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The minutes for the meeting of the Community Committee on Wednesday 20th April 2022 at 7.00pm in the Old School Hall. Members of the Press and public are welcome to attend.

Present Committee : Cllr Potter (Chairman), Custance, Gadsby, Mulcrone, Martin, Rose, Sanderson, Tuplin, Whittaker, Clerk, Assistant Clerk

Representatives from – All Saints Church, Methodist Church, St Benedicts, Village Academy, Foodbank, CARESCO, Litter pickers

AGENDA

		Legal Power/ Budget Heading
1	Apologies for absence – Cllr Tuplin, Laxton.	
2	Minutes of last meeting dated 16 th February 2022	
3	Matters arising from previous minutes - None	
4	Members Declaration of Interest for agenda items – Cllr Martin, Cllr Sanderson	
<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 (Cllr Potter) at least 24 hours before the meeting.</p>		
5	<p>COMMUNITY GROUPS UPDATE: Martin Hare (CMAT)</p> <p>provided an update on the Academy and Sawtry Juniors, and the new 3G pitch , will be currently 2 projects – the first one is the reopening of the facilities and the 2nd is the improvement with funding for the 3G pitch on the playing fields and upgrading the current Astro turf pitches with a £1 million fund cost and a timeline expected to be completed by the end of 2023, CIL funding has been received to cover most of the costs, next steps will be to apply to the FA for funding, looking up to £900,000.</p> <p>Once open the new 3G pitches will be open to the general public outside of school hours. They have requested a letter of support from the Parish Council for their application, this was proposed, voted and carried by the council. (Cllr Martin left the room while this was discussed)</p> <p>Simon from the academy spoke about the positive progress at the school post covid, now organising trips away and the upcoming projects they will be supporting and being involved in, and the upcoming exams of the students planning to stay on in 6th form, there is currently a waiting list for this years group capacity up to 180 per</p>	

	<p>year.</p> <p>Academy Leisure – Sarah provided a positive update on the level of memberships increasing, the current timetable is being reviewed to meet needs, Sawtry sports4 all involvement for July events. The main focus will be on the gym and swimming pool, splash swim academy has moved from Hinchingsbrooke to Sawtry, which helps with the finance, underpinned by the educational trust, so needs to be cost effective or the debt goes onto the school.</p> <p>Methodist Church – Liz Coates provided an update – starting to reintroduce face to face seminars now 1 per month was previously held over zoom, working closely with All saints, held the good Friday walk in session which is the first once since covid, so things starting to get back to normal process. Christian Aid week mid may, will host a breakfast fundraiser and holiday club.</p> <p>Caresco – Liz Coates, provided an update on the minibus appeal ongoing, the old bus is still being repaired and they have leased a new bus for the Autumn, Sawtry cars have been helping out, Initial Target has been reached but with ongoing costs rising, the target has now be raised,. Ongoing fundraising activities, Free Easter activities was held. Policies and procedures have been checked and approved.</p> <p>Foodbank – Liz Coates, the numbers are slowly going up again, but still quite a bit down on the usual donations, with the cost of living and energy crisis this will likely have a big effect.</p> <p>Litter pickers – Lisa has confirmed that Tom has now left the group, they now have a group of around 28 volunteer members multiple from the same families all helping. They have currently set up a whatsapp group, and they are receiving lots of positive engagement on the Litter pickers facebook page, they are actively trying to cover every single street in Sawtry over a 12 month period. They have received donations for equipment from East Anglia Galvanising, HDC reporting tool for fly tipping, the Co-op will be clearing up its own area. There is still a push for more volunteers to help with the group. There has been an issue with the regular bin collections as not all of the vans have curtains which prevents the rubbish from coming back out, this has been raised.</p>	
6	<p>CONNECTIONS BUS PROJECT – Lead Councillor – Cllr Gadsby</p> <p>Starting back up next week after a 2 year break, Cllr Gadsby to arrange a meeting and poster to go on facebook</p>	
7	<p>FINANCIAL REPORT – to follow</p>	
8	<p>Queens Jubilee –</p> <p>8.1 Beacon lighting – lighting at 9.45pm Thursday 2nd June 2022 – Cllr Tuplin to advise on his return</p> <p>8.2 Queens Green Canopy – specimen tree with guard on the green – Cllr Rose and Tuplin have agreed on tree type, will decide on location – report to follow</p> <p>8.3 other events – Queens Jubilee - Cllr Martin proposed £400 for 100 signs for lamp posts – Cllr Sanderson seconded; all Cllrs approved</p>	
9	<p>Sawtry sport 4 all – 9th July 2022 – Cllr Potter to request an update</p>	
10	<p>Date of next meeting – 15th June 2022</p>	

Steve Browning

Clerk to the Council/Proper Officer

Thursday

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Representatives from – Village Academy, Infants School, Junior Academy, Sawtry Youth Project, Carnival, CARESCO,
Foodbank, All Saints Church, St Benedicts, Methodist Church, Litter Pickers