



WOODSETTS  
PARISH COUNCIL

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**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 29<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2026 IN THE VILLAGE HALL, GILDINGWELLS ROAD, WOODSETTS**

**PRESENT**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE**

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

- 9367 To receive apologies and consider reasons for absence**  
Resolved; to approve Cllr Tindle's reasons for absence.
- 9368 Minutes of the previous meeting**  
Resolved; that the Chairperson signed the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2026 as being a true record of business transacted.
- 9369 Declaration of Members Interests and consideration of any request for the granting of a dispensation**  
None.
- 9370 To identify items which may be considered following the exclusion of press and public**  
Resolved; that Item 12, 'To consider and approve the Assistant Clerk's role change and contract' be excluded to the press and public, as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.
- 9371 To consider any variations to the orders of business**  
Resolved; that Item 12 be considered following Item 18. Resolved; that Item 8, 'Public Participation' be considered following Item 6.
- 9372 To discuss co-option of members to the Council**  
Discussion centred around the high attendance by members of the public, and it was expressed that any individuals present who may wish to join the Council should be encouraged to do so. Resolved, that an update was heard on the progress of an advertising poster, and that the new village hall notice board is expected at the end of May 2026.



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**9373 To receive information on ongoing issues and decide further action where necessary**  
Biodiversity; resolved that £50 will be spent on the planting of wildflowers.  
Recreation ground usage; it was noted that the cricket team are working hard on maintenance. Resolved; that a timetable of events on the recreation ground be published. It was reiterated that no golfing whatsoever is to take place on the recreation ground, due to the risk to the health and safety of the public.

**9374 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The Chair welcomed all members of the public to the meeting, and an overview of 'Public Participation' and its function was given. The public were informed that a meeting of the Parish Council is not a Public Meeting, and that while in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public have a statutory right to attend Parish Council meetings, participation is not a statutory right. It was resolved to suspend Standing Orders 3(f) and 3(g), and extend Public Participation to allow the public more time to speak. Questions regarding the Pavilion Project were answered and clarification was granted regarding matters such as the consultation process, and the public were reminded that three public consultations have already taken place, and that consultation has been ongoing since the project's inception, through items such as the biannual newsletters, flyers, notices, Parish Council agendas and minutes, and website articles. The public were informed that a common response to consultations was a desire for the Council to pursue grant funding opportunities, and to this effect the Council have and are currently in the process of applying to grant funding organisations. The public were informed that a loan from the Public Works Loan Board (PWLB) will strengthen the Council's position when applying for grants. The public were reminded that the current loan which was taken out 25 years ago allowed the Council to purchase land that allowed for the construction of the current village hall – which is managed by a charitable trust and not the Parish Council – in addition to the playground and MUGA, as opposed to the land otherwise being used for private property development. The public were informed that the current loan scheme planned under the PWLB is an annuity, allowing for consistency in budgeting forecasts. The public were reminded that questionnaire results from the consultations showed a desire for an updated building, in addition to the inability for the village hall to currently match the demand for its facilities. Due to ongoing discussions between the project manager and contractor, commercially sensitive information was withheld from the session, in accordance with Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972. The session closed with a reminder that while the public are permitted to record the proceedings of meetings in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, any recordings should be made and published in accordance with the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR), and the Data Protection Act 2018, and to seek advice where necessary.

**9375 To consider Grant Applications**

Resolved; that a grant for £68.99 be given to the Woodsetts Local History Society, for the provision of signage for the Woodsetts Wombles Litterpickers, under powers granted by Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972.



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- 9376 To discuss Christmas lights**  
Resolved; that the working group will discuss suggestions and report back to the Council.
- 9377 To consider and approve policies**  
Resolved; that the Publication Scheme, and Community Guidelines policies were adopted, and that a calendar of meetings will be produced.
- 9378 To consider and approve the Assistant Clerk's role change and contract**  
This item was excluded to the press and public.
- 9379 To consider and approve expenditure, including the Zurich insurance proposal**  
Resolved; that the expenditure be approved. Resolved; that the Zurich insurance proposal be deferred until the next meeting.
- 9380 To consider the pavilion project**  
Resolved; an update was heard regarding the ongoing progress of the PWLB loan application, and that grant funding organisations are hesitant to approve grants until the loan has been received. Awards for All and Tarmac LCF grant applications were noted as pending.
- 9381 To consider any major planning applications**  
None.
- 9382 To consider highways and footpaths in the Parish**  
Resolved; the Chair relayed their correspondence with PCSO Amy Whaley, regarding the parking issue at the school which is ongoing, and concerns regarding speeding in the 20MPH zones – particularly Lindrick and Grange Avenue – will be signposted accordingly.
- 9383 To consider general correspondence**  
Resolved; that correspondence was relayed regarding concerns around hedges on the recreation ground that bound properties, in addition to dead trees and ivy, that need to be addressed accordingly. Arrangements have been made with a tree surgeon. Correspondence was also received regarding concerns over the litter bin at the shops overflowing. Following discussions around the bin at the shops, and also a larger standard bin or recycling bin at the playground, it was resolved to include the issue of bins on the next Agenda, with the view to producing a plan for the village.
- 9384 To consider feedback from meetings attended**  
Feedback was relayed from the meeting with PC Nathan Winder on the issue of rural crime; all residents are encouraged to report either online post-incident, or call 101 or 999 in the case of non-emergency or emergency incidents. Cllr Sherratt relayed feedback from the Common Farm and Whitestone Solar Farm meetings.
- 9385 To note the date of the next Parish Council Meeting as:**  
29<sup>th</sup> April 2026.