numerous emails chasing, nothing received to date. DH agreed to investigate.
- The leak from the water works land onto South End has been reported to Highways and is ongoing. The Clerk will re-emphasise the concerns.
- Jetting in the vicinity of the War Memorial is complete and that water coming up behind the bus stop is believed to be on land under the responsibility of the Parish Council.
- The H Bar on School Lane which was asked to be extended opposite the mounting block to ease congestion has not been progressed by Highways as yet.

##### **4.2 Police matters**

The police report from 1<sup>st</sup> Mar to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026 was circulated to all councillors to discuss the following incidents:

Anti-Social Behaviour: ASB Nuisance: 1

Burglary: Commercial: 1 – theft of Quad bike and tools from an outbuilding

Residential: 1 – theft of trials motorbike

Violence Against the Person: 1

### 4.3 Highways

TS reported that many gullies were once again blocked from Rueberry Lane down North End. The Clerk will report.

The A684 road surface quality and loss of white lines at the foot of Clack Bank was reported by CN and the Clerk confirmed that this had already been raised and will reiterate to Highways. NW asked that the road quality along the length at West Harsley should also be reported.

### 4.4 NYC Representative Report

DH presented the report on the evening and highlighted the following:

- A fund, held by the Mayor, for pothole repairs has had a lot of negative reports due its potential loss of control by NYC Highways as to its use. NYC are considering legal action however it is hoped that use of the funds will benefit the area.
- DH confirmed that he had raised the issue of double devolution with the Senior Executive regarding passing village assets to the ownership of parish councils under a 'peppercorn' rent agreement and further discussions will be held regarding the issues surrounding the pre-school.

### 4.5 Village Assets

The Clerk confirmed that the agreed maintenance works to the damaged play equipment and other general works to the paly area had been completed by the contractor. Some further works will need to be carried out later in the year but the council thanked the contractor for the excellent works done to date in ensuring the play equipment remains safe for children to use.

### 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.*

The Clerk reported on a telephone call and email received from a visitor highlighted numerous dead rabbits along the length of Green Lane which had been shared with the Osmotherley Councillors. SB investigated and confirmed that many of the rabbits had been shot and whilst concerning this was to be expected in this setting. The Clerk will email the visitor confirming our findings.

## 6. Planning.

### a) Applications

6.1 Whitehouse Farm, Green Lane, Osmotherley - construction of two storey extensions to side and rear including basement level to rear, alterations to outbuilding to form kitchen, and landscaping works including creation of terrace – **Support**

### b) Decisions

None

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

Income reported at last meeting	£29,745.87	
<b>a) Receipts in the period:</b>		
Burial Fees	£80.00	
Electronic Honesty Box	£7.85	
Honesty Box	<u>£100.00</u>	
Total income for the period	<u>£187.85</u>	
Revised 2025/26 income to 31st March 2026		£29,933.72

Expenditure reported to last meeting	£22,014.99	
<b>b) Payments in the period:</b>		
Sam Turner & Sons - Various toilet consumables	£10.98	
J.Robinson - Salary	£798.29	
HMRC	£199.60	
Printroom - Messenger March	£117.00	
Restarting Hearts - Donation	£100.00	
J.Robinson - Expenses	£51.99	
H.Enisz - Toilet cleaning February	£91.00	
Osmotherley Village Hall - Feb meeting	£11.00	
A.Hill & Sons - purchase of himalayan birch tree	£60.00	
1 & 1 Internet	£13.85	
Service Charge	<u>£7.00</u>	
Total expenditure for the period	<u>£1,460.71</u>	
Revised 2025/26 expenditure to 31st March 2026		£23,475.70

<b>c) Funds:</b>		
Surplus/(Deficit) for Period (Income less Exp)	-£1,272.86	
Funds B/Fwd From last meeting	<u>£33,777.07</u>	
Funds C/Fwd to next meeting	£32,504.21	

<b>Represented by:</b>	
<b>Balance of Unity Trust a/c 31st March 2026</b>	£32,504.21

### Invoices for Payment:

Inside Outside Services - Repairs & Maintenance	£2,122.97	
Holly Enisz - Toilet Cleaning March 2026	£78.00	
J.Robinson - Expenses	£118.09	
Zurich Municipal - Insurance 2026-27	£621.30	
YLCA Memebership	£380.00	
Les Race Builders - Repairs to Disabled toilet door	£69.60	
Printroom - April Messenger	£117.00	
Brian Hunter, Thimbleby Defib repairs	£309.50	
Osmotherley Village Hall	£11.00	
TP Jones - Payroll Services 2025/26	<u>£85.92</u>	
		<b>£3,913.38</b>

d) Final Accounts 2025/26

OSMOTHERLEY AREA PARISH COUNCIL  
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

	<u>2024/25</u>	<u>2025/26</u>
<b><u>GENERAL A/C INCOME</u></b>		
Refunds	£12.21	£12.21
Interest	£0.00	£0.00
Precept	£15,600.00	£16,400.00
VAT Refund	£8,065.19	£253.90
Public Conveniences - Honesty Box	£982.66	£1,449.53
Grants	£13,308.90	£5,646.62
Newsletter Advertising	£809.00	£920.00
Cemetery	£4,840.00	£4,555.00
Village Improvements	£649.46	£696.46
Public Conveniences - Energy Refunds	£0.00	£0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>£44,267.42</u></b>	<b><u>£29,933.72</u></b>
<b><u>GENERAL A/C PAYMENTS</u></b>		
Clerk's Salary	£5,278.80	£3,991.56
Admin,Grants,Stationery,Chair's Exp,Legal/Audit Fees	£2,259.98	£2,600.50
Hire Charges	£81.00	£110.00
Subscriptions	£344.00	£355.00
Play Area Expenses	£522.00	£1,442.27
Insurance incl. Equipment Insurance	£565.37	£534.16
Grass Cutting Caretaker & Landscaping	£8,240.00	£7,540.00
Village Improvements	£1,455.00	£2,466.99
Public Conveniences	£2,484.33	£3,259.56
Cemetery	£761.98	£1,175.66
Grant Aided Projects:		
Public Conveniences	£44,837.32	£0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>£66,829.78</u></b>	<b><u>£23,475.70</u></b>
<b><u>BANK RECONCILIATION 2025/26</u></b>		
	<b><u>2024-2025</u></b>	<b><u>2025-2026</u></b>
Opening Bank Balances	£48,608.55	£26,046.19
Plus Income Received	£44,267.42	£29,933.72
Minus Expenditure	£66,829.78	£23,475.70
(Capital assets carried forward see below)		
Figure reported at Annual Return	<b><u>£26,046.19</u></b>	<b><u>£32,504.21</u></b>
Plus Unity Trust Account Balance at 31 March	£26,046.19	£32,504.21
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b><u>£26,046.19</u></b>	<b><u>£32,504.21</u></b>
Plus credit for cheques presented this year from last year accounts	£0.00	£0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>£26,046.19</u></b>	<b><u>£32,504.21</u></b>
<b>Difference</b>	£0.00	£0.00

Osmotherley Area Parish Council are responsible for the following assets :

The Village Greens  
The Cemetery

War Memorial  
Bus Shelter

Defibrillator X 2  
Clerk:

Public Conveniences  
Capital equipment

Church Walls  
Village Cobbles

Lenovo Yoga Tab  
HP Printer

Village Hall  
Play Area Equipment

Public Conveniences  
Village Signs X 4

I certify that these statements present fairly the financial position of the Council and the income and expenditure for the year ended 31 March 2026

**John Robinson, Clerk and Financial Officer**

The Clerk presented the final accounts which are due for audit on the 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2026. The continuing healthy financial position was further strengthened by an underspend in the year of approx. £6,500, some of which will be spent in the play area as agreed by council. The council endorsed the final accounts which will be used to compile the AGAR external audit submission.

### **8. Any Other Business**

The Chairman confirmed that, as agreed at the last meeting, he had written to the retiring Head of the Primary School thanking her for her years of service to the village parents and children.

### **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 and Annual Meeting of the Council will take place on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2026 in the Supper Room, Village Hall, Osmotherley at 7:30pm prompt.**