

Minutes of the Community Committee held on June 16<sup>th</sup> 2021

Present: Cllrs Huntingdon, Laxton, Martin, Parkes, Poole, Potter, Sanderson, Tuplin, Whittaker  
Liz Coates (Methodist Church, CARESCO and foodbank), Tony Stefanelli (St Benedicts)

1	ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN – Cllr Potter was elected
2	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Cllrs Gadsby and Mulcrone, Revd Sue Baker-Maher (Methodist Church), Revd Becky Dyball (All Saints), Sarah Wilson (Academy Leisure), Pat Furzeland (Food bank)
3	MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING – April 21 <sup>st</sup> – noted
4	MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES (for information only) - none
5	MEMBERS' DECLARATION OF INTEREST for items on the Agenda Cllr Sanderson – litter picker Cllr Martin – employed by CMAT
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 of the committee at least 24 hours before the meeting.	
6	COMMUNITY GROUPS UPDATE: <b>Academy Leisure</b> – timescale for opening of facilities may be delayed <b>Junior Academy</b> – Cllr Potter reported that every pupil had written/drawn a picture regarding the Neighbourhood Plan <b>St Benedicts</b> – liaising with the Methodist Church regarding returning to face to face services. Numbers have reduced due to moving away, illness. St Luke's have an outdoor service every Sunday, and a live streamed service once a week. Keeping in touch with older parishioners is continuing. <b>Methodist Church</b> – in person services twice a month in line with government guidelines. Looking forward to welcoming St Benedict's back. Waiting for HDC decision re planning application. <b>CARESCO</b> – the coffee shop and carers group are now running. The singing group will be re-starting shortly. The Man Cave is still waiting for the electrical refurb. The covid response questionnaire is still live online. There have been very positive results. The current system will operate until September, ways are being looked at to move it to a more permanent basis. <b>Foodbank</b> – clients are being given information signposting them to places for help with financial advice. The summer holiday scheme to provide fresh fruit and veg for every child on the scheme will go ahead. Thanks to the Parish Council for their donation. New volunteers are signing
7	CONNECTIONS BUS PROJECT – Mobile van project – Clerk to recirculate information. Deferred to Full Council.
8	SPORT FOR ALL – hall facilities to be offered subject to availability
9	PROPOSALS TO DEAL WITH VANDALISM – Cllr Martin – a meeting is being arranged between the Parish Council, County Councillor and the Police. No action to be taken until after this meeting.
10	COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP – request from Sawtry Litter Pickers to be co-opted onto the Committee – it was agreed that the Litter Pickers group would be co-opted and they will be able to send a representative to the Community meetings.
11	NEXT MEETINGS – September 15 <sup>th</sup> and November 17 <sup>th</sup>