

WOODSETTS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON 23rd JULY 2025 IN THE VILLAGE HALL, GILDINGWELLS ROAD, WOODSETTS

PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

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

9217 Apologies

None.

9218 Minutes of the previous meeting

Resolved; that the Chairperson be authorised to sign the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 25th June 2025 as being a true record of business transacted.

9219 Declaration of Members Interests and consideration of any request for the granting of a dispensation

None

9220 To identify items which may be considered following the exclusion of press and public

None.

9221 To consider any variations to the orders of business

Resolved that item 6 be considered following the arrival of prospective co-option candidates

9222 To receive information on ongoing issues and decide further action where necessary

Biodiversity; noted that the trees are looking healthy and the wildflowers planted.
Training; assistant clerk will be attending CCTV and data protection webinar via YLCA.
Hardstanding; it was decided that paint on the step was more appropriate, following the conclusion that a reflective strip would not be fit for purpose. Ramped section not considered due to it affecting private land. Noted that the bollards have proved sturdy.
Usage of recreation ground; it was observed that the whole site has seen regular use.

9223 Public Participation

Discussion centred around the bollards installed at the shops, and their general success, with clarification that RMBC had paid for and installed them. Offer extended by Cllr Renzi that Billy Pringle join the pavilion working party, and accepted.

9224 To consider Section 137 Grant Applications

The Chair relayed that a verbal request had been received but unfortunately rejected due to the requestor being an individual and not an organisation.

9225 To consider a Budget Report and Bank Reconciliation

The council welcomed the report and thanked the Clerk for their work.

9226 To consider a quotation for a replacement laptop

Quotation considered, and following the appraisal by the Clerk that the current laptop's security is outdated and unfit, a prospective monthly financial committee, and an up-to-date computer system to facilitate internet banking, it was resolved that the laptop should be purchased.

Ruth Wheeler joins the meeting at this point

9227 To consider the co-option of candidates

Resolved that Ruth Wheeler join the council, and a brief overview of available training was given to Cllr Wheeler.

9228 To consider an HR Working Group

Resolved that an HR working group will be established with the view to manage employees and their contracts, with Cllrs Bartles, Renzi, Tindle, and the Chair expressing interest in joining said group. Request noted for plenty of notice and an established set of dates.

9229 To consider and approve expenditure

Approved. Resolved that the architects' 50% retainer fee of £9,300 will be paid. Update relayed by the Chair regarding RMBC's rates for play area inspections.

9230 To consider the banking mandates and signatories

Confirmed by the clerk that a transition to online banking can go ahead following the acquisition of a secure laptop, with an update to financial regulations, and a confirmation as to the practicalities of the final process and procedure. Noted that further discussions will take place as necessary.

9231 To consider the pavilion redevelopment project

The council received a report from the pavilion working group, and it was noted that questions to the architects remain outstanding as to: the size of the extension, cost, capacity, building regulations confirmation date, preferred contractors. Additional consideration to be confirmed regarding the FCC grant decision date and the commencement of works. Discussion ensued as to the heating system at the pavilion,

solar panels, and the possibility of identifying ecological alternatives and whether eco grants are available.

The Chair relayed the current progress of the grant funding applications. Noted that further clarification will be sought to confirm Woodsetts' proximal eligibility.

The council received a report on ongoing fundraising organisation efforts, with an observation that any outdoor events must take place before commencement of project in January 2026. Discussion ensued on the possibility of holding small and regular social events. Suggestion considered that a fayre be held as a final curtain raiser for the project. Cllr Gresham reported that groups have been forthcoming with intent to use the site once complete.

The Chair relayed that the production of a flyer has been deferred until confirmation from grantors can be achieved, but that Cllr Wheeler could pursue some general design ideas.

9232 To consider CCTV and receive an update on quotes

Agreed that given the delay from contractors regarding quotes, an updated estimate will be necessary.

9233 To consider any major planning applications

None.

9234 To consider the Bonfire and Fireworks event, traffic management, and entry fees

Following a lengthy discussion, a proposal to consider the charging of an entry fee in principle, was rejected. Resolved that a bonfire and fireworks event will take place on 4th November 2025. Discussion ensued over the possibility of approaching the police for help with traffic management, given it is not within the council's powers.

9235 To consider Communications group including the Logo, and Newsletter

Deferred.

9236 To consider highways and footpaths in the Parish including a progress report on Village Plan

No replies received regarding the plan's progress; borough Cllr Baum-Dixon's efforts on advancing the issue for Woodsetts were noted. Discussion ensued around concerns of speeding and overtaking on the main road, and the prevalence of e-bikes and scooters. Suggestion made regarding a community speed watch group.

9237 To consider general correspondence

Correspondence relayed regarding a meeting of the Chairs of Anston and Woodsetts parish councils on 8th August and accepted. Cllr Sherratt volunteered to act as a representative to the Common Farm Solar Park Community Fund, and correspondence from Cllr Hart of Dinnington Town Council was welcomed and will be followed up. Noted that the historical society has replaced the memorial bench outside the Butcher's Arms.

9238 To note the date of the next Parish Council Meeting as:

24th September 2025.