**Snettisham Parish Council**

Minutes of an extra ordinary meeting of Snettisham Parish Council held at 6pm on Wednesday 17th May 2023 at the Memorial Hall, Snettisham,

Present: Cllr K Penty (in the chair)

Councillors: J Bailey, E Bateson, D Bocking, G Deverick, R Garwood, M Harpley, R MacKenzie, J Penty, J Smith, L Standeven, H Whyman-Naveh

Clerk: C Smith

Public: 63

Press: 1

Cllr Penty welcomed everyone to the meeting.

# Declarations of Interest

Cllr Standeven – Memorial Hall trustee, non-pecuniary interest.

# Apologies for Absence

All Cllrs present.

# Introduction and Public Participation

Cllr K Penty welcomed all to the meeting, the clerk read the letter requesting funding support from the Pavilion Steering group. Members of the steering group gave an update on fund raising and detailed the £180k raised so far. The history of the project was presented and the group requested that the Parish Council commit further funding to the project.

# Members of the public raised questions about the project, the Pavilion Steering group responded to points raised these included:

* Were the costings of the project were still accurate as building costs had risen in the last few years – the original costings had included a margin for price rises
* A question on the receipts from covid grants to the Memorial Hall Trust was raised, it was advised that this issue was for the Memorial Hall Trust
* expenditure already incurred of 9K was identified
* a structural engineer had not been appointed, the project would be on a design and build basis.
* When at the point of development the project would go out to tender in line with the Council financial regulations.
* Applications to large funders would be progressed – the Pavilion group felt this was more likely to be successful with further committed funding from the parish council
* Concerns about the exclusivity of the project were raised
* Support for the development of a facility to provide sport and leisure facilities were expressed
* Concerns about the size of the project were raised and the need for the balcony
* other attendees welcomed the ambition for an attractive building in the centre of the village.
* concerns were expressed that the meeting was only to consider supporting the scheme as it stands and not to debate the detail.
* emails received from residents unable to attend the meeting were read by the clerk.

# To consider the request for further funding to be earmarked in the reserves

Cllrs were given the opportunity to comment individually, the chairman asked the group how much funding they were asking for, the group responded £75k. Given the financial information that to earmark £35k of the general reserve would not affect the precept this was proposed by Cllr Bocking, seconded by Cllr Smith. 5 cllrs voted for the proposal. The vote was not completed as a vote for against and abstentions was not taken. There were no further proposals put forward and the meeting was closed.

Meeting closed 7.40pm.