

WOODSETTS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 26th FEBRUARY 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
4 members of the public

9120 Apologies; B Smyth

9121 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 29th January 2025 as being a true record of business transacted.

9122 Declaration of Members Interests and consideration of any request for the granting of a dispensation

None.

9123 To identify items which may be considered following the exclusion of press and public

None.

9124 To consider any variations to the orders of business

None.

Resolved that item 9 – ‘To consider the co-option of candidates’ - of the agenda be moved to item 5a.

9125 To consider the co-option of candidates

Cllr Tingle is co-opted to the Council.

9126 To receive information on ongoing issues

Biodiversity; resolved that half a dozen trees will be planted on bottom strip alongside wildflowers. Noted that few wildflowers were previously successful. Resolved that Cllr Sherratt will attend training on Whitestone Solar Farm.

Training; Cllr Tingle appraised of training for new cllrs – 24th/25th March, 8th June, 10th July. Resolved that Cllr Tingle will receive access to Google Drive and resources.

Hardstanding; the Council discussed the progress of shop owners' efforts to improve the area outside their shops. Resolved that the Parish Council will receive a quote to improve the steps on their land adjacent to the flowerbeds. Discussion followed on installing a bar or railing, a painted hatched area to exclude vehicles, and a reflective strip.

Cricket square; the Council discussed the meeting of the cricket club with consideration to the square being wet. Meeting to be organised with Anston ladies' softball over the question of keys being cut for their use. Request noted for keys to be returned from football club to cricket club. Resolved that Cllr Renzi will confirm key handover.

Criminal Damage to Recreation Ground + CCTV; deferred.

VE Day; the Council discussed the ongoing considerations surrounding the preparations for a VE Day event, noting that the beacon will be lighted as usual.

Pavilion Redevelopment; deferred.

9127 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The council heard from a member of the public regarding communication between themselves and the cricket club, in addition to correspondence with RMBC regarding footpaths. Discussion ensued on a virtual or physical meeting to identify issues. No information received on Piggy Lane. The council heard from a member of the public regarding the cleaning of the drains in the village, in addition to road sweeper activity sighted.

9128 To consider and approve expenditure

Approved.

9129 To consider the banking mandate and signatories

Online banking deferred in consideration of the Clerk's apologies and absence.

9130 To consider CCTV covering Recreation Ground and Playground

Following lengthy discussion – and with a view to ascertain the requirements of the Council's security needs - it was resolved that the Parish Council will obtain three quotes, a specification agreed, and then the same companies or others to be approached based on specification chosen by the Parish Council. Resolved that the sites to be surveyed will be clear and a notice given to the Chair before companies arrive.

9131 To consider any major planning applications

Discussion on the Birkett House planning application, and its possible impact upon Woodsetts, with concerns over size of application and the effect on the environment.

9132 To consider Communications group including suggestions for Logo

Logo; deferred.

Newsletters; meeting organised to discuss the publication of the Council newsletter.

9133 To consider highways and footpaths in the Parish including progress report on Village Plan

Cllr Tingle appraised on the road scheme, and shown the 2021 plans. The Chair relayed a summary of communication received from Cllrs Tarmey, and Dixon, to the effect that the road scheme is not at risk, and is planned for Q1 2025. The Council discussed the MP's public meeting that took place in Woodsetts, and the MP's action regarding the road scheme to include a meeting with RMBC Chief Exec, Sharon Kemp. The Council discussed concerns surrounding speeding of vehicles travelling from Worksop, as well as parking issues on Grange Avenue, and the hope that the road scheme will be sympathetic to these concerns.

The Council heard a report from Cllr Bartles on speed camera data. It was noted that 73% of traffic is within the speed limit, with 6% of the remaining speeding traffic being between 40-55MPH. In addition, it was highlighted that 30% of traffic was below 30MPH. Resolved that speed camera reports will be added to the agenda and will be presented quarterly.

9134 To consider feedback from meetings attended

Cllr Renzi led discussion on the MP's recent public meeting, observing that it comprised a range of issues including 5G coverage, parking, speeding, pathways, GP access, public transport plans, and fly tipping. Feedback was positive and the meeting was well attended. Noted that the MP is in contact with companies regarding 5G coverage. Discussion ensued on crime following the neighbourhood watch meeting, with the lamentable theft of headstones, and an increase of car theft, with consideration given to an item to be included in the newsletter. Cllr Sherratt feeds back from a meeting of the Brownies, and its closure, emphasising that an appropriate and moving sendoff was given.

**9135 To note the date of the next Parish council Meeting as:
26th March.**