

# Woodsetts Village Newsletter

*Communicating with the residents of Woodsetts*

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## **PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2024**

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 7.00. A public session is held at the beginning of the meeting thereby giving members of the public an opportunity to attend and raise any issues of concern to them. There is also the opportunity for residents to remain throughout the meeting as observers.

The Parish Council encourages residents to attend. As another Parish Council year comes to a close, it said goodbye to long standing councillors Richard Swann and Robert Woodhead. Richard has been a councillor for the most part of 48 years, he was a dedicated councillor who was very active in village life. He is the current president of the cricket club having initially been a player and an umpire. He represented the Parish Council on a number of RMBC committees. Councillors will miss his vast knowledge and his wisdom.

Robert was elected 25 years ago. Initially, he was a fund raiser at the Midsummer festivals and then stood and was elected as a Parish Councillor. He is chair of the Village Hall Committee, having been part of the Trustee Board which saw its inception and development. Robert will continue in that role. Simon Tweed, Richard Tongue and Thomas Williams have all chosen to stand down from the Parish Council. Simon had been on the Parish Council for a number of years, Richard was co-opted 18 months ago. The Council is incredibly grateful to all the councillors for their hard work and dedication to the role.

Thomas will continue to assist the Council by gathering data from the street speed cameras and by editing the newsletter until a replacement is in situ.

Only 4 candidates stood for election for 9 seats. All 4 had therefore been elected, these being: Monica Carroll; Judith Sherratt; Nicki Renzi and Phillip Clarke. 5 seats are vacant. Co-option notices will be posted shortly. Brian Smyth will continue in his role as Clerk. Brian has been with the Council for 10 years and he has managed the finances and the Council in a very professional manner.

The Council is grateful for his service, support and advice. The village has been named as one of the UK's best places to visit and has made it on to a new list of England's hidden gem holiday spots according to a study carried out by the STAR newspaper. This is no surprise to the Parish Council!

It has had its street signage upgraded, adding to the overall effect of making the village a modern and clean place to live. The playground is now complete and is a source of pleasure to many children and their parents. 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.

Neighbourhood Watch has a team of volunteers who do a regular litter pick, leaving grass verges free from items thrown from cars and tipping by unscrupulous individuals. Many thanks to this hard-working team who put themselves at risk to ensure that Woodsetts is seen as a clean place in which to live. Neighbourhood Watch also did a survey of street lighting in the village and as a result has had broken lights replaced and in other cases brightened.

The Council is grateful to Councillor Sherratt who has led on the environment and biodiversity aspect of the village, ably assisted by councillors Renzi and Clarke. A full report is elsewhere in this Newsletter.

Any road and pavement issues are swiftly reported to Streetpride by Councillor Clarke. The sinking areas on Worksop Road and the crumbling of the road at the bottom of Grange Ave are causes of concern and the Council has been assured that these problems are in hand.

The paved areas outside the shops are also a cause of concern especially at the side of the Post Office. These areas are privately owned, and the Parish Council is currently making efforts to communicate with the owners in order to make the surfaces safe.



The Road Safety Plan for the Village is entering the final stages of consultation, the 20-mile zone being advertised for comment shortly. There have been objections along the way, but these have been resolved by the Highways department.

As Chair of the Council, I recently attended a virtual appeal hearing with an Inspector appointed by the secretary of State to discuss planning application RB2022-0498 for 10 semi-detached bungalows at the back of Taylor Drive. The Borough Council Planning Department refused the application, and the Parish Council supported that decision. However, the applicants appealed against the refusal and were granted a hearing. This took place on the 30th of April and the previous comments against the application were at the disposal of the Inspector. The majority of the hearing was taken up with discussion and debate on Policy. He will determine the appeal towards the end of May.

You will all have received a flyer from Quickline Communications informing you of the extensive work in the village checking ducts which run under our grass verges and pavements. This is to ensure that there will be easy access for a telecommunications company, reportedly Virgin, to bring through fibre broadband thereby ensuring that Woodsetts will have faster connectivity.

The work should be complete when this newsletter is published. The Parish Council is receiving regular complaints about dog fouling on pavements. In an effort to educate a minority of dog owners who still insist on not picking up, the Parish Council has purchased a Dog Bag Dispenser which will be trialled in the village and moved to different locations. This is to encourage owners who may have 'forgotten' a dog bag to pick up. 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.

D DAY on June 6th will be celebrated by the lighting of the beacon on the Recreation ground as part of a nationwide acknowledgement of the significance of this anniversary. Royal Guidance will be followed regarding timing and will be advertised nearer the event.

The Parish Council is supporting Mark and Clare at the Butchers Arms as they are organising a 40s style night for the celebrations.

Work began on the Cricket Square last year and has just been completed. There is a full report from the Cricket Club in this Newsletter.

The MUGA is about to get a spring clean and a relining as a local Netball team is keen to use it for practice sessions. And finally, a brief report on the Pavilion Project.

A consultation day was held by the Parish Council and in line with Public Loans Work policy on March 8th. The Council is grateful for the number of parishioners who attended throughout the day and evening. The way forward will be announced and agreed at its June Meeting.

The Parish Council looks forward to the coming year when it will work with and for the Parish with enthusiasm.

Monica Carroll

Chair of the Council



#### **LETTER TO THE CHAIR REGARDING 'D' DAY**

Morning Monica,

We were thinking during the day we would have 40s music and different recipes from that era and that would continue until we close. Then on the Saturday we thought we would do a 40s theme dress with music and some games for the children which would have been played and then that evening do a quiz night.

The pub is doing well and we are really enjoying being part of the village and an ideal place for people to get together. We are hoping that the kitchen will be open for business towards the end of the month and were really excited to get the pub back up and running as it should be. We will be doing smaller meals off the main menu for senior citizens and look to put offers on weekly.

Clare

The Butchers Arms



## WOODSETTS ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN

The Parish Council has produced a plan to conserve and enhance biodiversity in Woodsetts in recognition that there is an increasing collapse of the natural environment and ecological systems.

As part of the plan tree and wildflower planting has taken place. The area around the children's playground has been cleared, and with the support of a grant from the Tree Council, twenty trees were planted during February with the help of local children.

Young trees have also been planted in Berne Square and along Dinnington Road. Wildflower seeds have been planted around the edge of the Recreation Ground.

The Parish Council has also supported the development of an environment group within the village. Everyone is welcome to join the group – their next meeting is on June 18th at 7:00pm in the Sports Pavilion.



## WOODSETTS CRICKET CLUB REPORT

After a successful season last year, being promoted from Division Five of the Bassetlaw league, Woodsetts Community Cricket Club is looking forward to another successful season.

It's been a challenging start to the year for cricket throughout the country with rain & waterlogged pitches creating difficulties in ground preparation - Woodsetts having been no exception!

Together with the Parish Council, we have been working hard to ensure as many games as possible go ahead on our home ground this year and we look forward to returning to our home pitch thanks to some much needed remedial works undertaken by the council.

We hope to have an equally successful season this year in Division Four.



## WOODSETTS VILLAGE HALL

**The ideal venue to  
celebrate any occasion.**

Woodsetts Village Hall, located in the picturesque and award winning village of Woodsetts near Worksop is the ideal venue to celebrate a birthday, anniversary or christening, run an educational/recreational course, promote your business or hold a meeting.

The hall has a large room able to seat 60, the room can also be divided for two events to take place simultaneously. Hire of the hall includes the use of a fully equipped kitchen with dishwasher, oven, hob and fridge. There is also a patio area for those summer months.

**To enquire about prices and the availability of the hall please  
contact the booking secretary**

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## Woodsetts Parish Council Meeting

The next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting will be held in the Village Hall on 29th May at 7pm

## Defibrillator

If you need the Defibrillator which is situated next to the entrance of the Village Hall please ring 999 for the code number to release it, you should also ask for the ambulance service.



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