

Normanby by Spital Parish Council Meeting

6th July 2026 19:30

St Peter and St Paul Church, Owmbly By Spital

Present Cllrs Baines, Elliott, Firth, Moulson, Widdison.

Meeting commenced at 7.30pm

Public – 2

A member of the public addressed the council with the following:

“Chair,

I'd like to ask the Council about the future of our war memorial.

The biggest problem is its condition. It's always covered in bird droppings because it is under a big tree. These are thick, sticky droppings that are extremely difficult to remove. The granite memorial itself copes reasonably well, but the concrete base and low walls are porous so stain badly and are covered in slimy algae until it is manually cleaned. Very little rain gets through the tree cover to help wash it naturally.

As far as I know, there is no plan for regular cleaning and no clear understanding of ownership. The memorial's current location is very visible, which is a real advantage, but the restricted space on the roadside limits how a Remembrance service can be conducted. I think it's great that primary school children take part, but spending the whole service with their backs to the memorial is hardly ideal to teach them about being respectful. Nor is it ideal to have cars driving past during the service, though I doubt anyone really wants the admin or inconvenience of trying to have a short road closure.

A war memorial should never look neglected. I hope we can all agree on that.

In summary, I am highlighting what I see as 3 issues :

- 1. Ownership and therefore responsibility*
- 2. Regular maintenance*
- 3. Finally, discussion about location. “*

It was left with the clerk to make some preliminary enquiries and add the item to the next agenda. The public session closed and the meeting then continued starting with the following from Cllr Widdison

“As the Chairman,

I would like to reiterate my previous apologies and it to be noted formally within the minutes.

I wish to offer my apologies to all my fellow councillors and the clerk for the mannerism I conducted the May meeting in relation to some items of concern.”

NOTES

32/2026 To receive reports from County & District Councillors & Police, if present

- No report received.

33/2026 Apologies for Absence - To receive and accept apologies where valid reasons for absence have been given to the Parish Clerk prior to the meeting. Cllrs Hector and Turner sent their apologies and they were accepted.

34/2026 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

35/2026 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

- Meeting held on [11 May 2026](#) - RESOLVED

36/2026 Correspondence – Normanby Shop and PO – the correspondence was noted and the clerk was advised to refer the request back to LCC Highways.

37/2026 LALC AGM and Conference

- To approve attendance cost of £45 for 1 x delegate – RESOLVED
- Cllr Elliott and the clerk to attend. - NOTED

38/2026 CPC Update

- **Accounts Update** - NOTED
- **Health and Safety Update** - NOTED
- **Park Inspections – Circulated.**
Discussion around training for park inspections. – Clerk to speak to Owmbly to seek a volunteer to carry out the inspections.
- **Annual Inspection** - NOTED
RoSPA will carry out the inspection in August.
- **Project Plan** - APPROVED
- **Grant Update** – Coop application has been successful and will be based upon customer spend September 2026 to March 2027.
- **Volunteer Day** – Clerk to send a letter to the volunteers. The roof of the lockup still needs to be painted – seeking volunteers. Cllrs Baines, Firth, and Moulson

39/2026 Policies –

- [Financial Regulations](#) – No changes - RESOLVED
- [Code of Conduct For Elected Members](#) – No changes RESOLVED
- [Health and Safety Policy](#) – No changes RESOLVED
- [CPC Terms of Reference](#) – No changes RESOLVED
- [Statement of Internal Controls](#) – No changes RESOLVED
- [Volunteer Policy](#) - No changes RESOLVED
- [Risk Management Policy](#) – No changes RESOLVED
- [Equality Policy](#) - No changes RESOLVED
- [Personnel Committee ToR](#) – no changes RESOLVED

40/2026 Signpost Magazine – to approve agreed donation of £200 - RESOLVED

41/2026 Finance Matters

- To approve payments as shown in the Bank Rec. - RESOLVED

Bank Rec for Meeting July
2026

30/06/2026

Year End Balance	c	£16,046.7
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Receipts

	Total	£0.00

Expenditure

Pay May	J Haycraft	£275.80
Service Charge May	Unity	£7.00
Pay June	J Haycraft	275.8
Service Charge June	Unity	£7.00
	Total	£565.60

Payments Pending Action

PAYE 1- 3	HMRC	£199.40
May Grass	OPC	£268.00
Share of School Hire	OPC	£35.00
CPC Donation (Agreed 30/26)	CPC	£300.00
LALC Conference	LALC	£45.00
	Total	£802.40

Overall Total Exp

£1,368.00

Vat Reclaim to date

CIL - 282.50

42/2026 Forthcoming meetings - NOTED

7th Sept

2nd Nov

4th Jan

Meeting closed 20:16

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£25.36