

# SAWSTON PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE 4 January 2011

**PRESENT:** Chairman: Dr D R Bard

Clerk: Mrs J F Keeler

Councillors:

Mrs P J Awbery-Maskell

Miss S E Clarke

K J L Cooper

E C Murray

Mrs J G A Smith

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### 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received.

### 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS FOR THIS MEETING

None were declared

### 3 BUDGET SETTING FOR 2011/2012

Before we set the budget Councillor E C Murray read out a letter he had received from the locality Youth Work Co-Ordinator at Cambridgeshire County Council regarding Integrated Youth Service provision post local government spending cuts.

The letter explained that overall in Sawston and Linton there would be a 29% reduction in the youth budget and this will effect five main youth clubs in the area, Sawston being one of them. Each of these youth clubs provide a service for young people from these parishes and surrounding parishes that may not be big enough to sustain a youth club of their own. They are asking that if all parishes are willing to contribute then they are confident they will be able to keep this much needed provision available for all of our young people.

The total cost to run the Sawston youth club for 42 weeks a year including staffing is £9,042 of which they are hoping to have donated to them 50%. If Sawston, along with the surrounding villages that use the Sawston youth club make a donation then hopefully it will continue.

It was discussed at length and it was **PROPOSED** by Councillor E C Murray and **SECONDED** by Councillor Mrs J G A Smith to **RECOMMEND** to Full Council that we offer them £2k which we would budget for in 2011-2012. We would ask them for a service level agreement before hand and would like them to attend some of our Full Parish meetings to keep us updated.

**VOTE: 7 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)**

## **BUDGET**

It was ***PROPOSED*** by Councillor E C Murray and ***SECONDED*** by Councillor K J L Cooper to ***RECOMMEND*** to Full Council a Precept (including the additional £2k above) of £277,828.00 for 2011/2012 which would be an increase of 2.8%.

**VOTE:        7 FOR        :        (UNANIMOUS)**

**Meeting closed at 8.30pm**