

WOODSETTS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 25th FEBRUARY 2026 IN THE VILLAGE HALL, GILDINGWELLS ROAD, WOODSETTS

PRESENT

Councillors: M Carroll (Chair), B Bartles, S Gresham, N Renzi, S Tindle

IN ATTENDANCE

Clerk B Smyth
Assistant Clerk M Wade
4 members of the public

9331 Apologies
J Sherratt.

9332 Minutes of the previous meeting
Resolved; that the Chairperson be authorised to sign the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 28th January 2026 as being a true record of business transacted.

9333 Declaration of Members Interests and consideration of any request for the granting of a dispensation
None.

9334 To identify items which may be considered following the exclusion of press and public
None.

9335 To consider any variations to the orders of business
None.

9336 To discuss vacancies on the Council
Two vacancies remain; interest from a candidate was noted and it was agreed to meet them prior to next meeting.

9337 To receive information on ongoing issues and decide further action where necessary
Biodiversity; none.
Usage of the recreation ground; noted that the stream report was received, with advisory actions to be undertaken by the groundsman. Discussion progressed towards dogs off-lead on the ground; it was confirmed that no byelaws exist regarding this matter.

9338 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Council heard from members of the public. Members of the public asked about potential funding for their volunteer group, and it was advised that they apply formally to the Council through its Section 137 Grant Applications process. A member of the public enquired about the cricket field, with the Council confirming that responsibility sits with the Cricket Club as to ongoing maintenance, with consideration granted to the recent procurement of the roller by the Council, labour resources notwithstanding.

9339 To consider Section 137 Grant Applications

None.

9340 To consider policies

Deferred.

9341 To receive a report from the HR working group

None; agreed to meet prior to next Council meeting.

9342 To consider and approve expenditure

Approved.

9343 To consider the pavilion redevelopment project, including the business case report, and application to the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) for a Public Works Loan Board (PWLB) loan

Following the approval of the business case report by the Council, and the budget approved at the ordinary meeting of the Parish Council, 28th January 2026, it was resolved to seek the approval of the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities to apply for a PWLB loan of £250,000 over the borrowing term of 25 years with funds to aid the pavilion project. The annual loan repayments will come to around £19,030. Following previous consultations, it was agreed to increase the council tax precept for the purpose of the loan repayments by 24% which is the equivalent of an additional £19,536 per year. The accompanying application form was agreed by resolution of the full Council.

The Chair proceeded to give an overview on the status of grant applications being pursued by the Council, to aid in funding the pavilion project:

- Awards for All – £20,000, application pending PWLB approval
- Tarmac LCF - £50,000, application submitted, board meeting in May
- Football Foundation - £25,000, application underway, pending PWLB approval

It was resolved to appoint CS Surveying Architectural Design Ltd as the Principal Designer under Building Regulations. Discourse progressed towards the possibility of enlarging the pavilion function room, with a small reduction to the changing areas. It was noted that loan and grant funding ideally should be in place by July 2026, to facilitate preparation for works to begin on time.

9344 To consider any major planning applications

None.

9345 To consider highways and footpaths in the Parish

It was noted that the works in the village have been completed, alongside a new welcome sign and road humps installed on the main roads. A speed report will be produced for the next meeting, to analyse effects of the traffic calming measures implemented. Following discussion, it was agreed to contact Bassetlaw District Council regarding the road conditions between Owday Lane and the A57 roundabout.

9346 To consider general correspondence

Correspondence was relayed regarding a complaint surrounding the bin adjacent to the post box at the shops; a response from Street Pride as to the possibility of increasing collections is still forthcoming, with the Clerk and Assistant Clerk to further pursue the matter. Correspondence was reported regarding the damage caused to fields and footpaths by motorbikes in and around the village. It was confirmed that a contact with South Yorkshire Police's Rural Crime Unit has been established, alongside their suggestions, and it was resolved to pursue the matter further with Inspector Birley of Rotherham South. The Council was informed about offers of training from SYP regarding Neighbourhood Watch groups; while the group no longer exists, it was agreed to circulate the correspondence.

9347 To consider feedback from meetings attended

None.

9348 To note the dates of the next Parish Council Meeting as:

25th March 2026.