

OSBOURNBY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Notes of Meeting held on Wednesday 5th November 2025 in the Village Hall

Public forum: 2 members of the public were present. One resident asked if anything was happening to the piece of land next to the new development on The Drove. Cllr Jackson advised that following a meeting some months ago, the Estate was going to look and see if they could find the deeds to the land. Nothing has been heard since despite a number of emails. It had been suggested at that meeting that the land may be suitable for a playground. On completion and sale of the 7th house on the new development a sum of money will be given to the Parish Council for a playground however land for said playground will need to be found. The money will need to be spent within 5 years.

There being no further comments from the Public Forum the meeting commenced.

58. Apologies: Cllr Dixon

59. In attendance: Cllrs Jackson (Chair), Bide, Baldwin, North, Wright and Baker. Mrs King Clerk. County Cllr Whitaker

60. Notes of meeting held on 10th September, already circulated were agreed. Proposed Cllr Baldwin, Seconded Cllr North.

61. Chairman's and District Council Report: Cllr Jackson had circulated his District Council report earlier. With regards to local issues Cllr Jackson advised that he had been advised that the builders on the new development on the Drove were starting work early and playing music loudly. Cllr Jackson visited the site foreman regarding this and also introduced himself to the new residents. A bench had been offered to the village from Sue Thom, and it was thought that the bench could go around the tree by the phone box. However discussion needs to be had regarding the possibility of moving the bus stop to that area too. A resident had also advised that a memorial bench to the serviceman who died in the spitfire accident is available. However after discussion it was felt that this was not suitable for Osbournby as there was no connection with him.

Cllr Jackson also advised that it is now more appropriate for councillors to have a dedicated email for council business which would be a gov.uk address. Cllr Jackson will look into costs etc but it was agreed that this would be a good idea and that as a councillor leaves the email address would be shut down. Cllr Jackson to discuss with other local Parish councils who have already set this up.

62. County Council Report: Cllr Whitaker advised that bags of additional salt were being made available. The village has two salt bins and it was decided to see if an additional bag could be stored in Fern Farm barn.

An email has been received from Stuart Eccles regarding moving the bus stop from the London Road to the village square. As this is an agenda item it was agreed to discuss later. The large solar farm at Gainsborough has been given the go ahead.

63. Clerk's Report: Mrs King reported that she had received notice that avian flu had been found in Boston. Also a poster regarding the reservoir had been received and both will be put on Facebook and in the notice board.

Mrs King had sent out, prior to the meeting, budget against spend. To date everything is on target. No contribution from the Parish Council was needed for the Chance to Share update

when the school became an academy. Cllr Jackson arranged a better deal for the wifi in the village hall, which meant that no charges are being made this year.

Mrs King had applied for a litter picking grant from NKDC and the sum of £128.03 had been received today. It is hoped to buy a few more high viz jackets for the twice yearly tidy days. Cllr Baldwin to look into this. LCC have paid £1,445.85 towards the cost of verge cutting. Bank balances as at 5th November stand at Parish Council £4,684.91 (A&P travel to donate £385.83 towards cost of skip). Cemetery Account stands at £33,220.06.

64. Village tidy day - 8th November 2026. Posters have been put out and information on Facebook, it was also advertised in the newsletter. The village hall is being used on the day so Cllr North has agreed to make bacon butties and serve tea and coffee in the church porch. Mrs King to purchase provisions. Mrs King has walked around the village making note of areas which need attention. Most of the work will be collecting leaves and fallen twigs or branches. The footpath around the school also needs attention. All drains need to be cleared of leaves. To meet at village hall at 9.30 with appropriate tools and gloves.

Village Skip: Saturday 22nd November. Will be delivered to the village square at 8 a.m. and taken away at 11.30. Mrs King has done poster showing what items are not accepted. Cllrs Jackson and Bide will man the skip. A&P Travel are sponsoring the skip.

65. The Hub: Cllr Jackson said that it continues to attract a small number of residents. Those that attend find it useful.
66. Community Speed Watch and speeding on The Drove. Cllr Jackson advised that due to dark evenings the CSW will restart in the spring, but that he would advise of the number of speeding vehicles caught this year. The Parish Council had been approached by a new resident on The Drove complaining of the speed that vehicles including farm vehicles were driving past. It may be possible to do a speed watch on the Drove. Three new passive 30 mph signs have been ordered at a cost of £20 each. Cllr Wright has offered to put them up when they arrive.
67. Community Resilience & Emergency Plan Update: Cllr Jackson advised he needs to speak to Silk Willoughby who would be the back up for Osbournby. The plan will then be ready.
68. Proposed New bus stop. Following the recent application to move the bus stop into the layby, which was rejected, plans are now being put forward to move the bus stop to the village square by the phone box. A new hardstanding would be laid. A discussion followed as to whether there was a need to move the bus stop, given the infrequency of buses in the village and Cllr Wright suggested that a layby is made by the existing bus stop, similar to that on the west side of the A15. Cllr Jackson to take this forward.
69. Update from Aswarby Estate: Despite emails requesting an update no information is available.

70. Payments since last meeting: The following payments have been made:

12.9.2025:	LALC – Website maintenance – 3 hours	£64.80
19.9.2025:	Bank charges	£4.25
30.9.2025:	Mrs E King (inc. HMRC)	£625.00
6.10.2025:	Tidy Gardens & Grounds	£275.00
19.10.2025:	Bank charges	£4.25
23.10.2025:	Tidy Gardens and Grounds	£550.00
3.11.2025:	Osbournby Village Hall	£18.00

3.11.2025:	3 x 30mph passive speed signs	£60.00
3.11.2025:	Bourne Skip Hire	£463.00

Payments received:

10.10.2025:	LCC – grass cutting	£1,444.85
9.10.2025:	Interest	£16.37
5.11.25:	Litter picking grant	£128.03

71. Planning Matters: No planning applications have been received.
72. Donations: A request for a donation has been received from CAB. There is still a budget of £200 for donations so it was agreed that £100 would be sent to CAB. Proposed Cllr Jackson, seconded Cllr Bide.
73. Correspondence: No correspondence received which has not been discussed.
74. Dates of next meetings: **Please note the January meeting has now been changed to Wednesday 21st January.** 4th March 2026, 6th May (to include annual meeting), 1st July, 2nd September and 4th November.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.44 p.m.