

OWSTON FERRY PARISH COUNCIL

These are the Minutes of the Full Council meeting of Owston Ferry Parish Council held on Thursday 30 April 2026, 7:00pm in the Parish Room at Coronation Hall.

In Attendance:

Councillors Woodcock (Chair), Cole, Pettman, Rule, J Temperton, S Temperton, Trickett, Walker and Ward Cllr Rose.

Clare Boyall Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

6 Members of the Public

01/04/26 Public Participation Session

3 members of the public spoke on the subject of Owston Ferry Sports Club.

02/04/26 Apologies

Cllr Coy and Edward.

03/04/26 Declarations of Interest

None.

04/04/26 Granting of Dispensations (Code of Conduct, 2012)

None.

05/04/26 Draft Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 2 April 2026

Cllr Rule proposed that the minutes of the full council meeting held on 2 April 2026 be accepted as a true record, seconded by Cllr Coy. All in favour. **Resolved.**

06/04/26 Clerk's Report

The missing 30 mph sign in Gunthorpe has been reported.

The documentation and invoice were sent to the Crooked Billet on 4 April for signature and payment for the Fleethole. A follow up email was sent as no reply had been received. A reply was received to confirm that the owners wished to continue to rent the land but the signed paperwork and confirmation of payment has not been received as yet.

The annual audit work is being undertaken and all documentation has been submitted to the internal auditor

The work on the trees has been completed. However, there is still 1 tree in the closed churchyard that requires attention. An update on the Faculty has been requested from the Church Warden.

The In Bloom grant application and supporting paperwork have been submitted

The invoices for the allotments have been sent and 1 payment has been received so far.

An email has been sent to the Principal Access and Commons Officer to advise that there has been a second disturbance of footpaths 135 and 137 and that a notice has been put up to divert members of the public away from the legal line of the footpath.

07/04/26 Financial Report

102560	SLCC	2025/2026 Replacement Chg	150.00
102561	SLCC	Annual Membership 2026/2027	200.00
102562	Yards Apart	Verges Cut 1	595.80
102563	Mr Ruff	Litter Picking 2026/2027	600.00

102564	Staff Salary	March replacement Chq due to spoilage when signing	Confidential
102565	Staff Salary	April Salary	Confidential
102566	C Boyall	Mileage	27.90
102567	HMRC	PAYE	Confidential
102568	B Keighery	Cut 1 Owston ferry Rec and Gunthorpe Play Area	450.00
102568	B Keighery	Cut 2 Owston ferry Rec and Gunthorpe Play Area	450.00
102568	B Keighery	Cut 3 Owston ferry Rec and Gunthorpe Play Area	450.00
102568	B Keighery	Cut 4 Owston ferry Rec and Gunthorpe Play Area	450.00
102569	P Hinds	Grass Cutting Cemetery and Closed Churchyard 23/3/26	245.00
102570	ICCM	Annual Membership 2026/2027	110.00
102571	Lincolnshire Tree Services	Tree Work Owston ferry Recreation Field and Cemetery	2712.00
102571	Lincolnshire Tree Services	Tree Work Gunthorpe Play Area	450.00
DD	Business Stream	Cemetery water Supply	5.50

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

08/04/26 **Asset Register and Disposal**

Cllr Walker proposed to approve the disposal of the broken ASUS laptop and that the Asset Register then be approved, seconded by Cole. All in favour. **Resolved.**

09/04/26 **Playground Inspection**

An inspection has been carried out by Cllr Cole. All equipment is in good working order. However, the swing seats need to be cleaned. The Clerk advised that she had noticed that the safety surface under a piece of equipment on the recreation field has been vandalised. Quotations will be sought.

10/04/26 **Planning Decisions**

Cllr S Temperton proposed to note that planning application PA/2026/278 and PA/2026/199 have been granted, seconded by Cllr Walker. All in favour. **Resolved.**

11/04/26 **Vermuyden 400 Event**

Cllr Trickett proposed that the Parish Room should be hired at a cost of £60 for the Vermuyden 400 event and that printing costs for this event be approved at a cost of £60, seconded by Cllr Cole. All in favour. **Resolved.**

12/04/26 **Best Kept Village**

This will be deferred to the next meeting.

13/04/26 **Lincolnshire Folk Tales**

Cllr Cole proposed to give permission to include Owston Ferry in a Folk Tale Trail, seconded by Cllr Pettman. All in favour. **Resolved.**

14/04/26 **Community Payback**

Cllr Trickett proposed that the Parish Council submit an interest in this scheme, seconded by Cllr Pettman. All in favour. **Resolved.**

15/04/26 **Owston Ferry Sports Club**

Cllr Rule advised that that he thought the cost of hiring the pitch was high compared to other pitches in the league. Cllr Woodcock pointed out that grass cutting costs had

increased significantly over the past few years and that the Parish Council have a duty to seek other funding in order to reduce the burden of costs on residents. The cost of Owston Ferry Sports Club hiring the football pitch was discussed at length.

Cllr J Temperton proposed that the hire of the football pitch be set at £20 per match, no seconder.

Cllr Trickett proposed that the hire of the football pitch be set at £15 per match, seconded by Cllr S Temperton. 2 in favour.

Cllr Cole proposed that the hire of the football pitch be set at £200 per season, seconded by Cllr Pettman. 5 in favour. **Resolved.**

Cllr Trickett proposed that the £200 fee be payable prior to the use of the pitch, that the agreement must be signed and all fixtures, insurance and a risk assessment must be produced prior to any use of the football pitch, seconded by Cllr Cole. All in favour. **Resolved.**

16/04/26 Positive Activities Scheme

Cllr Pettman proposed to approve the request by the Youth Engagement and Quality Coordinator to use of the recreation field for a Youth Van and activities on 11 August 2026, seconded by Cllr Cole. All in favour. **Resolved.**

17/04/16 Ward Councillor Report

The new bins have now been delivered but Ward Cllr Rose would like any resident who has not received a new bin to contact him. There is now a local Isle team who will be dealing with any reports of missed bins.

The new Connect2 bus service has now started and will be bookable 1 week in advance. Any resident who heats their house by oil can apply for £100 towards the cost via the N Lincs Council website. This is not means tested.

There is a trial at 8 schools in Scunthorpe of CCTV and parking wardens to enforce no parking near to the schools. This is likely to be rolled out across N Lincolnshire.

18/04/26 Chairman's Items

None.

19/04/26 Date and Time of Next Meeting

Full Parish Council Meeting Thursday 28 May 2026 at 7 pm in the Parish Room of Coronation Hall.

Meeting closed at 7.46 pm.