

OWSTON FERRY PARISH COUNCIL

These are the Minutes of the Full Council meeting of Owston Ferry Parish Council held on Thursday 24 April 2025, 7:00pm in the Parish Room at Coronation Hall.

In Attendance:

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

Clare Boyall Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

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	Item	Proposer
01/04/25	Public Participation Session None.	
02/04/25	Apologies None.	
03/04/25	Declarations of Interest Cllr Coy 19/04/25 prejudicial Cllr Edward 12/04/25 prejudicial Cllr Parkin 12/04/25 prejudicial Cllr Woodcock 19/04/25 prejudicial	
04/04/25	Granting of Dispensations (Code of Conduct, 2012) None.	
05/04/25	Draft Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 27 March 2025 Cllr Walker pointed out that the closed Churchyard had also had the first grass cut of the season along with the cemetery. Cllr Coy proposed that the minutes of 27 March 2025 be accepted as a true record, seconded by Cllr Parkin. All in favour. It was resolved that the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 27 March 2025 be accepted as a true record.	
06/04/25	Clerk's Report The annual VAT claim has been made for 2024/2025. The contractor's quotations have been accepted for the basketball post and the work has been completed. The contractor's quote has been accepted for the gates at Gunthorpe play area. The area will be taped off and the grass contractor has been informed. The annual audit documentation has now been sent to the internal auditor. The 80 th Anniversary of the Lancaster plane crash took place recently at the memorial site. The Parish Council was represented by the Clerk, Cllr Coy and Cllr Walker who gave a speech on our behalf of the Parish Council and a wreath was laid.	
07/04/25	Financial Report	
	102455 C Boyall Flags	232.74
	102455 C Boyall Padlock and Wood Stain	52.78
	102456 P Hinds Cemetery and Closed Churchyard Grasscutting	245.00

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102457	Yards Apart	PROW Cut 4	750.12
102458	Staff Salary	April Salary	Confidential
102459	HMRC	PAYE	Confidential
102460	C Boyall	Mileage	15.97
102460	C Boyall	Poppy Wreath Section 137 Local Government Act 1972	24.49
102460	C Boyall	Bunting	27.45
102461	Graham Walker Fieldside Fabrications	Welding Basketball Post	250.00
102462	ICCM	Annual Membership	100.00
102463	SLCC	Annual Membership	150.00
102464	ERNLLCA	Annual Membership	714.32
102465	Doncaster Concert Band	VE Day Event	450.00
102466	Andrew Squire Mista Twister	VE Day Event	200.00
102467	B Keighery	Cut 1 for Owston Ferry Rec and Cut 1 Gunthorpe	450.00
102468	B Keighery	Cut 2 for Owston Ferry Rec and Cut 2 Gunthorpe	450.00
102468	B Keighery	Cut 3 for Owston Ferry Rec and Cut 3 Gunthorpe	450.00
102468	B Keighery	Cut 4 for Owston Ferry Rec and Cut 4 Gunthorpe	450.00
102468	B Keighery	Cut 5 for Owston Ferry Rec and Cut 5 Gunthorpe	450.00
102469	CPRE	Best Kept Village	40.00
102470	Chloe Dance Marina Mae	VE Day Event Balance	320.00

Cllr Rule proposed that the financial report be accepted and the cheques should be signed seconded by Cllr J Temperton. All in Favour.

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

08/04/25 Playground Inspection Report

Cllr Rule advised that an inspection had not been completed.

09/04/25 VE Day/VJ Day

Cllr Coy advised that leaflets had been delivered across the parish and plans were moving forward. She requested volunteers to act as marshalls.

10/04/25 Risk Assessments

Cllr Hellewell proposed to approve the risk assessments for the upcoming VE day event and the village planting, seconded by Cllr J Temperton. All in favour.

It was **resolved** to approve the risk assessments for the upcoming VE day event and the village planting.

11/04/25 In Bloom 2025

Cllr Coy has compiled quotations for the plants for the village planters. She advised that there had also been an order placed by a resident for plants for £134.94 for the village who was unaware of the governance of the Parish Council. This was discussed. Cllr Coy proposed to apply for the In Bloom grant and that the Parish Council pay the £134.94 from the planting budget,

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	<p>seconded by Cllr Walker. All in favour.</p> <p>It was resolved to apply for the In Bloom grant and that the Parish Council pay the £134.94 from the planting budget.</p> <p>Cllrs Parkin and Edward left the meeting room.</p>	
12/04/25	<p>Memorial Stone Recreation Field</p> <p>Cllr Coy proposed to grant permission to the WI to install a memorial plaque at the base of a tree on the recreation field, seconded by Cllr Walker. All in favour.</p> <p>It was resolved to grant permission to the WI to install a memorial plaque at the base of a tree on the recreation field.</p> <p>Cllrs Parkin and Edward re-entered the meeting room.</p>	
13/04/25	<p>Grant Funding</p> <p>The position of the gates was clarified in order to obtain quotations.</p>	
14/04/25	<p>Section 137 Local Government Act 1972 Limits</p> <p>Cllr Hellewell proposed to note that the expenditure limit for 2025/2026 has increased to £11.10 per elector, seconded by Cllr Coy. All in favour.</p> <p>It was resolved to note that the expenditure limit for 2025/2026 has increased to £11.10 per elector.</p>	
15/04/25	<p>Gunthorpe Play Area Fence</p> <p>The quotations were discussed. The Clerk advised there is £2000 in targeted reserves for this fence. Cllr Parkin proposed to accept the quotation for £2275 and to vire £275 across from the village planting budget heading, seconded by Cllr Walker. All in favour.</p> <p>It was resolved to accept the quotation for £2275 and to vire £275 across from the village planting budget heading.</p>	
16/04/25	<p>Enforcement</p> <p>A report has been received from a resident regarding a property on North Street and the storage of cars. The Clerk explained that the Parish Council is not an enforcement body and this should be sent to N Lincs Council. Cllr Coy proposed to report the matter to N Lincs Council, seconded by Cllr J Temperton. 8 in favour, 2 abstentions.</p> <p>It was resolved to report the matter to N Lincs Council.</p>	
17/04/25	<p>Training</p> <p>Cllr Hellewell proposed that Cllrs Coy and Trickett attend the Mental Health Training Workshop at a cost of £20 per Cllr, seconded by Cllr J Temperton. All in favour.</p> <p>It was resolved that Cllrs Coy and Trickett attend the Mental Health Training Workshop at a cost of £20 per Cllr.</p>	
18/04/25	<p>Lancaster Memorial Site</p> <p>The possibility of requesting a tourism sign for this site was discussed. Cllr Edward proposed to investigate the costs involved with tourism signs for the Lancaster memorial site, the Smithy and the Pumping Station, seconded by Cllr Walker. All in favour.</p>	

	<p>It was resolved to investigate the costs involved with tourism signs for the Lancaster memorial site, the Smithy and the Pumping Station.</p> <p>Cllrs Coy and Woodcock left the meeting room. Cllr Walker took the Chair.</p>	
19/04/25	<p>Community Awards 2025</p> <p>The Cllrs were previously provided with the 3 nominees for the Outstanding Voluntary Contribution to the Community award. It was noted that they were all worthy of winning the award. Voting was by show of hands with 1 vote per Cllr. Cllr Hellewell proposed to note the results, seconded by Cllr S Temperton. All in favour.</p> <p>It was resolved that Alison Woodcock would be the recipient of the Outstanding Voluntary Contribution to the Community Award 2025.</p> <p>Cllrs Coy and Woodcock re-entered the meeting room and Cllr Woodcock took the Chair.</p> <p>The Clerk thanked Cllr Trickett for her help with the setting up of the voting form for the awards.</p>	
20/04/25	<p>Correspondence to Note</p> <p>N Lincs Council – Forthcoming Meetings PCSO – Long Service Medal North Humber to High Marnham Statutory Consultation Democratic Services - Standard's Training</p> <p>Cllr Hellewell proposed to note the correspondence, seconded by Cllr Walker. All in favour.</p> <p>It was resolved to note the correspondence.</p>	
21/04/25	<p>Ward Councillor Report</p> <p>Ward Cllr Rose had submitted his apologies for the meeting.</p>	
22/04/25	<p>Chairman's Items</p> <p>Cllr Woodcock reminded Cllrs of the full council training due to take place on 7 May 2025.</p>	
23/04/25	<p>Date and Time of next meeting</p> <p>The annual full council meeting will be held on Thursday 29 May 2025 7 pm in the Parish Room of Coronation Hall.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 7.35 pm.</p>	