**MINUTES OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING**

held on Tuesday 25thJuly 2023, 6pm

at Snettisham Memorial Hall, Old Church Road, Snettisham.

In attendance: Cllrs J Penty (in the chair), J Bailey, G Deverick, R Garwood, M Harpley, R MacKenzie, J Penty, L Standeven, J Smith

Members of the public: 2

Clerk: C Smith

# Members’ declarations of interest

## Cllrs J and K Penty – item 6 on the agenda, personal interest

# Apologies and consideration of acceptance for absence

Cllr E Bateson

# Public Participation

No comments.

# Minutes

# The minutes from the Amenities Committee Meeting held on 27th June 2023 were agreed and were signed by Cllr Penty.

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1. **Request to place a bench overlooking the memorial field –** Cllrs agreed that a bench similar to one already in place could be sited overlooking the memorial field, replacing one of the recycled plastic benches as long as it could be established that the recycled bench was not dedicated to anyone. A concrete pad would be put in, and future maintenance taken on by the family. It was also suggested that as an alternative the family consider a bench in the new play area and have the scheme dedicated in memory of their family member.
2. **Report on items form previous meetings**

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| Electricity meter installation in the market place – waiting for a date from British Gas for installation. |
| Play area reports – it was agreed that the small jobs identified could be carried out as routine maintenance by a local contractor. |
| After a fall project update – the project had received news that they will be a pilot and receive 11 free devices. Cllrs were happy for Snettisham to be included but needed more information about the local patch, how the scheme will run and the size of the equipment to be installed.  Cllr Garwood left the meeting at this point. |
| Electrical work in the office – having failed the electrical inspection certificate remedial works costing £775 would be carried out as soon as possible. |
| Noticeboard – this had arrived and would be installed by Cllrs. |

1. **Request to stand takeaway food businesses in the Market Square –** it was agreed that on a three month trial basis, one takeaway food business could stand on the market place in the evenings from 6pm. Charge for a pitch would be £25. Generators would not be allowed.
2. Development of a Market - it was agreed that the market could not be developed until the electricity had been installed. However, it was established that the preferred dates would be the first Friday of the month, timings open by 9am – 1pm.
3. **Basketball net at lodge walk play area –** it was agreed to allow a new basketball net at the play area, lodge walk.
4. **Play area project –** it was noted that the consultation on the initial designs had begun with a presentation in the pavilion. Comments from those visiting were recorded. The designs would also be available to view before the next council meeting, in the parish office and on- line. Grant applications would be completed later in the week.
5. **Active Travel Priorities –** Cllrs deferred the item to the next meeting to consider the questions.
6. **Maintenance of the footbridge on footpath 18 –** The clerk would circulate the information regarding Councils responsibility for the bridge. It was suggested that as the bridge was not very old and the defects reported should not be occurring. The clerk would follow up this concern with NCC.
7. **Variable message sign think bike –** Cllrs noted that the variable sign would be in place on A149 as part of a trial.
8. **Next meeting**

Full Council – Tuesday 8th August 2023 6pm, Memorial Hall

Amenities 26th September 2023, 6pm Memorial Hall

Meeting closed 7.05pm