

Owmbly By Spital Parish Council Meeting

12 May 2026

St Peters and St Pauls Church, Owmbly by Spital

Commencing 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs Crompton Howe, Davis, Leah, Welch and the Clerk

NOTES

17/2026 Election of Chairman and sign the declaration of acceptance of office.

- Cllr Crompton Howe – Proposed by Cllr Welch, Seconded by Cllr Davis

18/2026 Election of Vice Chairman and sign the declaration of acceptance of office.

- Cllr Welch – Proposed Cllr Davis, Seconded Cllr Leah

19/2026 Chairman's welcome and opening remarks

- Cllr Crompton-Howe thanked the Council and Clerk for their contribution and reflected on the year.

20/2026 To receive reports from County & District Councillors & Police, if present. Cllr Bunney was present and reported on the following:

Food Waste

The new service has started well with an over 60% take up in the first week – the figure increasing week by week.

A regular question is why are the lids not closed on the orange bins after emptying. The collection is being done by new crews who are only just getting used to their rounds – by leaving the lids open they know that they have been down the road and will not double collect. A side reason is that it provides ventilation.

Policing

In recent weeks it has been announced that extra personnel have been allocated to the neighbourhood teams. For the eastern division this amounts to one PC and two extra PCSOs – the full complement will be in place during the summer. Whilst the addition to the team is to be welcomed it still does not match the numbers of a few years ago.

WLDC are investigating possible ways of increasing the support given to the police by their enforcement and anti-social behaviour teams.

The neighbourhood team are prepared to visit local community groups to discuss their local approach to policing and answer any questions. PCSO Dawn Cowling gave a very informative talk to a community group in Market Rasen.

Her email is: dawn.cowling@lincs.police.uk

The police are currently using the platform 'Lincolnshire Alert' to communicate with the public. They use it to publicise information on incidents – list people sentenced etc. It can also be used to send messages to the police. I would recommend that people sign up to the service – the web link is: www.lincolnshirealert.gov.uk

LGR and Elections

May 3rd '27 is local election day for the area. All Parish Councils are up for election. Whether the upper tier election will be for a District or a new Unitary Authority is still undecided. The

Government are expected to announce a decision in June or July this year.

Glentham 2 Aerobic Digester

The final decision will be determined by Lincolnshire Planning Company sometime later on in the year. The Community is overwhelming against the digester proposals on the following grounds:

- highway Infrastructure inadequate to take the increase in traffic
- emissions and air quality
- no economic benefit to the local community

21/2026 Apologies for Absence - To receive and accept apologies where valid reasons for absence have been given to the Parish Clerk prior to the meeting. Cllr Swift sent his apologies and they were accepted.

22/2026 To receive declarations of interest under the Localism Act 2011 – being any pecuniary interest in agenda items not previously recorded on Members’ Register of Interests and any written requests for dispensation – NONE DECLARED

23/2026 To approve as a correct record the notes of following meetings of the Parish Council and to authorise the Chairman to sign the official minutes

- a. Meeting held on 10 March 2026 - RESOLVED

24/2026 CPC Update

- Accounts Update – current balance shared
- Health and Safety Update – Cllr Moulson shared the latest Health and Safety report.
 - Concrete showing at base of goal posts.
 - Moles back on the field – Cllr Moulson to seek quotes
 - New platform for the climbing frame still to be fitted.
 - Fencing needs to be replaced at Highgate Lane end which forms part of the project plan
- Project Plan
 - The project plan was agreed.
- Grant Update
 - Grants submitted as follows:
 - Sport England – application in for Adventure trail
 - Tesco – application for Picnic Benches
 - Lincolnshire Coop application in for funds potential towards the gate
 - Future short term aspiration to work on a lottery grant for their communities together grant.
 - Potential for funding “Phase 1” of the footpath through WLDC
 - Anglian Water grant potentially available for SuDS on the ditch at the south end of the community park.
- Approval of Spend for Volunteer Day on 24th June – Spend of upto £200 approved for equipment and materials for the WLDC volunteers to complete work as set out below:
 - Painting gate and fence
 - Painting Lockup
 - Creating a twig hedge
 - Trimming back and general tidying

2. 25/2026 Policies –

- a. Cemetery Rules –Resolved to accept

- b. Safeguarding policy – Resolved to accept
- c. Volunteer Policy – Resolved to accept
- d. Vexatious Complaints Policy – Resolved to accept
- e. Data Breach Policy – Resolved to accept
- f. Data Protection Policy– Resolved to accept (no changes)
- g. Subject Access Request Policy – Resolved to accept (no changes)
- h. Risk Management Policy – Resolved to accept (no changes)
- i. Social Media Policy – Resolved to accept (no changes)
- j. IT Policy – Resolved to accept

26/2026 Signpost Magazine

Enough funds are currently available to print a further 4 months. If the current advertisers renew it will allow funding to November. Those present at the Annual Parish Meeting in the majority were in agreement of increasing the precept by a small increase to support the continuation of the signpost. On seeking funding from other businesses and the commitment to donate it may be possible reduce the donation to £200 for NPC and the same for OPC.

OPC would commit to contribute £200 on the basis that other affected councils also contribute.

27/2026 Planning Application WL/2026/00364 – HILLCREST, OWMBY CLIFF ROAD – No concerns.

28/2026 Finance Matters

- Donation to the CPC from the Community Engagement budget. - £300 donation to the CPC agreed
- To approve and sign the Council's Annual Governance Statement for the 2025/2026 Annual Return for the financial year ended 31.3.26 prior to submission for external audit. AGREED
- To approve and sign the Council's Annual Accounting Statements for the 2025/2026 Annual Return for the financial year ended 31.3.26 prior to submission for external audit. AGREED
- To agree the schedule of payments delegated to the clerk for the year 2026/2027. AGREED
- To approve payments as shown in the Bank Rec – AGREED
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May-26 (Prepared 06/05/2026)

				Current	
31/03/2024		Year End Balance		Cf	£5,152.16
Receipts		Precept	11,665.00		
		VAT Refund	1,396.09		
		Total	£13,061.09		£18,213.25
Expenditure		March Grass	943.20		
		Pay April	275.80		
		Unity (April)	7.00		
		Total	£1,226.00	bf	£16,987.25
Payments Pending Action					
WLDC	Defib		114.00		
WLDC	Cemetery Rates		209.95		

SLCC	Membership	£58.00
School	Hire	£70.00
D Harford	Audit	£60.00
AJ Williams	April Grass	£943.20
Cleggs	Payroll Admin Jan - Mar	£28.80
Total		£1,483.95

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Earmarked funds	
Vat Refund Due to date	£314.40

29/202 Forthcoming meetings

July 14th

September 15th