

OVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council held at Ovington Social Club

Thursday 14 May 2026

Present: Councillors Anne Hudson (Chair), Fiona Maidwell (Vice Chair), Lisa Leggatt and Geraldine Shaw.

Also present: County Councillor Anne Dale, David Newman (Clerk)

2026/33 Questions from members of the public

No members of the public were present at the meeting.

2026/34 County Councillor's Report

County Councillor Anne Dale updated the members on:

- **Highways and Transport**
- **Planning and Enforcement**
- **Members' Small Allowance Scheme**

Also discussed at this point were:

- Fix My Street – all members and residents are encouraged to use this.
- Friday buses.
- One planning application, now withdrawn.

Members thanked County Councillor Dale for her continued hard work and support.

Resolved that:

- i. Clerk to contact County Councillor regarding 3 signage issues.
- ii. Clerk to post regarding Fix My Street on Facebook and Website

2026/35 Item 1 – Election of Chair

Councillor Anne Hudson was re-elected as Chair. Proposer – Councillor Shaw, seconder – Councillor Leggat.

Councillor Hudson signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office

2026/36 Item 2 – Election of Vice Chair

Councillor Fiona Maidwell was re-elected as Chair. Proposer – Councillor Leggat, seconder – Councillor Shaw.

Councillor Maidwell signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office

2026/37 Item 3 – Apologies for Absence

Councillor Barbara Goodfellow.

2026/38 Item 4 – Declaration of Interest

Councillor Anne Hudson declared she is the project manager for Ovington Trees. Councillor Lisa Leggatt declared she is chair of the Ovington Community Group. Councillor Fiona Maidwell declared she is Secretary of Ovington Club.

Signed..... Date.....
Chair of Meeting

Councillor Anne Hudson reminded members that Barbara Goodfellow's husband is the appointed contractor for village maintenance issues e.g. Joiners Park and Millennium Garden.

2026/39 Item 5 - Minutes of the Meeting held on 12 March 2026

Resolved that:

- i. The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12 March 2026 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

2026/40 Item 6 – Finance

Members reviewed the receipts and payment and budget update to 31 March 2026 and the bank reconciliations up to 31 March 2026. Members discussed the budget forecast outturn to 31 March 2026. The budget for 2026-27 discussed and the previous meeting was distributed.

Resolved that:

- i. The payments detailed in document A be approved.
- ii. The budget outcome for the year to 31 March 2026 detailed in document B be agreed.
- iii. The bank reconciliation to 28 February 2026 detailed in document C be approved.
- iv. Clerk to update 2026-27 budget and circulate to members

2026/41 Item 7 – Appointment of Councillors to outside bodies

Resolved that:

- i. Ovington Community Group - Councillor Maidwell.
- ii. Ovingham Joint Burial Committee - councillor Leggatt to replace councillor Maidwell.
- iii. East Tynedale Community Forum – Councillor Hudson and the clerk to attend these sessions.

2026/42 Item 8 – Councillor Roles

Resolved that:

- i. Maintenance and Defibrillator – Councillor Goodfellow to be responsible.
- ii. Noticeboard – Councillor Leggatt.
- iii. Planning applications – responsibility of the clerk.
- iv. Dog bins – councillor Maidwell.

2026/43 Item 9 – Neighbourhood Plan

- Councillor Shaw provided an update and shared a draft communication.

Resolved that:

- i. Councillor Shaw to share to present Neighbourhood Plan update at the Annual Village meeting on 31 May.

Signed..... Date.....
Chair of Meeting

2026/44 Item 10 – To receive Committee reports and other groups’ updates

- **Ovingham Joint Burial Committee** – Joe Rowell’s grave and the issue of damage to the grass at the turning circle were shared.
- **Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management (ICCM)**- Ovington Parish Council are now statutory members.
- **East Tynedale Community Forum** – a further virtual meeting is to be held on 2 June.
- **Ovington Community Group** – Councillor Leggatt provided an update. The group has held successful quiz night and fete, and raised money for Tynedale Hospice at Home.

Resolved that:

- i. The Chair and Clerk to attend the East Tynedale Community Forum on 2 June.

2026/45 Item 11 - Village Environment

- The Chair proposed a village walk-through ahead of the Annual Village Meeting to identify ownership of land and maintenance of grass areas.

Resolved that:

- i. Chair to arrange date for walk-through – ideally Wednesday 20 May.

2026/42 Item 12 – Correspondence

None to discuss.

Resolved that:

- i. Future meetings will include a Clerk’s report as a way of updating all councillors on various issues and actions.

2026/43 Item 13 – Quotations Received

No quotations have been received.

2026/44 Item 14 – To discuss Annual Village Meeting

Items and information to be shared at the meeting were discussed. County Councillor Anne Dale to be invited.

Resolved that:

- i. Chair and clerk to agree the agenda and post on the village notice board in line with the statutory minimum 3 day notice period.
- ii. Councillor Shaw to contact County Councillor.

2026/45 Item 15 - To discuss minor items and items for the agenda of a future meeting

- The 2025-26 AGAR to be discussed between the Chair, Clerk and Internal Auditor in the near future, with approval of the Council to be arranged before 30 June 2026.
- The various council policies need to be reviewed over the coming months.

Signed..... Date.....
Chair of Meeting

Resolved that:

- i. Chair and clerk to arrange to meet the Internal Auditor to agree and complete the AGAR figures and 2025-26 budget outcome.
- ii. Clerk to create a schedule of policies for review at future council meetings.

2026/46 Item 16 Dates of Parish Council meetings for 2026-27

- Next Parish Council meeting Monday 6 July 2026
- All meetings for 2026-27 will be on the first Monday of every other month (except bank holidays) at 7.00 pm:
 - 13 July 2026
 - 7 September 2026
 - 2 November 2026
 - 4 January 2027
 - 1 March 2027
 - 10 May 2027 (AGM)
 - Annual Village Meeting to be determined.

The meeting closed at 8.48 pm

Signed..... Date.....
Chair of Meeting