

Minutes of the Community Committee meeting held on September 15th 2021

Present: Cllrs Potter (Chairman), Custance, Huntingdon, Martin, Mulcrone, Sanderson, Tuplin, Whittaker

Representatives from All Saints Church, Methodist Church, St Benedicts Church, CARESCO, Sawtry Foodbank, Sawtry Litter Pickers, Sawtry Youth Project

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1	Apologies for absence – Cllr Gadsby, Emma Flanz (CARESCO), Sarah Flack (Sawtry Junior Academy) Sarah Wilson and Simon Parsons (Sawtry Village Academy)	
2	Minutes of last meeting dated June 16 th – noted	
3	Matters Arising from previous minutes: Agenda Item 10 – Litter pickers to be invited to join the committee, when contacted the Clerk was advised that they had been disbanded. Update – litter pickers still operating, will attend this meeting.	
4	Members Declaration of Interest for agenda items – none	
Public Forum: No members of the public were present		
5	<p>Community Groups Update</p> <p><u>Academy Leisure (Sawtry) update via email:</u> This newly refurbished facility opened on Saturday 4th September. Membership uptake is going very well and the first 200 members have been able to take advantage of an early bird discount. The gym, swimming pool, sports hall and astro are all fully open. Website link: https://sawtry.academyleisure.org/</p> <p>Cllr Potter advised that when he receives their proposals for new signage he will circulate to Councillors.</p> <p><u>Sawtry Village Academy update via email:</u> Term started to all students on Monday 6th September. The term has started very well and with Covid restrictions reduced now students are accessing a full programme of curricular and extra-curricular opportunities.</p> <p><u>St Benedicts:</u> Still not returned to face to face services. Telephone contact with parishioners and holy communion for those who are ill at home continues.</p> <p><u>Methodist Church:</u> Back to weekly in person services. Held the first holy communion in person for 18 months. The services are also available on zoom. Saturday coffee mornings are back. The hall is being hired out with extra cleaning taking place between bookings.</p> <p><u>All Saints:</u> In person services have resumed. With weddings, funerals and baptisms taking place again. A fogging machine has been purchased to disinfect between services. Little Saints – a carers and toddler/baby group is being held in the Methodist hall on a Thursday morning. Working with different groups and organisations to help with mental health issues. Remembrance Sunday – working with the British Legion to plan the Service.</p>	

	<p><u>CARESCO:</u> The Covid response team have been renamed as the Community Support Group. This is a long-term project for people in their own homes who need help with shopping and prescription collections Sport4All -The event on September 4th went very well. Feedback for next year would be appreciated. Meeting with Parish Councillors has been arranged for Sept 30th</p> <p><u>Litter Pickers:</u> The committee was updated on the work carried out by the group. A separate meeting was agreed to look at ways the Parish Council could support the group. The Clerk reminded Councillors that they do not have the power to spend money on litter other than on their own land.</p> <p><u>Sawtry Youth Project:</u> Thanked the Parish Council for the provision of the Skatepark. £266.40 was handed over, which came from the barbecue at the Skate Jam and donations. They have disbanded their charitable status. Getting on board with the litter picking group. Would love to see benches at the skate park for parents/carers. Everyone involved was thanked for the years of work to achieve such a fantastic resource.</p>	
6	<p>Connections Bus Project 6.1 To note the Youth Club hasn't returned due to restrictions on use of the Community Centre 6.2 AGM October 26th – to agree who will attend. Cllr Gadsby suggested as he is the lead councillor.</p>	
7	<p>Finance – noted. 7.1 Reconciled accounts to July 31st 2021 7.2 Budget 2022/23 – to agree items for referral to the November meeting for consideration in next year's budget</p>	
8	<p>Fireworks 2021 – update from Sawtry Sports and Leisure Association (SSLA) It was noted that the timescale for organising an event this year is too tight. The Parish Council were asked to consider more financial support for next year's event as the financial benefits to SSLA are not sustainable.</p>	
9	<p>The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacon Lighting June 2nd – it was agreed to be involved in the event.</p>	
10	<p>To consider replacement for decommissioned defibrillator at Fire Station – it was agreed to recommend to Full Council to fund a defibrillator if a site could be found and there was someone to carry out routine maintenance</p>	
11	<p>Request from Circus Ginnet to visit Sawtry in October – it was agreed that they could book the field on the same terms as the fair with the understanding that a ground inspection would take place the day before and if the ground was too wet they would not be allowed on the field and the event would not be able to take place. A booking form, risk assessment and proof of public liability insurance would be required.</p>	
12	<p>Date of next meeting November 17th at 7.00pm – budget planning meeting</p>	