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Minutes of the Ovingham Parish Council Meeting Held on 17th July 2025 The Pavilion, Ovingham Playing Field, Ovingham

In attendance - Councillors: D Jordon (Chair), C Downing, I Swinburn, J Jackson, T Ford, S Gray, Clerk: A Turnbull

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor N Gray and County Councillor O'Donnell.

2. Declaration of Interest (if any)

No Declarations of Interest were made.

3. To confirm the minutes of the meetings held on 15th May 2025.

The minutes of the meeting were agreed as a true record.

4. County Councillor's Report

Report was sent in County Cllr absence at meeting. Cllr Jordon to raise Local Transport Plan and Funding with County Councillor O'Donnell at his Surgery planned for later this month.

5. Matters arising.

- Bus Transport - County Councillor O'Donnell to discuss further with County Councillor Dale.
- Goal Posts for Playing Fields - Cllr Jackson is in the process of investigating relevant funding for new goal posts.
- Tree Inspection – ivy on all Parish trees has been removed.
- Telephone Box - It has been confirmed the service will be terminated but the box will stay in situ, Suggestions for future use to be discussed at September meeting
- Pavilion Smoke Alarms – three smoke alarms are to be installed in the pavilion.
Action- Cllr Ford
- Notice Boards - These have been re painted but may need some joinery repairs going forward.

6. Accounts to pay/paid since the previous meeting

The following payments were agreed.

Expenditure.

- £163.72 Procut Maintenance (Grounds)
- £55.96 SafeLink (smoke alarms)
- £360.00 T Bell (Grass Cutting)
- £303.68 A Turnbull (Clerk Salary - June)
- £61.24 EDF Electricity (DD)
- £101.08 D Jordon (Village Gardens and Tubs)

- £85.44 Crusader Fire (Fire Extinguisher Service)
- £303.68 A Turnbull (Clerk Salary - May)

CREDITS

- £1263.64 Village Trust (Donation)

Clerk reported an ongoing balance as at 30.6.2025 of £ 20,675.96

7. Local Transport Plan

Councillors were asked to consider ideas for LTP submission

Last year the following requests were submitted - Path on boundary of Dene Garth grass / main road. Resurfacing of School Road and road through Tyne Gardens Windsor Crescent leading to Playing Fields. Report from Local Councillor informed Cllrs none of the above had been taken forward by NCC.

Parish Council agreed to submit same requests as last year.

8. Local Councillors – Local Improvement Scheme Funding

Items considered were - funding towards new goalposts and resurfacing footpaths in Bewick Lane.

9. Planning Applications

Parish Council had no objection to the following applications.

- 1 Windsor Crescent, Ovingham – Application
- Model Cottage, Main Road, Ovingham – Granted
- Greenhaugh, West Road, Ovingham – Tree Application
- Ovingham House, Main Road, Ovingham – Tree Application

10. Parking on River View

Letters to be sent to residents with copy of map.

Action: Clerk

11. Parking at Bewick Lane / North Meadow Entrance

Home Group representative currently looking into this.

12. Re-painting of green metal safety barriers in village

The safety railings/barriers outside the Reading Room the village Schools and Bywell Cottage which are all in desperate need of re painting will be considered by NCC. The railings either side of the Pack Horse Bridge also need repainting, they have been placed on the works programme

13. Parish Council Gardens on Castle View

Cllr Jordon to contact resident and check which garden tenancy is to be terminated, this will then be advertised.

Action: Cllr Jordon

14. Play Inspection

It has been confirmed the Play Inspection will take place in September. A list of jobs to be followed up in August were discussed

15. NALC Website and Emails

New website is needed along with new email addresses gov.uk for councillors before deadline March 2026. Looking at potential providers and cost, to be discussed further at September meeting.

16. Village environment and action plan update.

The following points were raised by Cllr Jordon -

- School patrol officer at Bridge End Pub area to be investigated
- Parking at entrance to Cemetery – parking is not designated to Tyne Gardens residents.
- Tree Branches on grass at entrance to Piper Road still being investigated.
- Steps down from the Hill - Countryside Officer to inspect then instruct works required.
- Steps and rail at Burnfoot, Steps to be reset by NCC, quote for handrail and fence was discussed and agreed.
- Lighting in the Pavillion, - 3 replacement lights fitted
- Play Area Dolphin damaged, needs repairing, Action Cllr Ford.
- Village Garden Competition to be a bi- annual event
- Overgrown Hedges on Castle View, Wheatfield and Windsor Crescent were reported and followed up by NCC

17. Committee Reports.

- **OJBC**– Inspection of the grounds took place, the grass cutting tender is to be discussed at September meeting, the Chair and Vice Chair were re-elected for the following year. The Clerk gave an update on the Cemetery Lodge
- **East Tynedale Forum** – No Meeting
- **Reading Room** – Cllr Jackson informed the meeting the Reading Room will be redecorated in summer and there will be a de brief of the recent Goose Fair, the AGM will be September.
- **Allotments** – Next Meeting September
- **Playing Field** – Cllrs and volunteers to meet in August – re annual tidy up in preparation for annual Play Inspection
- **Essity** – No Meeting

18. Correspondence

Clerk confirmed all correspondence had been raised as agenda items.

19. Any Other Business

Tenders on grass cutting and maintenance for April 2026 will be discussed at September's meeting.

20. Date of next meeting.

Date of Next Meeting is provisionally 18th September 2025.