



MINUTES

Orston Parish Council meeting Wednesday 24th June 2026 at 7pm in the Village Hall

Present		Actions
Cllrs	Gerry McMahon (GM), Angela Probert (AP) (arrived 7.18pm), Harry Batchford (HB), Astrid Moules (AM),) Jo Napper (JN).	
Also in Attendance	Wendy Wakefield (WW) Clerk, Cllr Stephen Pearson, BCllr Chris Grocock (CG)	
Public	Members of the public (MOP) in attendance: 1 Tony Benton (TB)	
1.	Apologies for Absence: Paul Brandon (PB), Linda Shirt (LS)	
2.	Declarations of Interest: None.	
3.	Approval of Minutes of the Meeting held on 27 th May 2026. - Approved	
4.	Correspondence/Complaints – None	
5.	Open Session for Members of the Public: TB would like the Parish Council to contact the Royal Mail regarding the lack of deliveries. Astrid suggested that TB contact James Naish a local MP who had actively been addressing this. WW to send contact details to TB. TB asked if the noticeboard could be used to advertise meetings WW suggested that the noticeboard needed some attention as the boards need replacing with proper pin board and the lock doesn't work. Grafters to be asked to look at this. What do the Parish Council think about the flags flying in the village? It is on private land so we can't do anything.	WW WW/ PB
6.	Planning: ❖ Applications (previously circulated): 26/01003/FUL – Mr Tristan Lynch -Rear first floor extension over existing family area – The Old Cottage, The Green, Orston NG13 9NZ - New application – No objections ❖ Decisions (previously circulated): 25/00471/OUT- Ferrier - Development Lombard Street - PERMISSION DENIED ON APPEAL - Noted ❖ Late Applications/Decisions Received: 26/00751/FUL – Ms Dexter entrance porch and raising of roof line, Churchside Farm. PERMISSION GRANTED - Noted ❖ Other Information (previously circulated): N/A	
7.	Finance: Clerk's report: WW shared news of a healthy budget. Following a successful audit, Orston Parish Council certified itself exempt from a limited assurance review, this has now been upheld by external auditors PKF Littlejohn and all required information has been sent to them and published as per requirements. Expense Requests/Payments: for June 2026 – Requests totalling £1417.34 which included mowing, Salary & HMRC payments, annual website and 'cloud storage' charges, grafters purchases & sundries were viewed & agreed by councillors. Income other than interest: None	
8.	Orston Community Groups updates/reports etc: None	
9.	County/Borough Councillor Reports: SP – Kilvington bends – SP has spoken to the relevant councillor responsible for that area and it is being addressed by VIA. Some work has been done but not all. Longhedge lane pot	

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hole work has been completed. Local Govt Reform is still underway. The badger sets previously reported are being looked at by wildlife experts. Parking issues on Lombard Street will be addressed in consultation soon. SP will chase dates.
CG – Still awaiting decisions on local Government reorganisation.

SP

10. Parish Councillor Reports (items not already on the agenda)

HB – Disappointed in pothole work on Longmoor Lane. Please could SP check if this work is actually finished. Grass cutting near the Smite crossroads isn't good enough and blocks visibility for drivers. SP will check this. HB has emailed VIA regarding some footpaths up Hill Road being overgrown. SP will ask if this is public highway or private land.
GM – GM reported some disrespect from drivers when trying to maintain the Churchyard. This is very disappointing.

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11. Matters for Consideration:

a) **Neighbourhood Plan Updates (AP)** – Support from Aslockton, Granby/Sutton & Whatton to move forward with the help of Patrick Slater (RBC). AP will contact the other villages. The group will plan an event to share information but it will move forward a step at a time. We will share what is important to each parish. A meeting will be arranged later in the year, likely October.

AP

b) **Village Maintenance (PB)**- Mowing is up to date. There has been an excellent response from VIA re clearing Smite Lane. The Mower has been serviced and batteries for the multitool purchased. Grafters work over the next month will include village hall maintenance and spa cleanup.

c) **Parking Issues (AP)** – Do we have any updates on the issues near the school? SP will try and get a more precise estimate of dates.

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d) **Bulletin (WW/PB)** – WW has been approached by Helen Prichett and John Hart regarding the re-introduction of the bulletin. WW suggested that this could become a joint venture which would hopefully reduce workload. Following a discussion with PB it seemed an appropriate moment to decide whether to continue with this, or whether to make it an online venture on the website rather than paper due to struggling to get distributors etc.. this has previously been discussed as a way forward. PB has had no comments regarding the lack of bulletin during the past few months. Councillors agreed to try an electronic version and a few printed versions for the pub and the shop. WW to discuss with Helen & John.

WW

12. **Next Meeting** Wednesday 29th July 2026 - 7pm

13. **Closure of the Meeting: 7.45pm**

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