

Minutes of the Meeting of Osmotherley Area Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Kirby Sigston on Thursday 23rd July 2026

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

Apologies were received from: Mr P Howlett (Vice-Chairman), Mr S Blythe, Mrs C Nozedar and Mr T Sillars for personal reasons

2. **Minutes of the meeting of 25th June 2026 were approved and signed by the Chairman.**

3. **Public Forum**

A constituent of Winton attended to ask why the council had objected to many of the planning applications that they had submitted. It was explained that the council had a policy of objecting to retrospective applications irrespective of the planning validity. The constituent went on to explain plans for the field at Scholla Grange following its refusal for planning to build sheds to house livestock. It is anticipated by the owner that around 2000 pigs will be housed in two sheds(120x25mtrs & 100 x 25 mtrs), which is allowable under the current regulations. Concern was expressed over the noise and waste produced by said animals and explanations were given by the applicant, Further comments over the residency of Moon House were made and DH agreed to confirm with NYM whether planning rules were being applied correctly to the residency of the B&B.

Matters arising:

4.1 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 reply has been received since the last meeting however nothing further has been actioned by Passenger Transport.
- At our last meeting 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. A Teams meeting occurred on the 2nd July with officers from the Devolution and Community Rights Team and it was explained that no benefit would arise from the PC taking over the lease under double devolution and that the Pre School has a very good deal in place for the next 25 years.
- PH was asked to highlight the benefit of extending the white lined H Bar on School Lane however this had not yet been inspected by PH.
- PH was asked to look into the issue of overhanging branches along South End following a resident attending the last meeting and raising concerns, unfortunately no update was available for the meeting.
- The potholes reported to the Clerk at the last meeting have been filled.

4.2 Police matters

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

Arson/Criminal Damage: 1

Theft (including from shops): 1

4.3 Highways

Concerns were raised by TW as to the state of the entrance to the village on West End at the 20mph sign. The Clerk agreed to report this to Highways.

4.4 NYC Representative Report

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

- A resident at Snilesworth is having difficulties with the 'home to school' rules, having been told that school attendance should be at Chop Gate rather than Osmotherley, even though Osmotherley is considerably nearer. BR agreed to contact the Head Teacher of Osmotherley to discuss the issue and to liaise with DH.
- A pilot is underway to determine if EV charging wires can be concealed under the pavement.

4.5 Village Assets

The Clerk reported that SB is looking after the public conveniences in the cleaners absence and has repaired a broken soap dispenser. The council expressed its thanks to SB for undertaking this work.

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

3.7 Defibrillators

PH, in absentia, asked that councillors determine whether there is a need for defibrillators to be placed anywhere in their own areas. The Chairman asked councillors to think about the issue over the summer recess and this would be discussed again at the next meeting.

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 The Old Mill, Osmotherley - installation of three rooflights to side elevation and insertion of one new window to gable end - **Support**

b) Decisions

None

7. a, b and c Accounts

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

Income reported at last meeting	£9,315.71	
a) Receipts in the period:		
Electronic Honesty Box	£8.84	
Funeral Services	£180.00	
VAT Refund	<u>£316.91</u>	
Total income for the period		<u>£505.75</u>
Revised 2026/27 income to 30th June 2026		£9,821.46

Expenditure reported to last meeting	£6,360.03	
b) Payments in the period:		
Information Commission	£47.00	
Holly Enisz - Toilet Cleaning May 26	£112.50	
J.Robinson - Salary	£798.49	
HMRC	£199.40	
Printroom - June Messenger	£117.00	
Osmotherley Village Hall - April meeting	£11.00	
Osmotherley Village Hall - May meeting	£11.00	
J.Robinson - Expenses	£73.51	
Sam Turner - Consumables	£10.98	
Pearson Groundcare - May grasscutting	£990.00	
Inside Outside Services - Play area maintenance	£1,130.00	
E-on Next invoice toilets	£56.10	
1 & 1 Internet	£13.85	
Service Charge	<u>£7.00</u>	
Total expenditure for the period	<u>£3,577.83</u>	
Revised 2026/27 expenditure to 30th June 2026		£9,937.86

c) Funds:		
Surplus/(Deficit) for Period (Income less Exp)	-£3,072.08	
Funds B/Fwd From last meeting	<u>£35,459.89</u>	
Funds C/Fwd to next meeting	£32,387.81	

Represented by:

Balance of Unity Trust a/c 30th June 2026	£32,387.81
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Invoices for Payment:

Printroom - July newsletter	£117.00	
Community TM Ltd - Summer Games traffic management	£720.00	
Sam Turner & Sons - toilet consumables	£13.48	
Osmotherley Village Hall - June meeting	£11.00	
Holly Enisz - June/July toilet cleaning	£210.00	
J.Robinson - Expenses	£61.49	
Pearson Groundcare - June grasscutting	<u>£990.00</u>	
	£2,122.97	

8. Any Other Business

MK asked if the Environment Group would be attending meetings in the future and the Chairman confirmed that they had agreed to assist with any revision of the Village Plan and should the need arise be invited back to report on any concerns/issues they may have.

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 of the Council will take place on Thursday 17th September 2026 in the Village Hall, Osmotherley at 7:30pm prompt.