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There will be a meeting of the Amenities Committee on Wednesday 24th January 2024 at 7.30pm in the Old School Hall. Members of the press and public are welcome to attend.

AGENDA

		Legal Power/ Budget Heading
1	Apologies for absence – Cllr Mulcrone, Cllr Gadsby, Cllr Morgan	
2	Minutes of last meeting dated – 25 th October 2023 – Previously approved	
3	Matters arising from previous minutes – None	
4	Members Declaration of Interest for agenda items – Cllr Rose item 12	
<p>Public Forum: If residents of Sawtry wish to speak on any item on the agenda (max 3 mins) the meeting will be suspended for a 10-minute open forum. If you wish to speak, please inform the Clerk or the Chairman at least 24 hours before the meeting. One member of the public to raise awareness Valor at Polebrook, the last flight of Ten Horsepower , event to be held at Stilton 20th February</p>		
5	<p>Allotments – Lead Councillor – Cllr White 5.1 Update – Both sites looking good, inspection carried out today, Rowell Way is excellent, St Judiths very good just a couple of issues to look at over the coming weeks, Would also like to raise the possibility of an accessible / Community allotment to be set up in Belgrave Square car park, further information will be gathered over the coming weeks to have full details regarding position and full costing to be approved for April 2024 Budget.</p>	Smallholdings and Allotments Act 1908
6	<p>Green Spaces – Lead Councillor - Cllr White 6.1 Update – No real issues, there is some debris by the entrance sign on Green End Road, the clerk will look in to.</p>	Open Spaces Act 1906
7	<p>Play Areas – Lead Councillor – Cllr Whittaker 7.1 Update – all areas looking in good condition with no issues, Cllr Sanderson discussed the possibility of having a play area at St Judiths field location and price has been sourced, The Clerk advised as no budget available this year would need to be discussed at a later date for future budget setting.</p>	LGA 1972
8	<p>Cemeteries – Lead Councillor – Cllr Tuplin 8.1 Update on St Andrews drainage – The Clerk advised currently the holdup is with the developer’s legal team over the usage of the headwall, The Drainage engineers are contacting the Middle Level to get all their plans signed off with the developers regarding the legal issues and will be looking to send out to tender by the end of March.</p>	LGA 1972
9	<p>Benches/Bus Shelters – Lead Councillor - Cllr White 9.1 Update – Real concerns raised by the level of litter and antisocial behaviour especially by the Bus Shelter on the Green, the clerk has confirmed the Police are fully aware and have dealt with one issue, any further antisocial behaviour needs to be reported so we can check the CCTV</p>	LGA 1953

	<p>footage.</p> <p>To try and help with the level of litter we will remove the bench – Proposed by Cllr Tuplin and seconded by Cllr Sanderson and all in favour.</p>	
10	<p>Working Party - Accessibility around the village – Lead Councillor - Cllr Bingham</p> <p>10.1 Update – The current committee now has 50% of its members who are residents which is helping identify areas of concern around the village. The committee are currently looking at 1 year, 3 year and 5 year projects.</p>	
11	<p>Planters – Lead Councillor – Cllr Sanderson</p> <p>11.1 Update – All planters have been cleared and have new soil and plants in, looking to build 2 new planters and will ask CARESCO if the Cave could assist.</p>	
12	<p>Slimming World Banner – Cllr Rose – It was agreed they could have the banner for a 3-month trial period at £10 per month – Proposed by Cllr Rose and seconded by Cllr Bingham and all in favour.</p>	
13	<p>Village Lighting – Cllr White – it was discussed whether we can add lighting to the bus shelter on the green to make it brighter, the main issue would be connecting the power, it was also discussed potentially to paint the bus shelter. Will be discussed at a later date if needed.</p>	
14	<p>Greenfield Development – Update from the Clerk – Work has started on the extension this week, hopefully by the end of next week the away changing room should be completed.</p> <p>Request received to use Greenfield for Free for a charity cricket tournament either 3rd or 4th June – was proposed as long as all Charity details confirmed the Parish Council would agree – Proposed by Cllr Tuplin and seconded by Cllr Rose and all in favour.</p>	
15	<p>Date of next meeting – 24th April 2024</p>	

Steve Browning
Clerk to the Council/Proper Officer

Committee: Cllr Rose (Chairman)Gadsby, Mulcrone, Potter, Sanderson, Tuplin, White, Whittaker, Bingham, Morgan