

OWSTON FERRY PARISH COUNCIL

These are the Minutes of the Full Council meeting of Owston Ferry Parish Council held on Thursday 31 July 2025, 7:00pm in the Parish Room at Coronation Hall.

In Attendance:

Councillors Woodcock (Chair), Cole, Coy, Edward, Walker and Ward Cllr Rose.

Clare Boyall Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

7 Member of the Public

	Item	Proposer												
01/07/25	Public Participation Session A member of the public spoke about the Fleethole and issues relating to Corporation Road. Several residents spoke about land at Gunthorpe and the planning appeal for Gunthorpe Fisheries.													
02/07/25	Apologies Cllrs Hellewell, J Temperton, Parkin, Rule and Trickett.													
03/07/25	Declarations of Interest Cllr Coy 07/07/25 Pecuniary													
04/07/25	Granting of Dispensations (Code of Conduct, 2012) None.													
05/07/25	Draft Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 26 June 2025 Cllr Walker proposed that the minutes of 26 June 2025 be accepted as a true record, seconded by Cllr Edward. All in favour. Resolved.													
06/07/25	Clerk's Report Companies have been contacted for quotations for the recreation field fence. 1 quotation has been received so far. Site meeting will be arranged. A site meeting has taken place at Gunthorpe with the contractor. A new spring for the gate will be installed in the near future. The Clerk has cleaned the swings and gym equipment. The tree survey quotation was accepted and the assessment is due to take place in the near future. 2 companies have been contacted regarding the work required on the play equipment. There are very few companies that will work on other companies play equipment. The Remembrance Sunday road closure has been requested. The website has now had the Civility and Respect logo added to it to show that the Council has signed the pledge. Cllr Coy left the meeting room.													
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102499	C Boyall	Postage	6.96
102500	B Keighery	Cut 12 for Owston Ferry Rec and Cut 12 Gunthorpe	450.00
102500	B Keighery	Cut 13 for Owston Ferry Rec and Cut 13 Gunthorpe	450.00
102500	B Keighery	Cut 14 for Owston Ferry Rec and Cut 14 Gunthorpe	450.00
102501	P Hinds	Grass Cutting Cemetery and Closed Churchyard 19/6/25	245.00
102502	C Boorman	War Memorial Plants Rep Chg	135.94
102503	Yards Apart	PROW Cut 1	750.12
102504	Owston Ferry Parochial Church Council	Grant Grass Cutting God's Acre Section 137 Local Government Act 1072	100.00
102505	B Coy	Plants	118.58
102506	N Lincs Council	Gunthorpe Play Area Rent	10.00

Cllr Walker proposed that the financial report be accepted and the cheques should be signed seconded by Cllr Edward. All in favour. **Resolved.**

Cllr Coy re-entered the meeting room.

08/07/25
08.1

Budget Review

The budget review will be deferred to the next meeting.

08.2

Cllr Coy confirmed that 3 payments had been checked and that the bank reconciliation was correct. Cllr Cole proposed to note that the bank reconciliation had been checked and was correct, seconded by Cllr Edward. All in favour. **Resolved.**

09/07/25

Planning Appeal

Land at Eastern part of Fourways Fisheries, Gunthorpe Road, Gunthorpe DN9 1BG

Cllr Walker proposed to submit the following comments

- The access road is unsuitable for caravans.
- There is significant disruption to local residents with damage occurring to properties by visitors to this site.
- The owner has disregarded the planning and enforcement process for many years.
- The fishing lakes have been used for canoeing and paddle boarding.
- Unauthorised installations have included caravan pitches, sewage tanks, and electric amongst other items.
- The development is not in keeping with the rural area and the historic landscape of the Isle of Axholme.
- The site has taken no regard to protecting the biodiversity in the area.

Seconded by Cllr Coy. All in favour. **Resolved**

10/07/25

Playground Inspection

Defer to the next meeting.

11/07/25

Gunthorpe Play Area Hedge

Cllr Coy proposed to accept the quotation of £375 for the hedge to be cut back at Gunthorpe Play Area, seconded by Cllr Edward. All in favour. **Resolved.**

12/07/25	Playground Inspection Training Cllr Woodcock proposed that Cllr Cole attend the playground inspection training at a cost of £10, seconded by Cllr Coy. All in favour. Resolved.	
13/07/25	NALC Flooding Survey Cllr Walker proposed to note the flooding survey, seconded by Cllr Edward. All in favour. Resolved.	
14/07/25	Local Government Services Pay Award 2025 2026 Cllr Coy proposed to note the Local Government Services Pay Award 2025 2026 that takes effect from 1 April 2025, seconded by Cllr Cole. All in favour. Resolved.	
15/07/25	Ward Councillor Report Next year is the commemoration of 400 years since the signing of the charter for Vermuyden to drain the Isle of Axholme. There will be events across the Isle of Axholme. Air fryers will again be offered to pensioners this year. A text scam is prevalent at the moment offering to arrange delivery for £1. There is no delivery but collections will be available from Epworth when they are available.	
16/07/25	Chairman's Items None.	
17/07/25	Date and Time of next meeting The next full council meeting will be held on Thursday 25 September 2025 7 pm in the Parish Room of Coronation Hall. Noted. Meeting closed at 8 pm.	