

## WOODSETTS PARISH COUNCIL - ANNUAL REPORT 2025/26

**Monthly meetings of the Parish Council take place in the Village Hall until such a time as the Pavilion is made fit for purpose. Meetings are usually held on the last Wednesday of the month starting at 7.00pm. Please follow any altered timings on social media. A public session is held at the beginning of the meeting thereby giving residents an opportunity to attend and raise any issues of concern to Councillors. There is also the opportunity for residents to remain throughout the meeting as observers.**

The Parish Council is made up of Cllrs Monica Carroll (Chair); Judith Sherratt; Nicki Renzi, Barry Bartles Vice Chair), Steve Tindle, Sue Gresham, leaving 3 Vacancies.

Is this something you could consider doing to give back to the community? Please contact the Clerk if you are interested. Having a full complement of Councillors makes for better debate and decision making.

Woodsetts Parish Council is delighted to welcome the new Woodsetts Football Team, **Woodsetts Rangers**.

Cameron Hill is a young man from the village and it is a great pleasure to see such enthusiasm for the game and also the willingness to resurrect a sport that has always been part of village life. We wish him every success. An article within the newsletter written by Cameron gives residents more information.

The long awaited Traffic Management Scheme has finally been implemented and completed. It is hoped that residents benefit from the traffic calming measures put into place including improvements to the road surfaces throughout the village; the speeds humps; the 20 MPH zones, and the road signage. This scheme was first discussed by the Parish Council 7 years ago and with the help of our MP and local Councillors it has finally materialised.

The Playground is a huge attraction to our young people and to their parents and carers. In using the facility children are learning many skills including: sharing, co-operating, personal development, social skills, and many others. It is a pleasure to walk or drive by and see the picnic area in use on a regular basis for adults socialising with others and their children, knowing that they are playing in a secure and safe space.

Nigel Brookes, the village gardener has played a major part in improving the appearance of our village. The wooden planters are an attractive addition and the flower beds, grass verges, and other green spaces are kept well manicured. Nigel ensures that the Playground is kept free of weeds and has overseen the felling of unnecessary overgrowth and saplings. Nigel has excelled himself once again and the Parish Council is very grateful for his contribution to the Village. Thank you Nigel!

Many thanks to the team of volunteers, namely Woodsetts Wombles, who do a regular litter pick, leaving grass verges free from items thrown from cars and tipping by unscrupulous individuals. This hard-working team puts themselves at risk to ensure that Woodsetts is seen as a clean place in which to live. Why not volunteer to join them?

Thank you goes to Councillor Renzi and the team who organised a very successful Bonfire and Fireworks evening. It is always a pleasure to see so many people enjoying the event.

The privately owned areas around the shops have been repaired and resurfaced and the Parish Council, acting as a mediator, has successfully negotiated with the owners to fund the work required.

The Parish Council is still receiving regular complaints about dog fouling on pavements and public footpaths. There are a number of dog poo bins throughout the village and the Parish Council is monitoring locations with a view to adding to these should the need arise.

Brian Smyth has been with the Council for over 10 years as clerk and he has managed the finances and the Council in a very professional manner. The Council is grateful for his service, support and advice. Matthew Wade has been appointed as Clerk, having completed his CILCA training and takes over the reins of managing the Council from June 1<sup>st</sup>. Congratulations Matthew. Brian will continue as Responsible Officer managing the overall financial affairs of the council.

Finally, grateful thanks to all the Parish Councillors who tirelessly give of their time and effort to ensure that they carry out their duty as a Councillor to the best of their ability. It is a thankless task but they are rewarded by the knowledge that they have helped to create one of the most beautiful villages in South Yorkshire.



Monica Carroll MBE Chair of Woodsetts Parish Council