

WOODSETTS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 29th JANUARY 2025 IN THE VILLAGE HALL, GILDINGWELLS ROAD, WOODSETTS

PRESENT Councillors: M Carroll (Chair), N Renzi, B Bartles, J Sherratt.

IN ATTENDANCE

Assistant Clerk M Wade
6 members of the public

9103 Apologies; B Smyth

9104 Minutes of the previous meeting

Resolved; that the Chairperson be authorised to sign the minutes of the Full Council Meeting and Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 27th November 2024 as being a true record of business transacted.

9105 Declaration of Members Interests and consideration of any request for the granting of a dispensation

None.

9106 To identify items which may be considered following the exclusion of press and public

None.

9107 To consider any variations to the orders of business

None.

9108 To receive information on ongoing issues

Biodiversity; none.

Hardstanding at shops; questions raised over ownership of area behind the shops. Discussion regarding quotes received by businesses on works to be completed, with onus on business owners. Clarification received from the Clerk identifying the parish council as responsible for steps and flowerbeds; public right way of way does not include the shops.

Cricket square; council heard from representatives of the cricket club. Discussion ensued over usability of the square. Club resolves to stay and contact Mark. Discussion around interest registered by Anston women's softball team. Invitation offered to the cricket club by Cllr Sherratt for them to return at next meeting, with a view to establish partnership between the club and the parish council.

VE Day; council resolved that a Facebook post be made asking for co-operation from the village in organising the event. Discussion ensued around establishing a working group, with absences of the Chair and Cllr Renzi noted during VE Day. Guidelines for VE Day were explained to members of the public.

Pavilion redevelopment; deferred due to councillor vacancies.

Trees on Swinston Hill Road; Chair relayed their experience of the incident that took place on the road, with concerns noted over health of the trees by the roadside. Letter to Cllr Tarmey to be drafted by the Assistant Clerk seeking clarification on a tree report.

9109 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The council heard from a member of the public sharing their connection and history with the village, and expressing their interest in joining the council. The council heard from Richard, and discussion ensued over rural crime and drug use within the village, with recommendation that members of the public should report incidents to the police, with the option of anonymity available if they wish. Discussion ensued over the idea of the parish council publishing a leaflet on the issue. The council heard from the cricket club; clarification extended over nappy bin at pavilion. Request noted for pavilion keys to be returned from the football club to the cricket club, with permission granted by the Clerk.

9110 To consider and approve expenditure

Agreed. Chair and Cllr Sherratt to seek clarification on EDF Energy items.

9111 To consider the Budget for 2025/2026 and set the precept

Discussion ensued over establishing a financial subgroup. Budget agreed. Discussion ensued over financial report, and the council resolved to increase the precept by 5% to Band D.

9112 To consider the co-option of candidates

Discussion ensued over the two candidates present, with an introduction and reasons for applying heard by one of the candidates. Induction training recommended to candidates by councillors. The council heard from the remaining candidate.

9113 To consider the banking mandate and signatories

Clarified that the Clerk can sign cheques with the Chair. Online banking to be established soon, and the intricacies around the process were explained to the public.

9114 To consider CCTV covering Recreation Ground and Playground.

A need for modernisation was highlighted following discussion of existing cameras and their lack of coverage of areas such as gates to recreation ground. Agreed that Cllrs Sherratt, Bartles, and the Clerk will receive quotes as well as ascertain existing village hall CCTV night vision clarity, and identify current pavilion CCTV viability.

9115 To consider any major planning applications

None. Concerns noted over lack of communication from RMBC in general regarding road closures.

9116 To consider Communications group including suggestions for Logo

Logo; noted that the Assistant Clerk has met with an artist with a view to produce a landscape sign encompassing elements unique to Woodsetts.

Signage; noted that the precept was raised in line with need for updated signage.

Facebook; agreed that Woodsetts Parish Council Facebook page will be used to communicate notices of events.

9117 To consider highways and footpaths in the Parish including progress report on Village Plan

The council heard communications received from Cllr Dixon, Tarmey, and the MP regarding the road scheme, in addition to Richard Pardy of RMBC. Consensus of communications pointing to the delay of the scheme in general due to other projects with Q1 2025 estimated as starting time. Council notified of public meeting in Woodsetts with the MP scheduled for 21st February, with a view to discuss speeding at said meeting. Following a letter from a resident, the parish council resolved to contact RMBC on their behalf expressing concerns on their behalf regarding burglaries and criminal damage. Discussion was raised over parking on Grange Avenue and traffic management, with Cllr Sherratt to pursue the issue.

9118 To consider feedback from meetings attended

Speed reports; Cllr Bartles and Assistant Clerk give their report, establishing that the software required has been obtained, with another meeting arranged over meeting and arranging collection of data and production of speed reports.

Neighbourhood watch; feedback heard regarding quadbikes in and around the village, and discussion ensued over crime rate within the village; at least four crimes noted in four months.

9119 To note the date of the next Parish council Meeting as:

26th February.