**AGENDA ITEM**

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| MEETING DATE | 5th September 2023 |
| AGENDA ITEM NUMBER  to be completed by Clerk | 9.3 |
| REQUESTED BY | Jen Hughes – Pickmere Neighbourhood Watch  Co-ordinator |
| FINANCIAL DECISION REQUIRED | YES |
| DETAILS | I am emailing to request the possibility of Pickmere Parish Council funding the cost of Neighbourhood Watch street signs for the village.  I would like to purchase 8 signs at a cost of £6 each plus p&p of £3.80.Street signs are a great way of showing that Pickmere cares about preventing crime and has an active Neighbourhood Watch scheme, which in turn helps deter criminals.  The signs would be an additional asset to our existing scheme.  I currently use our Facebook page (with 237 members) & send out a regular email to a further 35 residents in the parish to provide the below information, so we as a community work together to help one another feel safer.   I have also submitted a piece to go in September's edition of Pickmere Press to remind residents of the scheme and how they can join, along with some useful personal safety advice.   * Crime prevention tips * Useful resources & tools * Local crime information and news * Somewhere to report suspicious behaviour * Share urgent / local & national emergency information * Run giveaways / competitions     The signs would be placed on lampposts at various points of entry into and around the village.  Each individual scheme is responsible for deciding where to hang signs and for putting up the signs securely and maintaining them.  Formal permission is not required to fit new signs which comply with the 1992 Town and Country Planning (Control of Advertisements) Regulations, however, I would notify Cheshire East as to the location of each sign and ensure that any fixing equipment complies with their regulations. |
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