

Minutes of the Meeting and Annual Meeting of Osmotherley Area Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Osmotherley on Thursday 21st May 2026

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

Apologies were received from: Mr P Howlett (Vice-Chairman) and Mr T Sillars for personal reasons

2. The **Annual Meeting** convened and the business of the election for Chairman concluded with Mr Barrie Robinson being proposed by MK and seconded by AA. Mr Paul Howlett was proposed by BR and seconded by MR for the role of Vice Chairman.

3. **Minutes of the meeting of 16th April 2026 were approved and signed by the Chairman.**

4. **Public Forum**
None

5. **Matters arising:**

5.1 **Items not on the agenda**

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

- 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 and following a reply the site preference has been indicated to them.
- The road quality along the length at West Harsley has been repaired recently but NW asked the Clerk to determine the extent of the repair
- The leak on Quarry Lane has been inspected and has dried up, no action
- The leak on South End has been inspected and has dried up, no action
- The gullies are due to be cleared this year as part of a bi annual cycle
- The road condition on the A684 is due to be inspected very soon by Highways to determine the extent of the repairs required. The white lining will also be looked into.

5.2 **Police matters**

The police report from 1st Apr to 30th April 2026 was circulated to all councillors to discuss the following incidents:

Anti-Social Behaviour: ASB Nuisance: 2

Arson/Criminal Damage: 1

Drugs: 1

Burglary: Commercial: 1

Theft (including from shops): 1

Auto crime/SMV: 1 – civil dispute

Violence Against the Person: 1

5.3 Highways

SB asked that the signing indicated the road closure on Burnthouse Bank be reported as insufficient, particularly at the Hawnby end of the road.

SB had reported a water leak on the corner of South End and West End to the Clerk, who passed this onto YW for action. A repair was instigated within a week.

The Clerk asked MK and AA if they'd noticed whether the pothole repairs on Chester Lane had been carried out. They were unable to confirm and the Clerk will report.

5.4 NYC Representative Report

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

- The dispute over the funding provided to the Mayor for Highways work has been subject to a legal dispute with NYC however this was unlikely to be resolved

5.5 Village Assets

Nothing to report

5.6 Constituent Reports

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

MR reported that the NY Council grasscutting contract had destroyed many flowers along the roadside from the A19 to Thimbleby and asked the Clerk to highlight this to NYC.

ML raised concerns over the development of additional buildings at Pintail Nest. DH confirmed that this maybe done under permitted development and it was suggested that the Clerk contact NYC planners to confirm the authenticity of this development.

5.7 Village Plan

The Chairman raised the issue of the plan being somewhat out of date and in need of revision. He suggested that the Environment Group be asked if they would be able to assist in the process.

Concerns were raised by TW as to the potentially new village group being setup to support the safeguarding of village assets. The Chairman confirmed that an invite would be provided to the leader of this group to address the council at a future meeting.

5.8 Double Devolution

DH highlighted the correspondence between the Estates Surveyor and himself confirming the rental arrangements which will result in an £82,000 saving against market rents over the term of the lease with NYC.

The Chairman asked DH to initiate a meeting between relevant parties at NYC to discuss the process of potentially transferring the pre school building into the realm of the parish council.

6. 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.

7. Planning.

a) Applications

7.1 Manor Cottage, Chester Lane, Kirby Sigston – Application and listing for a proposed porch and canopy – **Support**

b) Decisions

None

8. a, b, c and d Accounts and AGAR

The Clerk reported the up-to-date financial position of the council updating the accounts from the last meeting in April. The monthly bank reconciliation was agreed and supported.

Income reported at last meeting £0.00

a) Receipts in the period:

Burial Fees	£310.00	
Precept 1st Instalment	£8,700.00	
Electronic Honesty Box	£10.80	
Honesty Box	<u>£146.95</u>	
Total income for the period		<u>£9,167.75</u>
Revised 2026/27 income to 30th April 2026		£9,167.75

Expenditure reported to last meeting £0.00

b) Payments in the period:

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	£85.92	
SSE Electricity - Toilets	£198.44	
1 & 1 Internet	£13.85	
Service Charge	<u>£7.00</u>	
Total expenditure for the period		<u>£4,132.67</u>
Revised 2026/27 expenditure to 30th April 2026		£4,132.67

c) Funds:

Surplus/(Deficit) for Period (Income less Exp)	£5,035.08
Funds B/Fwd From last meeting	<u>£32,504.21</u>
Funds C/Fwd to next meeting	£37,539.29

Represented by:

Balance of Unity Trust a/c 30th April 2026 £37,539.29

Invoices for Payment:

Coorecom Ltd - Repair of messenger team laptop	£72.00
Sam Turner & Sons	£32.42
Printroom - May Messenger	£117.00
Maureen Hague - Internal Audit Fee	£30.00
Pearson Groundcare - March grasscutting	£550.00
Pearson Groundcare - April grasscutting	£990.00
Holly Enisz - Toilet Cleaning April 2026	<u>£78.00</u>

£1,869.42

d) AGAR

The Clerk presented the Annual Governance and Accountability Return for the 2025/26 financial year and asked that the Chairman sign the necessary forms. This was agreed and the Clerk confirmed that this would be sent back to the External Auditor with the other documentation required.

9. Any Other Business

The Clerk raised the issue of wages for the cleaner and asked the council to agree a wage increase of £1 per hour. The chairman felt that this should be further increased to £15 per hour, and increase of £2. This proposal was agreed by all present.

10. 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.

11. Date of next meeting :

The meeting of the Council will take place on Thursday 18th June 2026 in the Supper Room, Village Hall, Osmotherley at 7:30pm prompt.