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There will be a meeting of the Community Committee on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 7.00pm in the Old School Hall. Members of the Press and public are welcome to attend.

### **MINUTES**

		Legal Power/ Budget Heading
1	Apologies for absence – Cllr Sanderson - Approved	
2	Minutes of last meeting dated 4 <sup>th</sup> October 2023 – Approved, proposed by Cllr Whittaker and seconded by Cllr Tuplin and all in favour.	
3	Matters arising from previous minutes - None	
4	Members Declaration of Interest for agenda items – None	
<b>Public Forum:</b>		
<u>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.</u>		
5	Community groups update: reports to be circulated. See appendix 1	
6	Connections Bus Project - 6.1 HDC Childrens summer holiday programme – was proposed to try the HDC summer holiday programme for 6 sessions to be funded by the Parish Council. Proposed by Cllr Tuplin seconded by Cllr Gadsby and all in favour	
7	Vibrant Community Funding, Creative Arts East – update from the Clerk – We have received the remaining £6061.43 funding from HDC and the office are working on providing some more shows in the coming months.	
8	Anglia In Bloom – Must register by 26 <sup>th</sup> May – Portfolio to be completed by 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2024 - Update. The Entry closing date is 26 <sup>th</sup> May 2024, and the portfolio needs to be completed by 30 <sup>th</sup> June, Cllr Tuplin confirmed he will provide the portfolio.	
9	Planters – Update Cllr Sanderson – no update due to absence.	
10	Armed Forces Covenant 10.1 – Armed Forces Covenant, need to elect a Champion – Update Cllr Potter will work with Billy Corner from the RBL to go through the Covenant and agree a sign off, once agreement is in place we can elect a champion. 10.1 - D Day 80 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2024 – The clerk advised we will be purchasing a wreath from the RBL and have already purchased the flag which will be raised for 1 week at the Old School Hall, the ceremony will be held on 6 <sup>th</sup> June at the War memorial in All Saints, and the wreaths will be laid at 9.00 am.	
11	Accessibility Around the Village – update from the working party – Update Cllr Bingham – The group are meeting once a month; they held a meeting last night and will be providing a full update at next week’s Amenities meeting.	
12	Greenfield Development – Update Cllr Sanderson The Clerk provided an update in the absence of Cllr Sanderson – one of the changing rooms is now completed, We have also planned the layout of the	

	new kitchen, which should be installed within the next 3 weeks, work has started on relaying the car park and also relaying and extending the rear car park, the 2 old damaged containers have been taken away and donated to a charity - Buffalo Crowland LVT association, and the new container is now onsite at the rear of the car park, The Blue Portacabin has also been moved to the rear of the car Park to allow the work on the car park to be completed. 12.1 – Open day provisionally booked 18 <sup>th</sup> May 2024 – This will now be moved back to June ( TBC ) as the work won't be completed in time	
13	Fireworks Display 3 <sup>rd</sup> November – The Clerk has confirmed this is booked, further details to follow nearer the time.	
14	Remembrance Day – Organising Parade 10 <sup>th</sup> November 2024 – The Clerk confirmed we will use the same route as last year, and Ringways will provide the road closures. Concerns were raised over people standing in the road – we will have some volunteer marshals to assist on the day.	
15	Chairman's Reception / Meet N Greet the Council 22 <sup>nd</sup> June 2024– Cllr Tuplin confirmed he will work with the Clerk to draw up a list of invites.	
16	Sawtry Carnival 8 <sup>th</sup> June 2024, The Carnival thanked the Parish Council for its donation of £500, there are currently 45 stalls with a beer license and food, there will be free rides, and all the road closures have been organised. The Parish Council will also have a stall and are seeking volunteers to run it.	
17	James Town Circus 15 <sup>th</sup> May 2024 – for information only.	
18	Scarecrow trail – 1 <sup>st</sup> July – 7 <sup>th</sup> July 2024 -CARESCO have asked the Parish Council to organise this year, which will be Free to enter, details to follow.	
19	Date of next meeting – 9 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	

**Steve Browning**

Clerk to the Council/Proper Officer

Committee: Cllrs Potter (Chairman), Cllr Mulcrone, Cllr Sanderson, Cllr Tuplin, Cllr Whittaker, Cllr Gadsby, Cllr Bingham, Representatives from – Village Academy, Infants School, Junior Academy, Carnival, CARESCO Sawtry Foodbank, All Saints Church, St Benedicts, Methodist Church, Litter Pickers, WI, Royal British Legion, Neighbourhood Plan, Sawtry Working men's club, Sawtry Cricket club.

## **Appendix 1 -**

### **Report for Foodbank:**

The first three months of this year have been our busiest in Foodbank since 2021. We have given out 242 food parcels to 601 local people. This higher level of demand has been due to the Cost-of-Living crisis, particularly rent and mortgage increases. Our Basket Challenge continues this year, inviting groups to fill a shopping basket with donations for us. We even supply a shopping list of items that we are in most need of. Donations are coming in from the community, but the number has reduced due to the current financial crisis. Our amazing team of volunteers work hard to keep the Foodbank running smoothly. In our Steering Group meeting in March we continued to plan, as best we can, to meet the demand in our local community. We are looking forward to our Volunteers Social Evening and Meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup> April.

I will not be able to attend the meeting on Wednesday, please pass on my apologies.

Kind regards,

Pat

Pat Furzeland

Sawtry Foodbank Manager

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### **Report for St Benedicts;**

Volunteers continue to take the older Parishioners to St Lukes in Orton Malborne every Sunday to Mass. Communion is still taken to the homes of Parishioners that are unable to go to church.

There are still ongoing discussions as to what is happening to St Benedicts, there are boundary changes being discussed and we may eventually come under Huntingdon.

Just after Christmas we got together and had afternoon tea at Sawtry Tea Room. It was well attended, and older Parishioners who were not able to attend, were delivered the afternoon tea package to their homes by the staff at the Tea Room.

Some of the St Benedicts Parishioners did the Walk of Witness on Good Friday together with the other churches.

I apologise but I am not able to attend the meeting.

Kind regards

Tony Stefanelli

St Benedict's Community.



Charity Number 229016

Sawtry WI monthly members meetings start with a speaker or activity followed by refreshments and social time, a little business, raffle, competition and sale of produce and books. WI is a national organisation open to all women and guests are welcome at our monthly meetings held on the first Thursday of each month, 7pm, WI Hall, Gidding Road, Sawtry PE28 5TS. Our 2024-2025 programme has recently been published in Sawtry Eye and we are currently accepting new members.

Our national resolution this year voted for by members is 'Dental Health Matters' which is about access to NHS dentists for all. WI offers the opportunity to make new friends, learn something and get involved in our community. Our social groups are open to any member of the community. Evening Tea, Craft and Chat held on the third Thursday of the month 7-9pm, Sewing, Patchwork and Quilting held on the second Monday of each month 11am-3pm and Knit and Knatter held weekly on Wednesdays 2-4pm. All members have access to free on-line courses, crafts, self-development and more as well as outings, workshops and events at WI Centre in Huntingdon. Most outings and events are also open to non-WI members.

We are the only WI in the Huntingdon & Peterborough Federation of WIs to have our own hall and we are planning some Afternoon Teas this year as part of fundraising for our WI Hall. WI Teas are always very good value and anyone in the community can purchase a ticket, details will be available soon.

We also have an on-line WI called 'Filoxenia Virtual WI' which meets entirely via Zoom at 7.30pm on the second Monday of each month. Filoxenia VWI operates in the same way as in-person classic WIs with an online book group, occasional coffee mornings and monthly members meetings all online. Filoxenia means Friendship so if you are struggling to get to a local WI, Filoxenia would like to invite you to come as a guest free.

Email: [filoxeniawi@gmail.com](mailto:filoxeniawi@gmail.com) Instagram: [filoxenia\\_virtual\\_wi](#)

Facebook Page: [Filoxenia Virtual Women's Institute](#)

Sawtry Community Café held at the WI Hall Sawtry continues to be a popular community space where residents of all ages come together to eat and chat. Food is provided for the community at no cost to the participants. The Café is now run by WI volunteers, school teachers and Parish councillors with everyone involved giving up their time to give back to the community of Sawtry and having great fun as well. If you would like to volunteer please contact Sawtry WI.

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The Sawtry & District Branch continues to meet in the first Monday of each month (except January & August) in the Sawtry Social Club @ 7:30PM.

Over the last 6 months we have created a good working relationship with the RBL Brampton Branch. They have been to some of our events and some of our members have attended some of their events. Surprisingly this relationship has been created because of the Armed Forces Breakfast club and not through RBL channels.

**Meetings** – Since the last report in October we have had our AGM and just about got a committee. We have also had 5 Branch meetings, 2 Bingo nights, 1 quiz night and a Christmas social. The Social night in December with the History Society was successful with about 45 people in attendance.

The Social Club have given the Branch permission to erect an honours board. This will list current and previous members of the Branch committee. This is all in preparation for the 100<sup>th</sup> Centenary of the Branch in 2028.

**Membership** – Branch membership currently stands at 66 members, an increase of 3 since the last report. I am happy to say that the new members are all local and have been recruited via the Armed Forces Breakfast Club.

### **Future Events**

Poppy Appeal Awards – our new County Chair will be presenting awards to 5 people at our meeting in May. These awards are for volunteers who help throughout the year especially during the two-week Remembrance tide period. Awards this time around are for 10, 15 and 35 years.

DD80 Remembrance – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024 @ 9am. Along with the Parish Council the RBL will be laying a wreath at the village war memorial after the flag raising.

Sawtry Carnival – the branch will have a stall at the Carnival and also hope to take part in the parade.

RBL Halsey House, Cromer. It is hoped to arrange a visit to the RBL care home in Cromer to see how residents are cared for and have lunch with them. The Branch has donated money each year to the Care home from our funds which allows the home to arrange social events for the residents.

### **Poppy Appeal** –

The 2023 Poppy Appeal raised £9930 during the two-week Remembrance tide period which was up by about £600 on 2022. This was very good considering we had a reduction of about 25% of volunteers helping. Our current total stands at £10,067.46.