



OVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Ovington, North Yorkshire

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Ovington Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 3rd Feb 2026 at 6.30pm Ovington Village Hall

	<u>Present:</u>	Action
	<p>Cllr Shaun Hanson (Chair), Cllr Taylor-Jayne Fox (Deputy Chair/Clerk), Cllr Trish Hanson (RFO)</p> <p>Additional members from the village – Dave Nixon, Sara Ward, Gillian Ake, Carol Lewis</p>	
1.	<p><u>Apologies:</u></p> <p>Cllr Pete Levett</p>	
2.	<p><u>Declaration of Interests:</u></p> <p>No new declaration of interests.</p> <p>All paperwork for Pete Levett submitted to DCC and accepted.</p>	
3.	<p><u>Minutes of last meeting:</u></p> <p>Minutes from 28th Oct 2025 read and approved by all. Signed by SH.</p>	
4.	<p><u>Correspondence:</u></p> <p>Reminder that only relevant email correspondence into the clerk will be forwarded to all committee members.</p>	TJF
4.1.	<p>K6 Telephone Box supplier – see 6.4</p>	

<p>4.2.</p> <p>4.3.</p>	<p>2026-2027 GCH Green Maintenance Contract shows a negligible increase in costs from £174.00 and to £186.00 per cut, and an overall increase of approx. @ 13 cuts x £12.00 = £156.00. Proposed TJF, seconded as agreed by TH.</p> <p>Northern PowerGrid – OPC have received notification from NPG on proposals to remove the overhead cables along the north side of the village and run the power underground along the track surrounding the village green. The documentation sent through is complex and in-depth. This will be discussed at a later date.</p>	<p>SH</p>
<p>5.</p> <p>5.1.</p> <p>5.2.</p> <p>5.3</p>	<p><u>Matters Arising:</u></p> <p>gov.uk' email addresses: Hugo Fox has granted OPC the ovingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk domain. TJF to follow up the process of setting up 5x .gov.uk accounts for each Cllr member.</p> <p>Planters for Ciffords View: Email was received from residents of Cliffords View to have 2x new planters positioned on the grass verges by the turning bulb of the cul-de-sac. This is addressed under 7.5.b.</p> <p>OPC – AGM To be held in May as per requirements. Date to be discuss and addressed at item 8.</p>	<p>TJF</p>
<p>6.</p> <p>6.1.</p> <p>6.1.a</p> <p>6.1.b</p> <p>6.1.c</p> <p>6.1.d</p>	<p><u>Finances:</u></p> <p>Account details: Accounts shown as up to date. OPC currently has a Total @£3263.63 Forecasts spend to end of the FY estimated @ -£497.90</p> <p>M Plus account now closed: Dec 25.</p> <p>Formal removal of Joanne Harper from the bank account, Virgin paperwork signed by remaining OPC members in agreement.</p> <p>Access to Business Internet Banking – TJF to contact VirginMoney re getting SH on to the internet banking App.</p> <p>Village notice board - £25.99 costs proposed SH and seconded SH.</p>	

<p>6.1.e</p> <p>6.1.f</p> <p>6.2</p> <p>6.3</p> <p>6.4</p> <p>6.5</p>	<p>IT equipment: hp printer has been purchased for £233.99. hp OmniBook 5 (Windows 11) purchased for £399.00.</p> <p>The yearly cost of Microsoft Office 365 will need to be factored into the accounts @£84.99. And security package. TJF proposed spend TH seconded.</p> <p>VAT126 claim has been submitted for the period of 1 Nov 24 to 30 Nov 25 on 3 Feb 26. Total claim - £660.56</p> <p>Asset Register to be updated and to include telephone box.</p> <p>Precept submitted at £3250.00. This increase takes into account increase in costs for Village Green Maintenance and purchase of new planters (see A.O.B).</p> <p>Community Project - Telephone Box: The BT telephone box has now been adopted on behalf of OPC by SH for £1.00 inclusive of VAT. This item will be added to the Parish asset register for Apr 2026.</p> <p>Overall cost of K6 Phone Box is c.£3,520 ex VAT (£4,514 incl. VAT)</p> <p>Deposit of £250 paid 2 Dec 2025 with a delivery time of 12-14 weeks – expected early Mar 26.</p> <p>Ongoing items for further investigation and solutions to be identified;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Finance options to be discussed at next OVH meeting for grant towards costs. 2. Requirements for removal, site prep and delivery of K6 model. The electrical disconnect and reconnect is a main part of the delay. 3. Potential sale of old phonebox model. 4. Timings 	<p>TJF</p> <p>TJF</p> <p>TH</p> <p>SH</p>
<p>7.</p> <p>7.1.</p>	<p>A.O.B</p> <p>Grants and funding: Nothing to report.</p> <p>Conservation area: Update from SH on dealing with Brian Harris at DCC.</p>	

	<p>The latest correspondence states that DCC have received the draft legal order to serve the Article 4 Direction at the same time as the designation (this has previously been the cause of the delay). DCC have also consulted with their new elected Members and hope to be in a position to proceed with the designation in the next few weeks.</p> <p>Article 4 direction which is a list of properties that will be covered by the item. Possibly within the next few months – Mar 26. Progressing gradually.</p>	
7.2.	<p>Water run-off outside Meadow View: SH has been involved in previous discussions and will continue to support resident concerns. No action required.</p>	SH
7.3.	<p>OPC Vacancies: One Cllr vacancy advertised by DCC. One of the posts filled by Pete Levett. Many thanks.</p>	
7.4.	<p>Parish Council Noticeboard: Thank you to Pete Rhodes for building a replacement Parish Council Noticeboard, free of charge, and donating all the building materials (less cork board).</p>	Agreed by all
7.5	<p>Planters and half barrels: This agenda item was provided a set time so that village residents could attend for this part of the meeting only. Many thanks to all village residents that attended this aspect of the meeting to provide their feedback and support.</p>	
7.5.a	<p>An inventory of planters and half barrels within the village area was carried out. 34 items were identified and photographs taken. It was determined that 34 was too many as some were in a poor state of repair with no one responsible for their upkeep. It was proposed by TJF that this number be reduced by x6 and seconded by TH. This would be carried out as time allowed, with the worst offending planters being removed first.</p>	All to assist.
7.5.b	<p>Taking the current state of the planters into account, it was decided that any additional planters for Cliffords View would not be appropriate at this time. N.B. No names were provided as volunteers to plant and upkeep the new proposed planters.</p>	
7.5.c	<p>The remaining planters are to be assessed for state of repair for replacement. Those with rotten wooded slates to take priority The aim is to replace between 5-6 planters this first year and rotate through in the following years.</p>	TJF

7.5.d	It is essential that each planter and half barrel in the village is properly identified, and their nominated adoptees identified. A register is to be produced, showing purchase history and required information – then added to the Asset Register.	TJF
8.	<p><u>Next Meeting:</u></p> <p>The next meeting is on 26th May 2026 @6.30 pm.</p> <p>This will include the Annual Parish meeting @6.00pm and Annual Parish Council meeting @6.30pm</p>	