

OSGODBY PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting, held on **Monday, 18th May 2026 at 7.30pm** in the **Village Hall**.

Present: Cllr J Trafford (Chair), Cllr A Wilkinson, Cllr S Slawson, Cllr L Brown

In attendance: Mrs M Williams (Clerk)

LCC/WLDC - Cllr S Bunney

Members of the public: 4

- 1) **Apologies for Absence - Ref 1**
None received

- 2) **To approve minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 19th May 2025 - Ref: 2**
The minutes were signed as a true record.
Resolved: To approve the draft minutes Proposed Cllr Trafford. Seconded Cllr Slawson. All in favour.

- 3) **Chairman's report - Ref: 3**
The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked all contributors to tonight's meeting.
Other issues throughout the year included:
 - a) **Cemetery Expansion**
The Council are still in the process of seeking a viable way to expand the cemetery. This has proven to be quite a challenging undertaking, but it still remains a priority.
 - b) **Transport and Infrastructure**
The bus stop on the A46 has now been correctly installed, following an initial placement error that created issues with visibility for oncoming vehicles. Unfortunately, we have not been able to secure a bus stop at Usselby as we were unable to demonstrate sufficient potential usage to justify an additional stop there.
 - c) **Extraordinary Meetings**
Two extraordinary meetings were called for parishioners to air their grievances, but as neither party turned up or gave a reason for their non-attendance, the complaints committee declared the matter closed. As a result of these events, the council adopted an Unreasonably Persistent or Vexatious Policy.
 - d) **Parish Pump Newsletter**
We continue to support the Parish Pump, our community newsletter. I am confident that you all appreciate the engaging articles that Claire, our editor, includes in each quarterly edition. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Claire, Alan and all the volunteers whose dedication ensures that the newsletter is published and delivered to homes across the parish.
 - e) **Council membership**
Cllr Boyles has resigned from her position. I wish to thank her for stepping in as Chair and for her work in coordinating the speed camera data. Cllr Slawson has agreed to take over the role. At present, the council is operating with only four councillors. We are actively considering various ways to increase our numbers and strengthen the council's capacity to serve the parish.
Our Parish Clerk has also resigned due to family commitments, and the council would like to thank her for all her hard work since joining the council.

- f) Road maintenance
We continue to raise concerns about the condition of Lincoln Lane with Cllr Bunney on your behalf. We have been assured that further work is planned to address these issues, but at present, there is no confirmed timescale for when this will take place.
- g) Community Engagement
Your feedback is always welcome, whether at our meetings or via email. We value your suggestions on areas where improvement is needed and are committed to taking your concerns seriously and doing our best to resolve them. The council collaborates with the local district and county council councillor to highlight issues such as road conditions and other matters that fall outside our direct remit.
- h) Council Vacancies
There are currently three vacancies on the council. We encourage interested parishioners to come forward and help us make a positive impact in our community.
- 4) **Report from Osgodby Primary School - Ref: 4**
The Headmaster gave his apologies for not being able to attend but did not send a report.
- 5) **Report from the Village Hall Committee - Ref: 5**
None received
- 6) **Report from Pegasus Childcare Nursery - Ref: 6**
None received
- 7) **Report from District/County Councillors - Ref: 7**
Cllr Bunney attended.
- 8) **Report from Market Rasen Police - Ref: 8**
PC Rachel Turner sent apologies as none of the team were available to attend but did send a report for the commonly reported crimes during March 2026 in the Market Rasen area.
- 9) **Open Forum - your opportunity to ask questions and to raise any other matters of interest - Ref: 9**
 - a) It was asked if double depth graves could be available in the cemetery
 - b) Have the council looked into the expansion of the cemetery
 - c) The biodigester at Glentham was raised as a concern as to the air quality.
 - d) The chicken farm at Owersby was questioned with regards the traffic on the roads

Date of next meeting : 17th May 2027

Meeting closed at: 7.55pm