

## OWSTON FERRY PARISH COUNCIL

These are the Minutes of the Full Council meeting of Owston Ferry Parish Council held on Wednesday 24 January 2024, 7:00pm at Coronation Hall.

### **In Attendance:**

Councillors Woodcock (Chair), Bell, Brumby, Coy, Edward, Parkin, Temperton, Trickett and Walker.

Clare Boyall Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

0 Member of the Public

	<b>Item</b>	<b>Proposer</b>
07/01/24	<b>Public Participation Session</b> No members of the public present.	
08/01/24	<b>Apologies</b> Cllrs Rule, Watts and Ward Cllr Rose.	
09/01/24	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> None.	
10/01/24	<b>Granting of Dispensations (Code of Conduct, 2012)</b> None.	
11/01/24	<b>Draft Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 30 November 2023</b> Cllr Trickett advised that she had entered the meeting room at 5/11/23. Cllr Parkin proposed to approve the amendment, seconded by Cllr Coy. All in favour.  It was <b>resolved</b> to approve the amendment.  Cllr Parkin proposed that the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 30 November 2023 be accepted as a true record following the amendment seconded by Cllr Edward. All in favour  It was <b>resolved</b> that the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 30 November 2023 be accepted as a true record following the amendment.	
12/01/24	<b>Draft Minutes of the Extraordinary Full Council meeting held on 10 January 2024</b> Cllr Bell proposed that the minutes of the Extraordinary Full Council meeting held on 10 January 2024 be accepted as a true record, seconded by Cllr Walker. All in favour.  It was <b>resolved</b> that the minutes of the Extraordinary Full Council meeting held on 10 January 2024 be accepted as a true record.	
13/01/24	<b>Clerk's Report</b> The contractor has been advised of the resolution of the council regarding grass cutting of the play areas for 2024. This has been acknowledged.  A letter has been sent to the resident on Temperton's Lane regarding vehicles on the PC frontage.  A letter of thanks has been sent to Mr Bland for his help with the flagpole.  Blocked gullies and kerbsides on Station Road, High Street and Church Street have been reported to N Lincs Council. An inspection will take place. The Clerk has visited HSBC and they do not offer 2 factor authorisation of payments. The Parish Council will therefore need to look at alternative banking	

arrangements. The Clerk will visit a local council to look at their bank. Options will be brought back to full council.

Haxey Parish Council has informed us that there will be a new contractor cutting the grass verges and open spaces as from this year.

The Sustainable Planting Grant documentation has been sent to N Lincs Council. The Clerk thanked Cllr Coy for giving her time on a Sunday to discuss the quotations.

Thank you letters have been sent to residents who watered the Parish Council planters last year.

The information that had been given to the Clerk regarding the rent of The Fleethole was incorrect. The present owners are happy to continue to rent this land.

The Pinfold and 1 allotment invoice have been sent as payment is now due.

**14/01/24 Financial Report**

Cheque	Recipient	Purpose	Total
102341	C Boyall	December Salary	Confidential
102341	C Boyall	HMRC PAYE	7.60
102341	C Boyall	Postage	0.75
102342	Coronation Hall	Room Hire 2023	435.50
102343	C Boyall	January Salary	Confidential
102344	HMRC	PAYE	11.40
102345	C Boyall	Mileage	27.90
102345	C Boyall	Postage	12.00
102346	P Hinds	Grass Cutting/Strimming at Cemetery and Churchyard on 15.12.23	245.00
102347	P Hinds	Cemetery Work	800.00
102348	N Lincs Council	Station Road Access	5.00

Cllr Walker proposed that the financial report be accepted and the cheques should be signed seconded by Cllr Bell. All in Favour.

It was **resolved** that the financial report be accepted and the cheques should be signed.

**15/01/24 D Day 80**

Cllr Coy advised that she had not been able to get hold of the contractor to obtain further information regarding the beacon. The invoice to be submitted for the D Day grant has been sent to the Clerk. All other plans for this event are progressing and a Working Group meeting will take place prior to the next council meeting. The purchase and siting of the beacon was discussed at length. Cllr Brumby proposed not to proceed with the purchase of a beacon, seconded by Cllr Temperton. All in favour

It was **resolved** not to proceed with the purchase of a beacon.

**16/01/24 Budget and Precept**

The budget was discussed. The Clerk advised that there is an excess in the council finances after the general reserves and targeted reserves are accounted for and therefore Cllrs may wish to look at slightly reducing the Precept. Cllr Bell proposed that the budget be approved and the Precept be set

<p>17/01/24</p>	<p>at £34,300, seconded by Cllr Parkin. All in favour.</p> <p>It was <b>resolved</b> that the budget be approved and the Precept be set at £34,300.</p> <p><b>Planning Applications</b>  <b>Application No:</b> PA/2024/23  <b>Proposal:</b> Planning permission to erect a dwelling  <b>Proposal: Site Location:</b> Plot 8, Somerby Drive, Owston Ferry, DN9 1BS</p> <p>Cllr Parkin proposed that no observation be made, seconded by Cllr Coy. All in favour.</p>	
<p>18/01/24</p>	<p>It was <b>resolved</b> that no observations be made.</p> <p><b>Planning Appeal Against Enforcement: COMP/2021/261</b>  Cllr Coy proposed that no observations be made, seconded by Cllr Bell. All in favour.</p>	
<p>19/01/24</p>	<p>It was <b>resolved</b> that no observations be made.</p> <p><b>Playground Inspections</b>  There has been no playground inspection completed this month due to unforeseen circumstances.</p>	
<p>20/01/24</p>	<p><b>Play Area Emergency Contact Number</b>  Cllr Trickett advised that she now has the decals with the emergency contact telephone number to be placed in the play areas. A discussion took place regarding who should take responsibility for the emergency phone. Cllr Woodcock will hold this phone at the present time.</p>	<p>KT</p>
<p>21/01/24</p>	<p><b>Cemetery Safety work</b>  Cllr Walker proposed to note the report on the cemetery safety inspections, seconded by Cllr Brumby. All in favour.</p>	
<p>22/01/24</p>	<p>It was <b>resolved</b> to note the report on the cemetery safety inspections.</p> <p><b>Grass Cutting Recreation Field</b>  To resolve that this Council utilizes its powers under the Local Government Act 1972, section 101, to devolve to the Clerk the authority to make decisions on grass cutting on the recreation field where:</p> <p>This is at no cost to the Parish Council.</p> <p>Cllr Brumby proposed to devolve to the Clerk the authority to make decisions on grass cutting on the recreation field where this is at no cost to the Parish Council, seconded by Cllr Bell. All in favour.</p>	
<p>23/01/24</p>	<p>It was <b>resolved</b> to devolve to the Clerk the authority to make decisions on grass cutting on the recreation field where this is at no cost to the Parish Council.</p> <p><b>Community Governance Review</b>  To receive the information regarding the Community Governance Review and consider the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Does the council want to create, merge, alter or abolish the parish?  <b>No</b></li> <li>• Does the council wish to amend the name of the parish?</li> </ul>	

	<p><b>No</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What are the views of the council on the electoral arrangements for the parish i.e. the ordinary year of election, council size, the number of councillors to be elected to the council and parish warding?  <b>The Parish Council do not wish any changes to be made to the council size, the number of councillors and the parish warding. The Parish Council are responsible for 3 villages and a hamlet in the parish and these cover a large geographical area. Their responsibilities include various buildings, open spaces, playgrounds, closed churchyard and a cemetery and do not feel that a reduction in the council size or number of Cllrs would be beneficial to the parish.</b></li> <li>Does the council wish to be grouped with another parish under a common parish council or the de-grouping of parishes?  <b>No</b></li> </ul> <p>Cllr Coy proposed to submit the answers as detailed above to the Community Governance Review, seconded by Cllr Bell. All in favour.</p> <p>It was <b>resolved</b> to submit the answers as detailed above to the Community Governance Review.</p>	
24/01/24	<p><b>Communication from a Resident on Temperton's Lane</b>  This was discussed. Cllr Brumby proposed that Cllr Coy will liaise with the Clerk regarding a response to the resident seconded by Cllr Parkin. All in favour.</p> <p>It was <b>resolved</b> that Cllr Coy will liaise with the Clerk regarding a response to the resident.</p>	
25/01/24	<p><b>Communication from Hornsby Travel</b>  The information regarding parked cars in the Market Place was discussed. Cllr Coy proposed to note the information, seconded by Cllr Parkin. All in favour.</p> <p>It was <b>resolved</b> to note the information.</p>	
26/01/24	<p><b>Railings Epworth Road Cemetery</b>  Cllr Walker proposed to accept the quotation of £375 to have the curved sections of the railings refurbished, seconded by Cllr Bell. All in favour.</p> <p>It was <b>resolved</b> accept the quotation of £375 to have the curved sections of the railings refurbished.</p> <p>Clerk to request a quotation for the 2 straight sections of the railings.</p>	
27/01/24	<p><b>Weight Limit North Street</b>  This was discussed. Cllr Coy proposed not to request N Lincs Council put a weight limit in place on North Street, seconded by Cllr Temperton. 7 in favour  Cllr Parkin proposed to request N Lincs Council put a weight limit in place on North Street, seconded by Cllr Brumby. 2 in favour</p> <p>It was <b>resolved</b> not to request N Lincs Council put a weight limit in place on North Street.</p>	AP
28/01/24	<p><b>Millennium Clock</b>  The Clerk advised that the Millennium clock requires further repair work. Cllr Brumby proposed to approve the further work at a cost of £620, seconded by Cllr Parkin. All in favour.</p> <p>It was <b>resolved</b> to approve the further work at a cost of £620.</p>	

29/01/24	<p><b>Lincolnshire and Notts Air Ambulance Event 6 March 2024</b> This event will be advertised on Facebook, noticeboards and the website. Cllrs Parkin and Edward volunteered the WI to provide refreshments on the night.</p>	
30/01/24	<p><b>Lychgate Fence</b> The build up of leaves next to the fence was discussed. The fence will be assessed and possibly treated again in Spring.</p>	
31/01/24	<p><b>Personnel Committee</b> Cllr Parkin stated that she wished to continue on the Personnel Committee. Cllr Walker stated that he would also like to continue on the Personnel Committee but suggested that, as Cllr Coy was Vice Chairman she should be a member of the committee. Cllr Walker proposed that Cllrs Parkin, Walker and Coy be elected members of the Personnel Committee, seconded by Cllr Trickett. All in favour.</p>	
32/01/24	<p>It was <b>resolved</b> that Cllrs Parkin, Walker and Coy be elected members of the Personnel Committee.</p>	
32/01/24	<p><b>Correspondence to Note</b> National Grid – North Humber to High Marnham grid upgrade project – Stage one consultation summary Northern Powergrid Webinar Invitation Transparency in Network Planning ERNLLCA – New Legislation Levelling Up and Regeneration Act 2023 Section 82</p>	
33/01/24	<p>Cllr Parkin proposed to note the correspondence, seconded by Cllr Brumby. All in favour.</p>	
33/01/24	<p>It was <b>resolved</b> to note the correspondence.</p>	
33/01/24	<p><b>Ward Councillor Report</b> The Clerk advised that Ward Cllr Rose did not have anything to report this month.</p>	
34/01/24	<p><b>Chairman's Items</b> Cllr Woodcock asked for volunteers to empty the village planters. Church Street and Epworth Road Cemetery – Cllr Walker North Street – Cllr Bell Gunthorpe and South Street – Cllr Trickett Epworth Road – Cllr Woodcock War Memorial – Cllr Coy Market Place – Cllr Brumby Kelfield – Cllr Temperton</p>	
34/01/24	<p><b>Date and Time of next meeting</b> Thursday 29 February 2024 at 7 pm in the Parish Room of Coronation Hall. Noted.</p>	
34/01/24	<p>Meeting closed at 8.22 pm.</p>	