

**OWSTON FERRY PARISH COUNCIL**

These are the Minutes of the Full Council meeting of Owston Ferry Parish Council held on Thursday 2 April 2026, 7:00pm in the Parish Room at Coronation Hall.

**In Attendance:**

Councillors Woodcock (Chair), Cole, Coy, Edward (from Item 8.3/03/26), Parkin, Rule, J Temperton, S Temperton, Trickett and Walker.

Clare Boyall Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

8 Members of the Public

	<b>Item</b>	<b>Proposer</b>
<b>01/03/26</b>	<b>Public Participation Session</b> A member of the public spoke on the subjects of council admin and planning application PA/2026/287. A member of the public advised that a 30 mph sign is missing at Gunthorpe.	
<b>02/03/26</b>	<b>Apologies</b> None.	
<b>03/03/26</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> None.	
<b>04/03/26</b>	<b>Granting of Dispensations (Code of Conduct, 2012)</b> None.	
<b>05/03/26</b>	<b>Draft Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 26 February 2026</b> Cllr Cole proposed that the minutes of the full council meeting held on 26 February 2026 be accepted as a true record, seconded by Cllr J Temperton. All in favour. <b>Resolved.</b>	
<b>06/03/26</b>	<b>Clerk's Report</b> The grass verge, open space and PROW contract was accepted with N Lincs Council. The contract documents were received and have been signed.  The quotations for the grass cutting have been accepted with the contractor.  The Parish Council's response was submitted to the Local Government Reorganisation consultation survey.  NL Active have confirmed that they will send us a copy of the survey of pitches when it is completed.  Lincolnshire Tree Services have been contacted and changes requested to the work that needs to be carried out from the tree report.  The invoice for the Pinfold rent has been sent to the surgery.  A resident has contacted the Parish Council regarding footpaths 135 and 137. The farmer has yet again failed to reinstate the cross field footpaths. They had written to N Lincs Council and Lee Pitcher MP and since that time 135 has been reinstated but not footpath 137. However, communication has been sent to the Principal Access and Commons Officer to request that action is now taken as this is a perennial issue with these footpaths and they will be due to be planted soon when the surface will again be disturbed.	

The Parish Council's insurance has now been moved to the new insurance company.

Following the recent issues with the email provider and the old system, migration of the old mailboxes will take place as soon as possible to the new council email accounts that were sent out to Cllrs.

The Remembrance Sunday road closure has been applied for.

The last cut of the 2025/2026 contract for the PROWs has been completed and the first cut of the verges for the 2026/2027 contract will be completed next week.

Footpath 134 has had tree branches from a neighbouring property thrown over a fence onto the public footpath. This had been reported last year but has occurred again this year. This will impede the grass contractor and therefore N Lincs Council will again be contacted.

**07/03/26 Financial Report**

102549	Staff Salary	March	Confidential
102550	C Boyall	Mileage	29.25
102550	C Boyall	Laptop	557.98
102550	C Boyall	Printer Cartridge	28.42
102550	C Boyall	Postage	13.60
102550	C Boyall	Gem Computers Laptop Set Up and Transfer	100.00
102551	HMRC	PAYE	Confidential
102552	Yards Apart	Cut 4 2025/2026	750.12
102553	Paul Haywood	Gunthorpe Play Area Hedge	375.00
102554	Glover and Co	Professional Fees 2025	408.00
102555	C Boyall	Home Office Allowance Mar-May	78.00
102556	Vision ICT	Website Host, Emails and SSL Cert 2026/2027	539.58
102557	ERNLLCA	Annual Membership 2026/2027	721.42
102558	A J Gallagher	Insurance 2026/2027	1751.65
102559	CPRE	Best Kept Village 2026	40.00
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 Coy. All in favour. **Resolved.**

**08/03/26**  
08.1

**Planning Application**

**Application No: PA/2026/199**

**Proposal:** Application for an extension to 25 North Street, Owston Ferry (previous approvals - PA/2022/765 and PA/2023/792)

**Site:** 25 North Street, Owston Ferry, Doncaster, DN9 1RT

Cllr Coy proposed that no comment be made, seconded by Cllr Parkin. All in favour. **Resolved.**

Cllr Edward entered the meeting room.

**Application No: PA/2026/278**

08.2

	<p><b>Proposal:</b> Planning permission to carry out alteration to the existing dwelling and to construct two storey side extension to create a double garage/storage in the ground floor, a balcony on the south elevation and to install 9.1kW PV solar array to east roof slope of the new extension  <b>Site:</b> Hill Crest, East Lound Road, Owston Ferry, DONCASTER, DN9 1BA</p> <p>Cllr Coy proposed that no comment be made, seconded by Cllr S Temperton. All in favour. <b>Resolved.</b></p>	
08.3	<p><b>Application No: PA/2026/287</b>  <b>Proposal:</b> Planning permission for demolition of existing dwelling and replacement with a self-build dwelling  <b>Site:</b> Frog Hall, Bagsby Road, Owston Ferry, DN9 1AJ</p> <p>Cllr Temperton proposed to support this application but to register the Parish Council concerns regarding the lack of drainage and the access and egress on this site, seconded by Cllr Coy. 5 in favour, 3 against, 2 abstentions.  <b>Resolved.</b></p>	
08.4	<p><b>Application No: PA/2026/349</b>  <b>Proposal:</b> Application to determine if prior approval is required for the existing 15m monopole to be removed and replaced by a 20.72m telecommunications mast with ancillary development thereto within existing compound area  <b>Site:</b> Coronation Hall, High Street, Owston Ferry, DN9 1RH</p> <p>Cllr Coy proposed that no comment be made, seconded by Cllr S Temperton. All in favour. <b>Resolved.</b></p>	
09/03/26	<p><b>Playground Inspection</b>  Cllr Cole performed a playground inspection on 26 March. All equipment at Gunthorpe is clean. The rubber handle on a piece of gym equipment at Owston Ferry is still half on. Assistance is still needed to fully install this. A distinct lack of litter was noted on the recreation field.</p>	
10/03/26	<p><b>Urgent Action taken by the Clerk</b>  Cllr Trickett proposed to note and resolve that the Clerk purchased a new laptop at a cost of £549.99 ex VAT and the transfer of data and set up at a cost of £100 under section 6.9 (ii) of the Parish Council's Financial Regulations due to the failure of the previous Parish Council's laptop, seconded by Cllr Walker. All in favour. <b>Resolved.</b></p>	
11/03/26	<p><b>Annual Parish Meeting</b>  Cllr Coy proposed to note that the Annual Parish Meeting will take place on 22 May 2026 at 6.30 pm and that this meeting will take place on 12 May for 2027 next year, seconded by Cllr Edward. All in favour. <b>Resolved.</b></p>	
12/03/26	<p><b>Community Awards 2026</b>  The community awards will be added to the agenda of the Annual Parish Meeting to discuss with residents and will now take place in 2027.</p>	
13/03/26	<p><b>Recreation Field Pitch Hire Agreement</b>  This was discussed. Cllr Trickett proposed that the hire of the football pitch will be billed monthly and that all fixtures should be given to the Clerk prior to the start of the season for clubs, seconded by Cllr Coy. 9 in favour, 1 abstention.  <b>Resolved.</b></p>	

14/03/26	<p><b>Community In Bloom Grant</b> Cllr Trickett proposed that planters, compost and plants should be requested for the In Bloom grant this year and to have a village display competition with a first, second and third prize similar to last year, seconded by Cllr Parkin. All in favour. <b>Resolved.</b></p>	
15/03/26	<p><b>Best Kept Village</b> Cllr Trickett proposed that the location of community planting for the CPRE 100 would be on the recreation field, seconded by Cllr Parkin. All in favour. <b>Resolved.</b></p>	
16/03/26	<p><b>N Lincs Council Grass Cutting Contract</b> Cllr S Temperton proposed to note the contract documentation and that this has been signed by the Clerk, seconded by Cllr Walker. All in favour. <b>Resolved.</b></p>	
17/03/26	<p><b>Casual Vacancy</b> Cllr Parkin proposed that Mrs Pescador Smith be co-opted onto the Parish Council, seconded by Cllr Edward 4 in favour. Cllr Trickett proposed that Ms Pettman be co-opted onto the Parish Council, seconded by Cllr Cole. 6 in favour.</p> <p>It was <b>Resolved</b> that Ms Pettman be co-opted onto the Parish Council.</p>	
18/03/26	<p><b>Ward Councillor Report</b> Ward Cllr Rose had sent his apologies.</p>	
19/03/26	<p><b>Chairman's Items</b> None.</p>	
20/03/26	<p><b>Date and Time of next meeting</b> The next full council meeting will be held on Thursday 30 April 2026 7 pm in the Parish Room of Coronation Hall.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p><i>Vote to exclude the press and public due to an exemption as defined in paragraph 1 of part 1 of schedule 12a of the Local Government Act 1972, also in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s1(2) due to the confidential nature of the items to be discussed.</i></p> <p>Cllr Parkin proposed to exclude the press and public, seconded by Cllr Cole. All in favour. <b>Resolved.</b></p>	
21/03/26	<p><b>The Fleethole</b> The new lease was discussed. Cllr Parkin proposed that the lease be offered for a 2 year period, to use the Land Registry map and that the Clerk be given authority to request removal of items if the lease is not signed, seconded by Cllr Cole. All in favour. <b>Resolved.</b></p> <p>Meeting closed at 8.27 pm.</p>	