

Snettisham Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING

held on Tuesday 25th October 2022 at 6pm
at Snettisham Memorial Hall, Old Church Road, Snettisham.

In attendance: Cllrs D Bocking (Chair), J Bailey, E Bateson, G Deverick, R Garwood, J Penty, K Penty, J Smith, L Standeven, H Whyman-Naveh

Members of the public: 2

Clerk: C Smith

1 Members' declarations of interest

None declared.

2 Apologies and consideration of acceptance for absence

None received in advance of the meeting.

3 Public Participation

Representatives from the WI explained that they would like to replace the tree in the Marketplace to commemorate the WI centenary and the founder of Snettisham WI Lady Strickland. Research for a suitable tree had been undertaken with the Woodland Trust who recommended a Rowan. A native tree, long lived, less invasive roots with blossom in the spring and berries in the Autumn.

4 WI Tree Commemorating Lady Strickland – this item was brought forward on the agenda to facilitate discussion. Councillor's appreciated the research done by a member of the WI, some Cllrs expressed a preference for a Horse Chestnut. It was reported that a Horse Chestnut had not been allowed previously by NCC highways. It was agreed to consult a local tree expert; Cllr Garwood would contact him and arrange a meeting with the WI representative in attendance. The Parish Council agreed to cover the installation costs for the tree. It was noted that a plaque commemorating Lady Strickland would be placed by the tree.

5 Minutes

The minutes from the Amenities Committee Meeting held on 27th July 2022 were agreed and signed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

6 Report on the progress of items from previous meetings was received

Village vintage Map – this was now in place and thanks were extended to the volunteers that installed it on the side of the bus shelter.
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Oak Tree Green – it was reported that work had started to prepare the ground for planting. Cllrs confirmed that the wooden rails could be painted and that the area would not be cut by the contractor, the residents group would take over maintenance for next year.
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Fruit tree planting, community orchard – it was noted that the planting date was 29 th October, a draft letter had been prepared by the clerk to deliver to residents. The chairman thought this would not be necessary as residents had been informed by Cllrs
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in person. The planting had been advertised on social media, the noticeboard and website.

The Common – the clerk reported that a volunteer group had met on 16th October and had made a good start to the work. The clerk was unable to attend the next working party on 20th November and asked if a Cllr would like to attend.

Market Place railings – it was noted that this job was complete, volunteer Cllrs were thanked for carrying out the work.

Remembrance – Cllrs received the draft event management plan and risk assessment. The Act of Remembrance Service sheet would be updated with the readers. The clerk reported that the Royal British Legion had requested to read the roll of honour. It was resolved that the Parish Councillors would read the roll of honour as decided at the last meeting, and as had been done in the past. The stand and microphone system would be used. It was agreed that a poppy stall could be open on the market place in the weeks leading up to Remembrance Sunday.

Clothes Bank – it was reported that this was now in place at the office for all to use. Funds from recycling credits would come to the parish council.

7. Teal Close

Cllrs noted that residents, on a number of occasions had asked that an area used as a builder's yard be reported to planning enforcement. This was being followed up by BCKLWN.

8. Renumbering or renaming houses on an access road at Common Rd

A request by a resident to consider what would be acceptable by the parish council; to renumber 8 Common Rd or rename an access road along Common Rd was received. The issue had arisen as development had caused the access to some properties to be out of sequence, making it difficult for post and deliveries to find an address. It was agreed that the parish council had no objection to either renumbering the houses or renaming the access.

9. Chickens on Common Rd

Cllrs received the concerns of a resident but noted that these were feral animals, the concerns were on-going and a solution had not yet been found.

10. Christmas Tree

It was noted that a tree had been ordered, costs had increased and it was expected to be over budget. Final costs may be around £350.

11. Trod

Councillors received the update from the highway engineer that the parish partnership funds would only take the trod part of the way. It was agreed that in the current climate it was too expensive to proceed. The clerk was asked to recover the parish council funds from NCC.

12. Next meeting

Full Council – Tuesday 8th November 2022 6pm, Memorial Hall

Amenities Committee – Tuesday 29th November 2022 6pm, Memorial Hall

Meeting closed 7.05pm