

Snettisham Parish Council

Minutes of Snettisham Parish Council Meeting held at 6pm on Tuesday 30 January 2024 at the Memorial Hall, Snettisham,

Present: R Garwood (in the chair)

Councillors: D Bocking, G Deverick, R MacKenzie, J Smith, H Whyman-Naveh, L Standeven, and M Harpley.

Also, present Sarah Bristow- Locum Clerk and one member of the public

300 Apologies for Absence

It was resolved to accept apologies from Cllr K Penty, Cllr J Penty and Cllr J Bailey

301 Declarations of Interest and dispensations

None received.

302 Public Participation

A Parishioner reminded the council that Cllr K Penty had advised that the Precept would not go up this year. The Clerk advised that the Council must cover their expenses, but every consideration would be taken into account.

303 To Set the Budget for 2024/25

There had been a lengthy working meeting looking at the budget line by line. Each Councillor was given the opportunity to ask any questions regarding the financial paperwork that was handed out. Due to a lack of a Clerk currently the staffing budget could change, and the money put in to match fund for the playground. **It was resolved to accept the budget as presented at £132,830.00.**

304 To Set the Precept for 2024/25.

A considerable amount of time was spent going over the budget previously agreed. To cover the budget there would need to be an increase of 24p per week per band D property. Councillors though aware of the previous promise were willing to increase as they wanted to keep the playground revamp in this financial year. There was a discussion regarding having the new Clerk work from home which would mean that the office could be rented out. There was also the situation regarding the Pavilion and money promised. After a lengthy debate it was decided to look into the above points but to keep the precept the same per band D property as last year which would mean a precept of £115,600.00. **It was resolved to set the precept at £115,600.00.**

305 Planning Applications

23/02069/F Application for Demolition of existing disused retail unit and construction of new dwelling 28 Common Road Snettisham. **It was resolved to recommend approval.**

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23/01894/F Application for creation of a habitat bank including engineering works to create 2 No wildlife ponds and associated landscape planting and habitat enhancements at land at E566681 N336881 South Beach Road, Heacham. **It was resolved to recommend approval.**

23/01772/F Amended Application re Construction of new dwelling in existing garden lane, detailed single storey garage and renovation and alteration of existing cottages at 2,4 and 6 Common Road, Snettisham. **It was resolved to recommend approval.**

306 Urgent Accounts for Payment.

January's Salary for the Cleaning Operative, which is contractual.

307 Public Participation

The Parishioner advised that it was good that the precept did not go up and hopefully the council can still cover their budgeted items.

308 Dates of next Meeting

Next Council Meeting Tuesday 13 February 2024 6pm Memorial Hall

With no further business the meeting was closed by the Chair at 7.25pm.

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