**Snettisham Parish Council**

Minutes of Snettisham Parish Council Meeting held at 6pm on Tuesday 10th October 2023 at the Memorial Hall, Snettisham,

Present: Cllr K Penty (in the chair)

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

Public: 5 Clerk: C Smith

Press: 1

# Apologies for Absence

All present.

# Declarations of Interest and dispensations

Cllr L Standeven item 8.2.

# Public Participation

# Car Parking proposal – a member of the public commented that it would be a peculiar situation if the parish council was beholden to a member of the public. He also reported that it the scheme were to go ahead the tree officer would come down to the site and list the trees so that they could not be removed.

# Connected for Warmth – it was reported that this scheme offered insulation and advice free of charge for more efficient energy use in the home.

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# Minutes of the Annual Council meeting held on 12th September 2023

The minutes were accepted and signed as an accurate record of the meeting.

# Clerks report and progress on any matters arising from previous meetings.

# Gallipoli Reception Snettisham– Cllr Garwood reported that a successful event had been held, he attended the lunch in Kings Lynn with an interesting presentation on the history of the Galliopoli campaign. The Council were presented with a plaque and model of the Gallipoli memorial to mark the event, it was agreed to ask the church if these could be displayed there as it was a placed open to the public and visited by many people. The clerk would write and thank the RBL, Salvation Army and WI for their help to hold the event.

**Oak Tree Green** – Cllrs agreed that the scheme looked very attractive and asked the clerk to write and thank the scheme leader and volunteers for all their hard work.

**Co-op** – It was noted that that the Council were unsuccessful this time in securing a community grant.

# Norfolk County Council report – Cllr Dark outlined the County Deal proposals, including the level three status of an elected body and leader without a Mayoral role; and the funding that was being negotiated to deliver devolved services. He reported that it was coming to the voting stage in December.

# BCKLWN Council report – Cllr Dark confirmed that he had written a letter of support for the CIL bid and the council should hear soon if funding had been allocated.

# Finance

# Payments – Cllrs agreed the payments and noted the income for October 2023.



# Bank balances were noted at the end of September 2023 as Current £500 and Business £247,850.24. The bank reconciliation previously circulated, agreeing with these figures, was accepted.

# Donation towards the Church’s festive lighting – Cllrs agreed to make a donation of £250.

# Donation towards the costs for the Scouts Bonfire Event. – Cllr Penty pledged a personal donation of £50. Cllrs agreed to donate £250 from Parish Council funds. Cllr Dark also agreed to donate £250 from his community funding. Raffle prizes could be passed to Cllr J Penty. Cllr K Penty offered to transport any one unable to get to the field on the day.

# Traffic Group – Report from the meeting with the Highway engineer. The clerk went through the responses from the highway engineer. Councillors agreed to take forward the H bar white lining in Alma Rd and in the places where inappropriate parking occurred. It was also agreed to go ahead with the signage on the dangerous bend in Bircham Rd. It was agreed to apply to Cllr Dark for highways community funding. It was agreed that the future of the Traffic Group and how it would be structured be discussed at the Amenities meeting.

# Traffic Group – Carparking proposal- Cllrs reviewed the outline of a project to provide further parking on Church Rd. It was agreed not to pursue the scheme.

# Maintenance of the Common – It was agreed to ask ABC to clear the pit area and to ask the volunteer group to meet and continue clearance of the saplings. Cllrs would give some thought to who would lead the group and consider this at the next amenities meeting.

# Appropriate barrier to protect the Chalk pit site from fly tipping and unauthorised camping – It was agreed to wait for a response from the Open Spaces society to get the best advice on what would be appropriate.

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# SWAG and West Norfolk Befriending – Cllrs considered the request for funding, J Barratt gave an informative presentation on the SWAG scheme. Cllrs agreed to a donation of £250.

# Planning

**Applications**

1. 23/01334/F Retrospective change of use to Sight of 2 Mobile homes at Shepherds Port Farmhouse 44 - 46 Beach Road Shepherds Port Snettisham KINGS LYNN Norfolk **It was agreed there were no objections to this application.**

# Public Participation

No Comments

# Dates of next Meeting

Next Council Meeting 14th November 2023 6pm Memorial Hall

Amenities Meeting 24th October 2023 6pm Memorial

Meeting closed 7.35pm.

# Cllrs resolved to move into closed session on the grounds of confidentiality in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 S1(2)

# Personnel Committee report – Cllrs received a report from the personnel committee confirming the resignation of the clerk and the agreed procedure for recruitment. It was agreed that a Locum clerk service from NALC would be in place until a new clerk was appointed.