

OWSTON FERRY PARISH COUNCIL

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

In Attendance:

Councillors Woodcock (Chair), Cole, Pettman, Rule, J Temperton, Trickett and Walker

Clare Boyall Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

Ward Cllr Rose

6 Members of the Public

01/07/26 Public Participation Session

A member of the public spoke about the Fleethole and Corporation Road.

A member of the public spoke about a local company.

02/07/26 Apologies

Cllrs B Coy, S Temperton, C Edward and A Parkin.

03/07/26 Declarations of Interest

None.

04/07/26 Granting of Dispensations (Code of Conduct, 2012)

None.

05/07/26 Draft Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 25 June 2026

Cllr Rule proposed that the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 25 June 2026 be accepted as a true record, seconded by Cllr Cole. All in favour. **Resolved.**

06/07/26 Clerk's Report

The In Bloom grant acceptance form has been returned to the Community Grant's team.

A letter has been sent to the Crooked Billet to advise that the Parish Council will manage and maintain the Fleethole and the offer of renting the land has been withdrawn as no paperwork has been returned.

Following the reports sent to the Principal Access and Commons Officer earlier this year Footpath 132 has been resurfaced and cleared.

The grass contractor for the recreation field and Gunthorpe play area has advised that only 1 cut was needed to be done in July due to the adverse weather conditions. He will monitor the growth during August.

Quotations have been requested for the remaining fencing at Gunthorpe play area that needs to be replaced.

A site visit was arranged for yesterday with another company at the recreation field regarding the proposed new fencing. Unfortunately, the company did not attend.

The letter of support has been compiled and sent for the Lincolnshire Folk Tale trail.

2 quotations were finally obtained for new goal posts. Unfortunately, when logging in to the Football Foundation it now seems that they have removed 1 supplier from their approved supplier list. An email has been sent to the Football Foundation to check that this supplier is no longer approved before another quotation is sought.

For safety reasons the gate on Gunthorpe play area has been fixed as an emergency measure at a cost of £175. The gate springs had been over stretched and the closing latch had been bent. Another set of heavy duty springs has been added and the latch has been straightened. An extra spring has also been added as well as new bolts and washers.

An issue arose at the weekend as a metal post appeared in the grass on the recreation field. This is no doubt due to shrinkage of the ground. A member of the football team kindly removed the top of the post below ground level. On investigation it seems that this was the area where the tennis courts used to be situated and there could have been a small amount of post left in the ground when they were removed. The grass contractor has been informed for safety reasons and an inspection of the whole area was carried out yesterday. The grass contractor has also inspected the area. No further evidence of posts was found.

The Parish Council have been awarded 3rd place in the Best Kept Village competition and the White Hart have been awarded 2nd place in the Best Kept Pub category. This will be added to the September agenda. The Clerk will send letters of thanks to the Parish Council working Group.

07/07/26 Financial Report

Cheque	Recipient	Purpose	Nett Amount	VAT	Total
102594	B Coy	Compost	32.49		32.49
102595	Staff Salary	July			Confidential
102596	C Boyall	Mileage	34.10	0	34.10
102597	HMRC	PAYE			Confidential
102598	P Hinds	Grass Cutting at Cemetery and Closed Churchyard on 5/6 29/6	490.00	0	490.00
102599	Yards Apart	PROW Cut 2 balance	61.90	12.38	74.28
102600	G Tune and Sons	Plants	40.83	8.17	49.00
102601	B Coy	Rope for Flag Pole	10.95	0	10.95
102601	B Coy	Compost	21.60	0	21.60
102601	B Coy	Compost	7.40	0	7.40
102601	B Coy	Plants/Bulbs	117.93	0	117.93
102602	N Lincs Council	Gunthorpe Play Area Rent	10.00	0	10.00
102603	Play Inspection Company	Annual Playground Inspection	230.00	46.00	276.00
DD	Business Stream	Cemetery Water Supply	5.50	0	5.50

Cllr Rule proposed that the financial report be accepted and the cheques should be signed including £175 to Fieldside Fabrications for the repair of the gate at Gunthorpe play area, seconded by Cllr Pettman. All in Favour. **Resolved.**

08/07/26 Playground Inspection

08.1 The playground inspection report was noted.

08.2 The annual playground inspection report was discussed. The Clerk has already identified companies to obtain a quotation for the vandalised safety surface. A quotation has been sought for the fence at Gunthorpe play area and the gate has been repaired.

Cllr Walker proposed to note both the playground inspection report and the annual playground inspection report, seconded by Cllr Trickett. All in favour. **Resolved.**

09/07/26 Planning Decisions

09.1 Planning application PA/2026/381 has been granted.

- 09.2 Prior approval is required and is given for planning application PA/2026/558.
- Cllr Rule proposed to note 09.1 and 09.2 planning decisions, seconded by Cllr Trickett. All in favour. **Resolved.**
- 10/07/26 The Fleethole**
The Clerk advised that the Parish Council's grass contractor will cut this area free of charge from now on as long as the area is clear of items due to the machinery that will be used. The ongoing use of this land was discussed. Suggestions included using the site for a future beacon, placing a Christmas tree on this site at Christmas and installing an information board to show the historical use of the land. Cllr Cole confirmed that he had spoken to the Land Registry and they had confirmed that the land is the Parish Council's. He will obtain this in writing to be kept alongside the official ruling by the Common's Commissioner.
- 11/07/26 Corporation Road TC**
This was discussed. Cllr Cole has obtained a form from the Land Registry and this can be filed at a cost of £73. Cllr Woodcock proposed to obtain quotations for a surveyor to look at Corporation Road and The Fleethole at the same time, seconded by Cllr Trickett. All in favour. **Resolved.**
- 12/07/26 Millennium Clock Service**
Cllr Walker proposed to have the clock serviced at a cost of £324 plus VAT, seconded by Cllr Cole. All in favour. **Resolved.**
- 13/07/26 Gunthorpe Telephone Box**
The Clerk had checked the historical records and paperwork has been found to confirm that the telephone boxes at Owston Ferry and Gunthorpe are both owned by the Parish Council. Cllr Trickett proposed to add the Gunthorpe telephone box to the Asset Register at £1, seconded by Cllr Walker. All in favour. **Resolved.**
- 14/07/26 Telephone Box Refurbishment**
Cllr Pettman proposed to thank the residents that refurbished the Owston Ferry telephone box and that paint and primer can be purchased to refurbish the Gunthorpe telephone box, seconded by Cllr J Temperton. All in Favour. **Resolved.**
- 16/07/26 Rope for the Flagpole**
Cllr Trickett proposed that Cllr Coy be reimbursed for a new rope for the flagpole at a cost of £10.95 as the existing rope had broken when the new flag was raised, seconded by Cllr Rule. All in favour. **Resolved.**
- 17/07/26 Local Government Reorganisation**
Cllr Rule proposed to note the conclusion of the Government's Greater Lincolnshire Local Government reorganisation has concluded and that N Lincolnshire Council will remain a unitary authority., seconded by Cllr Cole. All in favour. **Resolved.**
- 18/07/26 Cemetery Path I Walker**
Quotations had been received previously for the relaying of the cemetery path. Cllr Walker proposed that updated quotations be obtained for the renewal of the cemetery path, seconded by Cllr Trickett. All in favour. **Resolved.**
- 19/07/16 Football Pitch Hire Request**
Cllr Pettman proposed to agree that fixtures for a recent football pitch hire request be submitted to the Clerk as soon as they are available rather than at the time of booking., seconded by Cllr Trickett. All in favour. **Resolved.**

- 20/07/26 Standards Committee Annual Report**
Cllr Rule proposed to note the Standards Committee Annual Report, seconded by Cllr Cole. All in favour. **Resolved.**
- 21/07/26 Flagpoles**
The Clerk advised that she had been unable to find companies that were willing to install the proposed flagpoles in the locations. This was discussed. Cllr Trickett proposed that the grant be applied for and that it would be possible to install the flagpoles at the locations, seconded by Cllr J Temperton. All in favour. **Resolved.**
- 22/07/26 Ward Councillor Report**
The Local Plan has had to be re-started due to new information received from the Government. There will be consultation next year.
Fourways Fisheries were given a deadline to remove unauthorised items and so far this has not taken place. Enforcement of this will take place.
Ward Cllr Rose congratulated Owston Ferry Parish Council on obtaining 3rd in the Best Kept Village competition and the White Hart for being awarded 2nd place in the Best Kept pub category.
- 23/07/26 Chairman's Items**
None.
- 24/07/26 Date and Time of Next Meeting**
Full Parish Council Meeting Thursday 24 September 2026 at 7 pm in the Parish Room of Coronation Hall.
Noted.
- Meeting closed at 7.40 pm.