

OWSTON FERRY PARISH COUNCIL

These are the Minutes of the Full Council meeting of Owston Ferry Parish Council held on Thursday 26 February 2026, 7:00pm in the Parish Room at Coronation Hall.

In Attendance:

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

Ward Cllr Rose

Clare Boyall Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

4 Members of the Public

	Item	Proposer
01/02/26	Public Participation Session A member of the public spoke on the subject of the Fleethole and Corporation Road.	
02/02/26	Apologies None.	
03/02/26	Declarations of Interest None.	
04/02/26	Granting of Dispensations (Code of Conduct, 2012) None.	
05/02/26	Draft Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 29 January 2026 Cllr Coy proposed that the minutes of the full council meeting held on 29 January 2026 be accepted as a true record, seconded by Cllr Cole. All in favour. Resolved.	
06/02/26	Clerk's Report The Precept for 2026/2027 has been submitted. 3 quotations were requested for the required work on the trees in the cemetery, closed churchyard, recreation field and play area. The church has been contacted regarding a Faculty for the work required on the tree in the closed churchyard. The items for the refurbishment of the telephone box were ordered and have been delivered ready for this to take place in the Spring. Quotations have been received for new goal posts. These have been sent to the Chair for confirmation that they are suitable. These will then be presented to full council prior to a grant application. A resident has contacted the council about the cross field Public Rights of Way. They have contacted N Lincs Council who have written to the farmer concerned to ask that the footpaths are reinstated. These have not been reinstated. These are the same cross field paths that the council have contacted N Lincs Council previously. The resident will be contacting N Lincs Council again. Some drains on North Street and Church Street have been reported to N Lincs Council as they are silted up. Potholes on North Street and outside the Environment Agency have been reported to N Lincs Council.	

A football pitch agreement has been compiled and will be presented to full council at the next meeting.

N Lincs Council's Playing Pitch Strategy survey has been completed. A copy of the results of the survey has been requested to share with full council.

07/02/26 Financial Report

102545	Staff Salary	February Salary	Confidential
102546	C Boyall	Mileage	13.95
102547	HMRC	PAYE	Confidential
102548	Coronation Hall	Room Rental 2025	312.00
DD	Business Stream	Cemetery water Supply	5.50

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

08/02/26 ICO Membership

Cllr Parkin proposed to pay the ICO membership via Direct Debit at a cost of £47 saving the council £5 per year, seconded by Cllr Edward. All in favour. **Resolved.**

09/02/26 Insurance

Cllr Edward proposed to accept the quotation from Gallagher's Insurance, seconded by Cllr Coy. All in favour. **Resolved.**

10/02/26 Planning Permission Granted

Cllr Coy proposed to note that planning permission has been granted for PA/2025/1388, seconded by Cllr Trickett. All in favour. **Resolved.**

11/02/26 Playground Inspection

Cllr Cole performed a playground inspection on 24 February. All the gym equipment has been cleaned by Cllr Cole. There has been difficulty installing the new rubber handle and Cllr Cole will need assistance. There is a flat seat missing on one of the swings. This had been damaged and removed previously. The zipwire was checked and is at the correct height.

Cllr Walker extended thanks to Cllr Cole for cleaning the gym equipment.

12/02/26 IT Policy

Cllr Coy proposed that the updated NALC IT policy to replace the existing Parish Council IT policy be adopted, seconded by Cllr Walker. All in favour. **Resolved.**

13/02/26 Display Screen Equipment Policy

Cllr Coy proposed to adopt the Display Screen Equipment policy, seconded by Cllr Cole. All in favour. **Resolved.**

14/02/26 Data Protection Impact Assessment

Cllr Coy proposed to approve the Data Protection Impact Assessment, seconded by Cllr Edward. All in favour. **Resolved.**

15/02/26 Tree Survey Work

The quotations were discussed. It was noted that 3 of the trees on the recreation field quotation were actually N Lincs Council's trees and should not be included. It was also noted that the branch on the tree in the closed churchyard may have already failed. Cllr Walker will check this. There are tree stumps on the recreation field that also require to be removed. Cllr Coy proposed to accept Lincolnshire Tree Services quotation but with the above

	alterations and additions, seconded by Cllr Walker. All in favour. Resolved.	
16/02/26	<p>Grass Cutting and Weed Spraying Contract 2026 The quotations for the grass cutting and weed spraying contracts were discussed. It is not possible to accept the weed spraying contract due to the value of the contract offered by N Lincs Council. Cllr Parkin proposed that the Parish Council accept the contract with N Lincs Council for grass cutting of the verges, open spaces and Public Right of Way and to accept Yards Apart's quotation, seconded by Cllr Walker. All in favour.</p>	
17/02/26	<p>Community Awards 2026 The community awards were discussed briefly. This will be deferred to the next meeting in order that Cllrs can consider this and bring back information to the next meeting.</p>	
18/02/26	<p>Vermuyden 400 Cllr Coy advised that an initial meeting of the Vermuyden 400 working group had taken place. Ideas have included a scarecrow competition, an exhibition, a community day on the recreation field with old fashioned games, a picnic, a church service and a circus skills session. The circus skills would cost £300. Cllr Coy proposed to book a circus skills session at a cost of £300 to be taken from the events budget, seconded by Cllr Parkin. All in favour. Resolved.</p>	BC
19/02/26	<p>Best Kept Village Competition 2026 Cllr Cole proposed to enter the competition this year, seconded by Cllr Trickett. All in favour. Resolved.</p>	
20/02/26	<p>LGR Consultation for Greater Lincolnshire including North Lincolnshire and North East Lincolnshire Cllr Parkin proposed that the Clerk submit the Parish Council's support for the proposal to keep N Lincs Council as a sole unitary authority, seconded by Cllr Coy. All in favour. Resolved.</p>	
21/02/26	<p>Ward Councillor Report The Council Tax has been set at a 4.7% increase. The Just Go buses will continue until September but will then be taken in house by N Lincs Council. Residents should leave their old burgundy bins out for collection. Fourways Fisheries' appeal has been heard. The decision is that the bridge needs to be removed but the folly and substation can remain. All the hard standing must be removed by 9 August 2026 and the area reinstated to its previous state.</p>	
22/02/26	<p>Chairman's Items None.</p>	
23/02/26	<p>Date and Time of next meeting The next full council meeting will be held on Thursday 26 March 2026 7 pm in the Parish Room of Coronation Hall.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 7.40 pm.</p>	