

Minutes of the Community Committee meeting held on November 18<sup>th</sup> 2020

Present: Cllrs Smith (Chairman), Mulcrone, Tuplin, Gadsby, Laxton, Whittaker, Poole, Potter  
Diane Davis (Clerk), Sarah Bliss (Assistant Clerk)

Community Representatives – Liz Coates (Methodist Church), Emma Flanz (CARESCO), Pat Furzeland (Food bank), Catherine Dornelly (Sawtry Youth Project), Simon Parsons (Sawtry Village Academy)

One member of the public.

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| 1                                     | APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Tony Stefanelli (St Benedicts), Reverend Becky Dyball (All Saints), Revd. Sue Baker-Maher (Methodist)   |
| 2                                     | MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING – September 2 <sup>nd</sup> – previously circulated   |
| 3                                     | MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES (for information only)  |
| 4                                     | MEMBERS' DECLARATION OF INTEREST for items on the Agenda  |
| Public Forum: No-one wished to speak. |   |
| 5                                     | <p>COMMUNITY GROUPS UPDATE:</p> <p>St Benedicts (written update): No services have been held at the Methodist Service since the first lock down, still keeping an eye on the older Parishioners who usually attend.</p> <p>All Saints (written update): The Benefice of Sawtry, Glatton and Holme hopes to hold public services again in December after lock down and although adapting to the new guidance and regulations we have a full Christmas programme of services. Including a Contemporary Carol Service on December 13<sup>th</sup> at 6pm and a traditional Carol Service on December 20<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.</p> <p>CARESCO/Foodbank – the clubs have closed again during the 2<sup>nd</sup> lock down. The covid response is still happening and getting busier. The food bank is very busy, they are in the middle of organising the Christmas scheme. Last year there were 56 parcels in Christmas week. Don't know this year's figures yet. Any help that Councillors can give in putting together the parcels would be much appreciated.</p> <p>Food bank – thank you to the Parish Council for the on-going use of the school room. It is expected that they will move back to their permanent home in the new year. They are sending out 20 parcels weekly which are for 80 people. The Christmas parcels are in addition to the weekly parcels. These will be packed between 14<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> December and then they will be delivered.</p> <p>Methodist – No services have been held since the lock down, all risk assessments have been completed, and we are ready to start holding services as soon as allowed. The refurbishment is on-going, as environmentally as possible. There will be an advent special holiday club for 2 hours on a Saturday. Families are asked to register and a craft bag will be delivered to their homes and then they will join together on zoom to take part.</p> <p>Sawtry Youth Project – members are pleased the skate park project is moving forward.</p> <p>Sawtry Village Academy – tight restrictions have affected mixing out of school. Have had increased requests for free school meals and strongly support the food bank. Plans for the re-opening of the leisure centre are on hold. Management is now by</p> |

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|   | <p>CMAT. There has been a lot of investment by the trust and looking forward to the new year and for a slow opening. Staff are currently on furlough. There will be a review when the future restrictions are known. CMAT want to make a success of this. It is an expensive facility to run.</p> <p>Connections Bus – minutes of the AGM held on October 26<sup>th</sup> which had been attended by Cllr Smith had been circulated. Cllr Gadsby agreed to put himself forward as the Parish Council rep on the committee.</p> <p>Cllr Mulcrone that the plans for the putting up of the Christmas tree on The Green were going well, currently do not have a date for the installation of the electricity meter.</p> <p>Cllr Smith said she will report back in the new year on the results of the questionnaire recently sent out to local community groups.</p> <p>The Clerk advised that the census due to take place nationally in March 2021 will be mainly online but help is available for those not able to access the internet. More information will come out in the new year.</p> |
| 6 | CONNECTIONS BUS/SAWTRY YOUTH CLUB – AGM minutes attached  |
| 7 | <p>BUDGET</p> <p>7.1 Financial Report to October 31<sup>st</sup> – noted</p> <p>7.2 Budget planning for 2021/22 – provisional budget figures:</p> <p>Youth Provision - £8,200</p> <p>Christmas - £4140</p> <p>Firework Display - £3500, transfer unspent £3500 from this year into next year's events budget</p> <p>Events - £1000 (plus £3500 from fireworks)</p> <p>7.3 Community Infrastructure Levy Funding:</p> <p>Cllr Gadsby to look at the guidance to see if a grant for the food bank would meet the criteria.</p>  |
| 8 | NEXT MEETING – scheduled for February 17 <sup>th</sup> 2021 at 7.00pm   |