

Minutes of the Community Committee meeting held on September 19th 2018

Present: Cllrs Mulcrone (Chairman), Gadsby, Custance, Fox, Ingram, Poole
 Representatives from – Village Academy (Sara Wilson), Sawtry Youth Project (Catherine Dornelly and Ben Thomsett, Carnival (Julia Keighley), CARESCO , All Saints Church (Cheryl Elmer), Catholic Church (Tony Stefanelli), Methodist Church (Liz Coates), Hunts Forum (Nicolas Andrews-Gauvain)

1	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Cllrs Whittaker, Tuplin, Riddle, Vessey, Laxton, Rose Elizabeth Coates (CARESCO), Sarah Flack (Junior Academy)
2	MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING – June 20 th – previously circulated
3	MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES (for information only) – none
4	MEMBERS' DECLARATION OF INTEREST for items on the Agenda – none
5	<p>COMMUNITY GROUPS UPDATE:</p> <p>5.1 Junior Academy – not present</p> <p>5.2 Village Academy – The year 11 results have improved for the third year running. Under the Ofsted grading system the Post 16 results would be an outstanding level of achievement and attainment. Year 7 intake has increased by 30, including 6 students from Alconbury Weald. Building work has started on the new facilities which are expected to be completed in July 2019. The area vacated by the library has taken longer to re-fit than originally planned due to it's poor condition. It is hoped that the 6th form centre will be based there in January 2019.</p> <p>5.3 Sawtry Youth Project – Have raised £16,000 to date. The project members are increasing with more involvement from the young people in the Community. They are looking to build their relationship with the Parish Council.</p> <p>Committee Proposal to Full Council – to agree Councillors to form a working party with SYP</p> <p>5.4 All Saints – Are now in position to advertise for a Priest in Charge. The first advert went out in August. So far one candidate has been selected for interview in early October. A contractor will be levelling the slabs at the entrance to the churchyard and laying slabs for the siting of the British Legion Commemorative Bench.</p> <p>5.5 Methodist – The Reverend Paul Beard has pastoral responsibility for Sawtry for the next nine months, he is also responsible for five other parishes. All three churches meet together every quarter. The Parish Council were thanked for their support of the Holiday Club which all three churches were involved in. Reverend Alan Taylor will still be co-ordinating the village carol service.</p> <p>5.6 St Benedicts – No longer based at the WI hall due to changes at St Luke's. No longer have a morning service, it is now at 5.00pm on a Sunday at the Methodist Church. A cream tea raised enough funds to provide food for one day of the holiday club. A local parishioner has attended the National Pilgrimage in Liverpool.</p> <p>5.7 Sawtry Show – no one present</p> <p>5.8 Sawtry Carnival – AGM last week. Very pleased with this year's Carnival. The Parish Council and Academy were thanked for the use of their premises. There is a good bank balance to move forward to next year's event. A donation of £350 will be made to a local group, the recipient will be agreed at the next committee meeting in October. A donation of £100 has been made to CARESCO. The theme for next year is Fairy Tales, the date for next year (either June 1st or 8th) to be agreed at the October meeting.</p> <p>The committee were congratulated on such a well organised and successful event.</p> <p>5.9 CARESCO – Trying different things to get the Sawtry Eye back within budget. The new format is thinner. The AGM is on October 10th – the speaker will be Ben Pitt from Hunts Forum. All welcome.</p>

	<p>5.10 Foodbank – 3 families attended every session of the holiday club scheme. Now starting to think about Christmas – details will be in the next Sawtry Eye. 3 students from the Academy have been helping after school. Cllr Gadsby reported that he had attended the steering group meeting in July and saw how it works and had a look around the stores. Cllr Gadsby will attend the next steering group meeting. There are concerns that the long term plans for the Community Centre may affect the storage of the foodbank items.</p> <p>5.11 Community Centre Meeting – no meeting</p> <p>5.12 Hunts Forum – A meeting was held a couple of weeks ago as a follow up to the meeting in June which looked at the results of the local questionnaire. They are looking at setting up a community group involving local groups, working together for the benefit of the village. The Parish Council are invited to send a representative to the next meeting – date to be confirmed.</p>
6	SAWTRY YOUTH CLUB – termly report noted.
7	<p>WORLD WAR 1 COMMEMORATION:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Display of poppies – the Parish Council will be commemorating the end of the First World War with a cascade of poppies on the front of the Old School Hall. Residents are invited to make poppies – knit, crochet, paint the end of plastic bottles or any other medium. To be handed in to the Parish Council office by the end of October. 2. Memorial Benches – three benches will be in the village. The British Legion will place one in All Saints Churchyard near the war memorial, the Parish Council will be placing one on the grass at the end of Tinkers Lane facing Gidding Road/The Green, and a donation for another bench has been received from residents in the village and this will be placed at St Andrews Cemetery facing the other war memorial. 3. Moving the Beacon – AGE are supplying a pole and attaching the beacon. They will arrange for a contractor to install a concrete base at St Judith’s Field and then AGE will install the pole and beacon. There will be a charge for the contractors to install the base – final figures to be confirmed (original quote £650, but AGE are looking for a cheaper quote). The beacon will be installed by the beginning of October. 4. Programme for Beacon Lighting – the beacon will be lit at 7.00pm on November 11th. Members of the public are welcome to attend and view the lighting from the car park in St Judith’s Lane. A commemoration inspired by Sir Edward Grey’s comment on 3rd August 1914 – ‘The lamps are going out all over Europe; we shall not see them lit again in our lifetime’, will also be read out. 5. Correspondence from the British Legion regarding the War Memorial – it was confirmed that the War Memorial is not the responsibility of the Parish Council.
8	<p>Christmas Carols – update on Christmas tree on The Green – Cllr Mulcrone proposed that a tree is put on The Green and lit by battery operated LED lights. The carols can then be sung around the tree, with refreshments to follow at Greystones. Cllr Custance agreed to donate a tree.</p> <p>Proposal to Full Council to increase the Christmas budget by £400 to cover the costs of the lights, installation and refreshments.</p>
9	FINANCIAL REPORT – Noted. The Clerk reported that the quote for the fireworks had been received - £3,400 which is within the allocated budget.
10	NEXT MEETING – 21 st November at 7.00pm including budget planning for 2019/20