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MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 28th OCTOBER 2026 IN THE VILLAGE HALL, GILDINGWELLS ROAD, WOODSETTS

PRESENT

Councillors: M Carroll (Chair), P Clarke, S Gresham, N Renzi, J Sherratt, S Tindle

IN ATTENDANCE

Clerk M Wade
11 members of the public

9469 To receive apologies and consider reasons for absence
Resolved; to approve reasons for absence given by Cllr Bartles.

9470 Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 30th September 2026
Resolved; that the Chairperson signed the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 30th September 2026 as being a true record of business transacted.

9471 Declaration of Members Interests and consideration of any request for the granting of a dispensation
None.

9472 To identify items which may be considered following the exclusion of press and public
None.

9473 To consider any variations to the orders of business
None.

9474 To discuss vacancies on the Council, and to consider an interested candidate for co-option to the Council
The Council heard from Jo Carr, who gave an introduction and overview of their previous work and experience, and it was resolved that Cllr Carr join the Council.

9475 To receive information on ongoing issues and decide further action where necessary
Biodiversity; resolved, that Cllr Sherratt's report was received and no further action to be taken at this time. Thanks were extended to Nigel for his stellar work in and around the village.
Recreation ground usage; resolved, that requests were received from Worksop and Stocksbridge cricket clubs, in addition to a request for a junior SJR team to join the Woodsetts Rangers and use the recreation ground.

9476 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Council heard from the public. A letter from members of the public regarding concerns around the establishment of a football pitch and goalposts near to residential housing was relayed by the Chair, in conjunction with comments from said members of the public. Concerns were allayed, and the Chair confirmed that there are no plans to reinstate a football pitch adjacent to residential properties, following historical precedential decisions. Discussion turned towards football teams that have used the recreation ground in the past, and a member of the public introduced themselves and expounded upon their desire for their team to sever ties with SJR, and become a part of Woodsetts Rangers as a junior under 11s team. It was noted that the team does not have a permanent base at the present time. It was agreed that Cllr Tindle will meet with the football teams and report back, with the suggestion of a smaller pitch to be marked inside the larger adult pitch. The Council heard from Woodsetts Cricket Club, with apologies offered by the latter with regards to the current condition of the cricket square, with previous inclement weather affecting the maintenance schedule of the square, in addition to time constraints. It was agreed that a plan for upcoming maintenance will be sent to the Clerk. Requests from Worksop and Stocksbridge cricket clubs were noted, and it was agreed that three teams using the square would necessitate the services of a groundsman. Woodsetts Cricket Club kindly offered to contribute towards any maintenance costs incurred by the engagement of a groundsman, and it was suggested that the three clubs could meet and arrange match fixtures, in addition to maintenance concerns. It was suggested that Woodsetts Cricket Club appraise the Council of any available grant funding for cricket in general. A member of the public discussed the need for a mobile mast in Woodsetts, and it was noted that there had been no recent news from the MP.

9477 To consider Grant Applications, including Section 137 grants

None.

9478 To consider and approve expenditure

Resolved that expenditure totalling £4,327.52 be approved. Online banking adoption remains an ongoing concern.

9479 To consider litter bins in the Parish

The Clerk informed the Council of the delivery of the general waste trade bin. Discussion centred around the labour involved with waste separation, and it was resolved to monitor the workload with the groundsman and to decide further action where appropriate.

9480 To consider the pavilion project, and to note the groundbreaking ceremony

It was reported that the groundbreaking ceremony was delayed due to unforeseen circumstances. The Chair relayed correspondence with CS Surveying & Architectural Design LTD, and it was reported that barriers will be erected around the pavilion imminently, with access to the building to be restricted. It was resolved that the working group will meet with the contractor, with progress reviews to be received by the project manager as the works progress.

9481 To receive an update on the Whitestone Solar Farm development

The Chair relayed news of the upcoming Whitestone Solar Farm meetings and hearings beginning on the 10th November 2026, and it was resolved that the Chair, Clerk, and interested members will attend. It was noted that The Great North Road Solar and Biodiversity Park near Newark had been approved, and Common Farm Solar Park communications were praised.

9482 To consider highways and footpaths in the Parish

Resolved; that Cllr Clark will contact RMBC about a damaged post on Gildingwells Road. It was noted that none of the street lighting on the approach to the pavilion were working. Cllr Clarke reported on discussions with RMBC surrounding degradation of footpaths on Worksop Road, and that inspections had taken place. Resolved; that the Clerk and Cllr Sherratt discuss and progress a request for additional 20MPH painted road markings on Grange and Scholey Avenues. It was noted that upcoming road closures on the A57 between Lindrick Dale and South Anston will likely cause an increase of traffic through Woodsetts, despite the planned diversion route avoiding the village.

9483 To consider planning applications in the Parish

Planning application RB2026/1321 was discussed, regarding the proposed extension to external drinking area at the Butchers Arms. It was noted that the application was submitted by The Stonegate Group, and following discussions around the removal of parking bays at the pub leading to an increase of cars parked on the road and pavements, it was resolved that the Council decline to comment on the application.

9484 To consider general correspondence

The Chair relayed correspondence regarding the Royal British Legion poppy appeal, and it was resolved to donate £250, through powers granted by Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972. It was noted that the appeal launched on the 22nd October, and that the Chair will represent the parish on the 8th November at St. George's Church to lay a wreath and commemorate fallen soldiers. Thanks were extended to the groundsman for their work on installing the poppies to the street lighting in the village.

9485 To consider feedback from meetings attended

Upcoming training opportunities with YLCA were reported, and it was resolved that the Clerk will undertake training on the 11th November on the new National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).

9486 To note the date of the next Parish Council Meeting as:

25th November 2026.