

OWSTON FERRY PARISH COUNCIL

These are the Minutes of the Full Council meeting of Owston Ferry Parish Council held on Thursday 30 January 2025, 7:00pm in the Parish Room at Coronation Hall.

In Attendance:

Councillors Woodcock (Chair), Coy, Edward, Hellewell, Parkin, Rule, S Temperton, Trickett, Walker and Ward Cllr Rose.

Clare Boyall Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

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	Item	Proposer
01/01/25	Public Participation Session None.	
02/01/25	Apologies Cllr J Temperton.	
03/01/25	Declarations of Interest None.	
04/01/25	Granting of Dispensations (Code of Conduct, 2012) None.	
05/01/25	Draft Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 28 November 2024 Cllr Walker pointed out that the figure for the Precept in 09/11/24 in the minute differed from the resolution. The Clerk confirmed that the resolution was correct with the figure of £38,800. Cllr Coy proposed that the minutes of 28 November be accepted as a true record after the above amendment, seconded by Cllr Walker. All in favour. It was resolved that the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 28 November 2025 be accepted as a true record after the above correction.	
06/01/25	Clerk's Report Footpath 132 has been ploughed over and trees and bushes had been left on the footpath. This has been reported to N Lincs Council. An update has also been requested on the stiles on the footpath. Footpath posts have been reinstated on footpath 132 and 137. A fence that had fallen has also been removed from footpath 137 by N Lincs Council after this was reported. The Precept of £38,800 has been submitted to N Lincs Council and this has been acknowledged. The pavement next to the recreation field has been repaired. Potholes on Epworth Road are being dealt with by N Lincs Council. Highways have visited the site on Epworth Road with regard to the drainage issues. They have arranged for an inspection of a drain with a camera to see if there is a blockage. The farmer is also going to be spoken to about the water coming from the field. N Lincs Council have also been asked to ensure that this section of road is still being double dosed with grit as the Parish Council were advised 2 years ago. Further information will be given when received. The annual grass cutting contractor documentation has been requested from	

	<p>our contractor to comply with our contract with N Lincs Council for the Public Rights of Way.</p> <p>The change of bank is nearly complete.</p>																					
07/01/25	<p>Financial Report</p> <table><tr><td>102437</td><td>Staff Salary</td><td>January Salary</td><td>Confidential</td></tr><tr><td>102438</td><td>HMRC</td><td>PAYE</td><td>Confidential</td></tr><tr><td>102439</td><td>C Boyall</td><td>Mileage</td><td>13.95</td></tr><tr><td>102440</td><td>N Lincs Council</td><td>Station Road Access</td><td>5,00</td></tr><tr><td>102441</td><td>Chloe Duncan</td><td>Deposit Marina Mae VE and VJ events</td><td>80.00</td></tr></table> <p>Cllr Rule proposed that the financial report be accepted and the cheques should be signed seconded by Cllr Hellewell. All in Favour.</p> <p>It was resolved that the financial report be accepted and the cheques should be signed.</p>	102437	Staff Salary	January Salary	Confidential	102438	HMRC	PAYE	Confidential	102439	C Boyall	Mileage	13.95	102440	N Lincs Council	Station Road Access	5,00	102441	Chloe Duncan	Deposit Marina Mae VE and VJ events	80.00	
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08/01/25	<p>Playground Inspection Report</p> <p>Cllr Rule reported on outstanding work. Some of the play equipment requires painting. The surface around the helicopter requires enlarging. The fencing and gate at Gunthorpe play area needs attention. Quotes to be brought back to council.</p>																					
09/01/25	<p>Planning Decision</p> <p>Cllr Coy proposed to note the correspondence from N Lincs Council and that PA/2018/2453 has been disposed of, seconded by Cllr Hellewell. All in favour.</p> <p>It was resolved to note the correspondence from N Lincs Council and that PA/2018/2453 has been disposed of.</p>																					
10/01/25	<p>Grant Funding</p> <p>Cllr Woodcock distributed a plan of the recreation field. The fencing was discussed at length. All Cllrs to come back to the next meeting with a plan of the way forward and for a decision to be made.</p>																					
11/01/25	<p>Village Planting</p> <p>Cllr Coy had met with some volunteers who are willing to help with the village planting this year. Ideas included having planters on the telephone box, planting near the War Memorial and more planting in the cemetery. The idea of planters at the entrance to Sanders Close was also discussed. Permission has been requested. It was suggested that there be a competition again this year with perhaps a category for best road or group of houses.</p> <p>Cllr Hellewell proposed that if a grant is offered by N Lincs Council that a request for £2000 be made for plants, compost and hanging baskets, seconded by Cllr Trickett. All in favour.</p> <p>It was resolved that if a grant is offered by N Lincs Council that a request for £2000 be made for plants, compost and hanging baskets.</p>	BC																				
12/01/25	<p>VE Day/VJ Day</p> <p>Cllr Coy reported to council following recent meetings of the working group on plans for both events. There will need to be a road closure from Silver Street to Albion Place. This is free for this event. Cllr Coy proposed that a road closure be applied for, seconded by Cllr Parkin. All in favour.</p> <p>It was resolved that a road closure be applied for.</p>																					

13/01/25	Parish Leaflet No information available at this time.	BC
14/01/25	Community Governance Review Cllr Hellewell proposed to note N Lincs Council's decision to reduce Owston Ferry Parish Council's Cllr numbers to 9 from 2027, seconded by Cllr Coy. All in favour. It was resolved to note N Lincs Council's decision to reduce Owston Ferry Parish Council's Cllr numbers to 9 from 2027.	
15/01/25	NATS Meeting Statistics show that crime has reduced across the Isle of Axholme. Residents are urged to report any suspicious behaviour to allow data to be collected and patterns formed.	
16/01/25	Information Commissioner Office Fees The Clerk advised that the invoice for this year's payment had just been received and the increase has not taken effect as yet. Cllr Hellewell proposed to note that the Government consultation response has been published and that the ICO Data Protection fee will rise from £40 to £52 per annum from 2025, seconded by Cllr Walker. All in favour. It was resolved to note that the Government consultation response has been published and that the ICO Data Protection fee will rise from £40 to £52 per annum from 2025.	
17/01/25	Community Awards Awards were reviewed. Cllr Hellewell proposed to purchase 3 glass awards and 1 shield, seconded by Cllr S Temperton. All in favour. It was resolved to purchase 3 glass awards and 1 shield.	
18/01/25	Correspondence to Note NATS Newsletter N Lincs Council – Forthcoming Meetings NATS – Police Funding Survey Northern Powergrid – North Humber to High Marnham Project N Lincs Council – Strengthening Standards Survey ERNLLCA – Upcoming Training Severn Trent Newsletter Cllr Walker proposed to note the correspondence, seconded by Cllr Rule. All in favour. It was resolved to note the correspondence.	BC
19/01/25	Ward Councillor Report Ward Cllr Rose advised that he had recently attended an event regarding the imagination library and the 1 millionth book had been presented. Northern Powergrid has delayed the planned consultation. Devolution proposals have moved on. An expression of interest has been submitted to the Government on the possibility of changing the unitary council area and combine with NE Lincs, West and East Lindsey. This would have a population of 550,000.	

	Air fryers have now been distributed to all over 80 year old residents that requested them. Any other pensioners that applied will receive theirs shortly.	
20/01/25	Chairman's Items None.	
21/01/25	Date and Time of next meeting The next full council meeting will be held on Thursday 27 February 2025 at 7 pm in the Parish Room of Coronation Hall. Noted. Meeting closed at 8.11 pm.	