

WOODSETTS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 26th MARCH 2025 IN THE VILLAGE HALL, GILDINGWELLS ROAD, WOODSETTS

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

IN ATTENDANCE

Assistant Clerk M Wade
5 members of the public

9136 Apologies; B Smyth, I Waterhouse.

9137 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 26th February 2025 as being a true record of business transacted.

9138 Declaration of Members Interests and consideration of any request for the granting of a dispensation

None.

9139 To identify items which may be considered following the exclusion of press and public

Resolved that item 16 to follow exclusion of press and public.

9140 To consider any variations to the orders of business

Resolved that item 8 would be considered immediately after item 5.

9141 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Members of the public present introduced themselves to the Council. The Council heard from two representatives of the Plymouth Brethren Christian Church (PBCC) regarding the PBCC's recent acquisition of the former methodist church, and their plans for renovation of the interior, removal of outer building, and landscaping to of the outer grounds. The PBCC representatives continued to speak of their charitable endeavours, and proffer of assistance to local residents and the Parish Council as and when needed, in addition to a short statement as to the nature of their faith. The PBCC members departed at this point to attend another appointment. The Council heard the concerns of a member of the public regarding overgrown vegetation at the footpath near St. George's Church, and the state of parking in the area impeding travel. Consideration was given for an item in the newsletter on the issue. The Council heard from a member of the public regarding

their ongoing correspondence with RMBC regarding footpaths issues. The Council heard from a member of the public regarding the progress of the Scouts' meeting.

9142 To consider the co-option of candidates

Attention was drawn to the two seats still vacant on the Council, and it was resolved that an item will be included in the newsletter regarding said vacancies.

9143 To receive information on ongoing issues and decide further action where necessary

Biodiversity; update received on the delivery of trees. Discussion ensued on the possibility of a trench to be excavated for wildflowers, with the suggestion that the Council may fund this effort. Concerns relayed over receding hedgerows in the village; resolved that Cllr Sherratt will produce an article for the newsletter on this issue. Training; the Chair spoke of their attendance at a standards meeting. Hard standing at the front of the shops; Cllr Tindle offered clarification confirming that the drains are privately owned. Efforts to tarmac the hard standing is ongoing, awaiting quotes from contractors. Cllr Tindle offered to make enquiries as to sourcing contractors. Cricket square; no news from the Clerk regarding Anston ladies' softball. Clarification was received regarding the availability of the square to cricketers, confirmed to be after the last football match has concluded. Resolved that the Assistant Clerk will enquire with the Clerk as to a contact number for the football team regarding the issue of keys. VE Day; Cllr Sherratt relayed that no correspondence had been received regarding VE Day preparations. Church to hold a ticketed afternoon tea on the day. Chair raised the idea of a ticketed fish and chip with the pub, prior to the lighting of the beacon. Resolved that a working party will be established in the event of enough interest from the public as to organising a VE Day event. Cllr Sherratt to post additional posters on notice boards. Pavilion; resolved that a working party be established, to include Cllrs and additional members of the public who may offer help. Dates for a meeting to follow, along with a report.

9144 To consider Section 137 Grant Applications

None.

9145 To consider and approve expenditure

Resolved, following discussion and explanation, that an item will be included on the next agenda regarding the expenditure on the Village Hall and its precedence. Expenditure was approved.

9136 To consider the banking mandates and signatories

Deferred due to the Clerk's absence and apologies.

9147 To consider CCTV covering Recreation Ground and Playground

Awaiting quotes from two contractors.

9148 To consider any major planning applications.

None.

9149 To consider Communications group including suggestions for Logo

Discussion ensued around the communications group meeting that took place at the beginning of March. No progress on enquiries over wooden signposts for the village; consideration on further exploring the associated costs. Proposed that another meeting will be organised, to discuss comms and pavilion. Discussion ensued on the need for signage at the recreation ground following a resident's car becoming locked inside the ground, with a reminder that there is no parking in the area. Chair to investigate as to why the gates were unlocked at that time. Discussion progressed towards the matter of the newsletter, noting that the new vicar will not be arriving until July; associated article belated. Article to be included on the issue of crime and parking. Concerns noted over the necessity of a Neighbourhood Watch article following its lack of Chair. Resolved that newsletter articles will also be communicated on Facebook. Date to be set for newsletter publication.

9150 To consider highways and footpaths in the Parish

News of the meeting with the MP at the village hall relayed by the Chair, and concerns noted over lack of movement regarding the road plan. Chair relayed correspondence received to the effect that a new contract package is being finalised. Discussion ensued on the Worksop Road closure in April, and its relation to the plan. Noted lack of replies from RMBC Cllrs or the MP. The Chair relayed that they have made enquiries regarding the restoration of the Lewis Way sign, and the fingerposts sign at Anston junction. Following lengthy discussion, and noting concerns from members of the public, it was resolved that Alan Mosley, SYP, RMBC/Andrew Lee, RMBC Cllrs, and the MP will be contacted regarding the issue of parking outside the school, the heavy traffic associated, and the concerns that an accident will be imminent if not addressed. Chair and the Assistant Clerk to facilitate correspondence.

9151 To consider general correspondence

Resolved that members of the press and public be excluded for the item of business.

9152 To consider feedback from meetings attended

Cllr Sherratt relayed feedback from the Whitestone Solar Farm meeting, and the project's visual impact on surrounding areas; albeit currently not in or adjacent to Woodsetts. Cllr Sherratt will attend the upcoming planning meeting and report back.

9153 To note the date of the next Parish council Meeting as:

23rd April.