

OWSTON FERRY PARISH COUNCIL

These are the Minutes of the Full Council meeting of Owston Ferry Parish Council held on Thursday 25 September 2025, 7:00pm in the Parish Room at Coronation Hall.

In Attendance:

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

Clare Boyall Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

1 Member of the Public

	Item	Proposer
01/09/25	Public Participation Session A member of the public spoke about the Fleethole and issues relating to Corporation Road.	
02/09/25	Apologies Cllrs Hellewell and Rule.	
03/09/25	Declarations of Interest Cllr Coy 07/09/25 Pecuniary	
04/09/25	Granting of Dispensations (Code of Conduct, 2012) None.	
05/09/25	Draft Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 31 July 2025 Cllr Walker proposed that the minutes of 31 July 2025 be accepted as a true record, seconded by Cllr Coy. All in favour. Resolved.	
06/09/25	Clerk's Report Comments were submitted to the Planning Inspectorate regarding the planning appeal at Fourways Fisheries. There has been great difficulty in obtaining 2 further quotations for the recreation field fence. Companies have been chased. The VE, VJ and In Bloom grants have all now been claimed. N Lincs Council have been contacted regarding the overgrown nature of Castle Hill. A reply has been received to advise that the second and last cut of the year will be completed this month. The change of the Definitive Map for the footpath next to the drain has been chased. The Principal Access and Commons Officer has replied to advise that this has been delayed but has not been forgotten. The Principal Access and Commons Officer has been contacted about the farmer's failure to yet again reinstate footpaths 135/137. These issues will be passed to the Public Right of Way Officer to address. The crab apple tree behind 21/23 Station Road has been reported to N Lincs Council. An inspection of the cemetery has taken place and unfortunately a compliance letter has had to be sent to a deed holder regarding numerous unauthorised items placed on the lawned area of the cemetery. A review of the Public Rights of Way grass cutting has taken place in	

accordance with our contract with N Lincs Council. Thanks to Cllr Walker for accompanying the Clerk on this review.

The small bridge on Footpath 134 has been reported to the Principal Access and Commons Officer following the review of the footpaths. Several planks had deteriorated and were broken. These have now been repaired and renewed.

The garden vouchers were purchased and given to Cllr Woodcock in August to be distributed to the winners of the competition.

All documentation has been received from St Martin's Church to comply with our grant policy and therefore this grant is now concluded.

The Remembrance Sunday road closure has been confirmed. St Martin's church will be performing the service this year.

07/09/25 Financial Report

102507	Staff Salary	August Salary	Confidential
102508	C Boyall	Mileage	13.95
102508	C Boyall	Postage	6.96
102508	C Boyall	Home Office Allowance	78.00
102509	HMRC	PAYE	Confidential
102510	P Hinds	Grass Cutting Cemetery and Closed Churchyard 9/7/25	245.00
102511	Tunes	Plants	56.00
102512	PKF Littlejohn	External Audit 2024/2025	252.00
102513	B Coy	Plants	271.83
102514	C Boyall	Competition Garden Vouchers	30.00
102515	Staff Salary	September Salary	Confidential
102516	C Boyall	Mileage	35.10
102517	HMRC	PAYE	Confidential
102518	N Lincs Council	Trade Waste Replacement Chq 102493	279.30
102519	B Keighery	Cut 15 for Owston Ferry Rec and Cut 15 Gunthorpe	450.00
102519	B Keighery	Cut 16 for Owston Ferry Rec and Cut 16 Gunthorpe	450.00
102519	B Keighery	Cut 17 for Owston Ferry Rec and Cut 17 Gunthorpe	450.00
102519	B Keighery	Cut 18 for Owston Ferry Rec and Cut 18 Gunthorpe	450.00
102519	B Keighery	Cut 19 for Owston Ferry Rec and Cut 19 Gunthorpe	450.00
102520	P Hinds	Grass Cutting Cemetery and Closed Churchyard 2/8/25 21/8/25	490.00
102521	Yards Apart	PROW Cut 2	750.12
102521	Yards Apart	Lancaster Memorial Site Strimming	72.00

The Clerk advised that there were 2 invoices received today and should also be included. ERNNLCA £24 for Cllr training and The Play Inspection Company £264.00.

Cllr Coy proposed that the financial report be accepted and the cheques should

	be signed seconded by Cllr Trickett. All in favour. Resolved.	
08/09/25	Budget Review Cllr Parkin proposed to note the budget review, seconded by Cllr Walker. All in favour. Resolved.	
09/09/25	Biannual Playground Inspection Reports The reports were reviewed. All risks were either low or very low. Cllr Coy proposed to note the reports, seconded by Cllr Cole. All in favour. Resolved.	
10/09/25	Recreation Field Risk Assessment and Use The use of the recreation field was discussed. Cllr Woodcock proposed to approve the risk assessment, to look at charging for the use of the football pitch and to look into the purchase of football goals, seconded by Cllr Cole. All in favour. Resolved.	
11/09/25	Best Kept Village Cllr Coy and Cllr Trickett volunteered to attend the awards evening. Cllr Coy advised that the bulbs that were purchased will be planted to give all year round colour. The planter around the telephone box will need to be taken down in order that this can be painted in the spring. Cllr Parkin proposed to note the results of the competition, seconded by Cllr Edward. All in favour. Resolved.	
12/09/25	Cemetery Cllr Walker proposed to accept the quotation for the removal of saplings and to prune the Yew trees, seconded by Cllr Coy. All in favour. Resolved.	
13/09/25	Vermuyden 400 An informal meeting has taken place to discuss whether to mark this anniversary. Ideas have been put forward. Cllr Walker proposed to form a Vermuyden 400 Working Group, seconded by Cllr Trickett. All in favour. Resolved. Clerk to prepare Terms of Reference for this group.	BC
14/09/25	Communication from Fourways Fisheries Cllr Woodcock proposed that it would not be appropriate for the council to visit the site given the active enforcement taking place by N Lincs Council at the present time, seconded by Cllr Coy. All in favour. Resolved.	
15/09/25	Town and Parish Council Liaison Meeting Cllr Coy gave feedback from the meeting regarding the Government reorganisation. Cllr Coy proposed to support N Lincs Council's proposal to remain as it is given the services that they provide to N Lincolnshire residents, seconded by Cllr Parkin. All in favour. Resolved.	
16/09/25	Poppy Wreath Section 137 Local Government Act 1972 Cllr Parkin proposed to purchase a poppy wreath under Section 137 Local Government Act 1972 and that Cllr Walker contact the bugler, seconded by Cllr Edward. All in favour. Resolved.	
17/09/25	Ward Councillor Report Ward Cllr Rose sent his apologies.	
18/09/25	Chairman's Items None.	
19/09/25	Date and Time of next meeting The next full council meeting will be held on Thursday 30 October 2025 7 pm in the Parish Room of Coronation Hall.	

	Noted.	
	Meeting closed at 8.04 pm.	