



## MINUTES

### Orston Parish Council meeting Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2026 at 7pm in the Village Hall

Present	Actions
<b>Cllrs</b>	
Gerry McMahon (GM), Harry Batchford (HB), Paul Brandon (PB), Angela Probert (AP), Astrid Moules (AM), Linda Shirt (LS), Jo Napper (JN)	
<b>Also in Attendance</b>	
Wendy Wakefield (WW) Clerk, BCllr Chris Grocock (CG), CCllr Stephen Pearson (SP)	
<b>Public</b>	
0 Members of the public (MOP) in attendance	
<b>1. Apologies for Absence:</b>	
None	
<b>2. Declarations of Interest:</b>	
None	
<b>3. Approval of Minutes of the Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2026 - Approved</b>	
<b>4. Correspondence/Complaints</b>	
❖ N/A	
<b>5. Open Session for Members of the Public:</b>	
❖ None	
<b>6. Planning:</b>	
❖ <b>Applications (previously circulated):</b> None	
❖ <b>Decisions (previously circulated):</b> None	
❖ <b>Late Applications Received:</b> N/A	
❖ <b>Other Information (Previously circulated):</b> Proposed Footpath Diversion (FP16) – Vale Cottage – Noted. No objections.	
<b>7. Finance:</b>	
a) <b>Clerk's report</b> – January as expected. WW advised councillors about Assertion 10 compliance regarding Data Protection and digital infrastructure – Work on the data protection policy is ongoing. Councillors agreed to stick with current emails for now as although they are not government domain, they are specific to OPC.	<b>WW</b>
b) <b>Expense Requests/Payments</b> – Payments totalling £1117.08 were discussed & approved <b>for February 2025.</b>	
c) <b>Income other than interest</b> – A £45 overpayment has been repaid.	
<b>8. Orston Community Groups updates/reports etc..</b>	
The Produce show has been organised for September 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2026 - school will be involved.	
<b>9. County/Borough Councillor Reports:</b>	
<b>SP</b> - Main CC budget meeting is coming up. it's likely that a 4% council tax increase will be approved. Potholes are still a major problem that have been discussed at county level, but little is proposed to deal with this at present due to lack of finances. HB suggested that this should be a priority, SP assured all present that he is working hard to bring this to the forefront. AP suggested writing to the head of the council and the portfolio holder for highways (Bert Bingham) about this. SP to send details for compensation claims etc...	<b>SP</b>
<b>CG</b> – RBC now has a mixed party working group for local government reorganisation. A consultation is now open until 26 <sup>th</sup> March where stakeholders can make comment. A decision will be made in July.	
<b>10. Parish Councillor Reports (items not already on the agenda)</b>	
<b>GM</b> – Asked again about speed signs and cameras which seem better in other neighbouring counties. GM updated councillors on the pavement parking situation on Lombard street (a letter had been sent) unfortunately it was still happening. GM had visited the resident who	

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agreed to sort it out. GM had also been in touch with Alex Herod (VIA) re flooding on Mill & Spa lanes. Work appears to have been done to improve the situation. Thanks have been expressed to Alex on behalf of the parish council.

**HB** – A resident had asked if signs could be put up to show potholes. All agreed that this would be difficult, it was agreed to continue reporting these and to advise residents to do the same. HB shared some advice about **999 calls** if the caller was in an emergency situation and unable to speak. In these circumstances dialling **55** would alert police of a genuine emergency rather than a hoax.

**11. Matters for Consideration:**

a) **Neighbourhood Plan (CG/AP)** – AP shared that consultation regarding this closed on 6<sup>th</sup> Feb. She has received the following update from Patrick Slater who is leading the process at RBC. ‘Having conducted consultation on designating Cranmer as a Neighbourhood Area I can confirm to you that a report has been produced for Cabinet's consideration. This will be taken to Cabinet on Tuesday the 10th of March. As I said on the phone, the contents of my report can't yet be discussed but will be published alongside supporting material when an outcome is decided at Cabinet. There were both positive and critical responses to the consultation which will be given weight in any decision as will the duty for local authorities to be proactive in supporting neighbourhood planning. CG has spoken to all councils, the clerk from Aslockton has agreed to look at possible costs. AP asked if borough & county councillors would contribute CG said that it might be possible SP was unsure at this time. AP hoped to update councillors at the next meeting.

**AP**

b) **Bulletin Update (WW)** – Henry Price has agreed to take this on initially on a trial basis. We are aiming for an April edition. He has spent time with John Hart to ensure a smooth transition.

c) **The future of new residents’ meetings (All)** – All present agreed that this had been successful but maybe a little expensive. We will look again at the September meeting.

d) **Village Maintenance (PB)** – PB is awaiting information from Notts CC re moving/erecting bollards on the Green and the Triangle he will report back at the next meeting. The bench on the Triangle will be erected by the grafters in March. The spa hedge has now been sorted. PB has planted some snowdrops near the hall. PB completed a litter pick on Smite and Spa lanes. We will be applying for the lengthsman scheme in the next month. Dog mess signs will also be put up in the village.

**PB**

**12. Next Meeting** Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2026 7pm - Village Hall

**13. Closure of the Meeting: 8.05pm**

Signed ..... Date

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