

Minutes of the Community Committee held on November 17<sup>th</sup> 2021

Present: Cllrs Potter (Chairman for this meeting), Gadsby, Huntingdon, Laxton, Martin, Mulcrone, Poole, Sanderson, Tuplin  
 The Clerk and Assistant Clerk  
 Representatives from CARESCO, Foodbank, Methodist Church, St Benedicts  
 David O'Brian – East of England Ambulance Service

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| 1  | Apologies for absence – Emma Flanz (CARESCO), Pat Furzeland (Food Bank), Simon Parson (Village Academy), Sarah Wilson (Village Academy), Revd Becky Dyball (All Saints)   |                                   |
| 2  | Minutes of last meeting dated September 15 <sup>th</sup> 2021 – previously circulated, noted  |                                   |
| 3  | Matters arising from previous minutes – none  |                                   |
| 4  | Members Declaration of Interest for agenda items:<br>Cllr Huntingdon – agenda item 11 – Chair of Sawtry Sports and Leisure Association (SSLA), Sawtry Colts and Sawtry FC.  |                                   |
| <p>Public Forum:</p> <p>David O'Brian from East of England Ambulance Service (EEAS) spoke to the committee about the installation of a defibrillator at the Old School Hall. The cost of provision is £1350 which includes the defibrillator, pads, cabinet and lock. There would be a one-off donation to the EEAS of £500 which would cover monitoring of the equipment and training for residents. The pads need to be replaced after every use (£40) and the battery will last 10 years with the replacement currently costing £150.</p> |   |                                   |
| 5  | To consider installation of a defibrillator at the Old School Hall – it was agreed to recommend to Full Council that a defibrillator is purchased at a cost of £1350 and a donation of £500 is made to EEAS for maintenance and training.   |                                   |
| 6  | Carols on The Green/Greystones – it was agreed to hold the event on December 13 <sup>th</sup> at 6.00pm. No-one came forward from Committee to help the staff organise the event.   |                                   |
| 7  | <p>Community Groups Update:</p> <p><b>Methodist Church:</b><br/>Continuing with building work, problems accessing builders so there are delays. Pushing for eco-church status which will involve insulation, carbon neutral etc.<br/>The Christmas Day service will be held at All Saints this year.</p> <p><b>CARESCO:</b><br/>Request to put wooden hearts on the Parish Council Christmas tree on The Green – agreed<br/>Councillors who attended the AGM were thanked.<br/>The appeal to raise money for a replacement mini-bus has started with a just giving appeal on line, and a quiz at the club.<br/>There is a working group who are looking at a wish list for a new building</p> |                                   |

**Foodbank** (written update received):

During September and October 2021, we gave out 132 food parcels to help 399 local people. We are now planning our Christmas parcel scheme. We have a donation day planned for 9<sup>th</sup> December and the following week we will distribute the tinned and packet items. This will involve afternoon and evening sessions from Monday to Thursday, leaving Friday free to distribute our weekly parcels as normal. Fresh items will go out on 23<sup>rd</sup> December and we would like to thank Sawtry Parish Council for the grant towards the cost of fresh fruit and vegetables. During the week before and after Christmas our weekly sessions will move from a Friday to Wednesday. It will be a busy time for us and we will welcome any extra help to pack parcels. If you are able to help please contact 07743 593863

**Village Academy** (written update received):

Academy Leisure (AL)

Great uptake on memberships since launching with just under 400 members on record. Fantastic feedback from the community with a great range of new fitness classes added to our timetable. Working closely with Sawtry Village Academy (SVA) to bring new concepts for fitness sessions to the children that will benefit and develop them in a number of positive ways. BBC Children in Need fundraiser (24hr Bikeathon) collaborating SVA with the local community and AL staff to fundraise for a fantastic cause.

Sawtry Village Academy

The term has started very well, and attendance levels have been very good despite the situation with Covid-19. Headteacher Simon Parsons and colleagues from CMAT completed the 10 peak challenge in the Lake District to celebrate 10 years of CMAT:

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/cmat10peaks>

Simon was raising funds for Sawtry Foodbank and will ensure strong links between this vital local charity continue and grow.

**All Saints** (written update received):

The latest information to share is as follows:

- All Saints' Sawtry launched Little Saints - a group for 0-5 year olds and their carers, earlier this month and it is growing week by week. We meet every Thursday (Term Time) in the Methodist Church Hall and have 20 families on our books already.
- All Saints' Christmas Tree Festival is all set and ready for the beginning of December.
- Christmas Services held at All Saints' this year include:

Christingle 10:30am Sunday 12th Dec

Carol Service 6pm Sunday 12th Dec

Messy Christmas Saturday 18th Dec 4:30-6:30pm

Noisy Nativity 10:30am 19th Dec

Christmas Eve 'Midnight Service' 11:30pm

Christmas Day Churches Together 10am

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|    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An Alpha Course (exploring big questions about life and faith) launches on the 10th Jan 7:30pm and is being held at The Greystones Pub. Everyone Welcome.</li> <li>• For more details and information visit <a href="http://www.allsaintssawtry.org.uk">www.allsaintssawtry.org.uk</a></li> </ul> <p>St Benedicts:<br/>Services have not been held in Sawtry since the start of the pandemic. Parishioners attend St Luke's at Orton or Huntingdon either via zoom or in person. At the moment it is not viable to re-open St Benedict's due to low numbers. The Bishop and Council of Priests will consider the long term future in the New Year.</p> |  |
| 8  | Connections Bus Project – It was noted that the Community Centre still operates with a maximum of 15 people allowed inside. This is not enough to be able to operate the youth club. Cllr Gadsby will contact the project coordinator to discuss the options for Sawtry.  |  |
| 9  | Financial Report - budget and forecasted end of year figures – noted  |  |
| 10 | 5 Year Plan – to consider medium to long term projects<br>Future Royal Events - £5,000  |  |
| 11 | Budget 2022/23 for consideration by F & GP on December 1 <sup>st</sup> :<br>Youth Club - £8,385<br>Christmas - £2,000<br>Fireworks - £4,000 (with SSLA keeping all profits from the event)<br>Events/Parades - £4,500<br><br>No expected income.  |  |
| 12 | Date of next meeting February 16 <sup>th</sup> 2022   |  |