SOMERLEYTON ASHBY & HERRINGFLEET PARISH COUNCIL PARISH COUNCIL

REPORT OF THE WARM HUB GROUP FOR THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER 2024

1. **WARM HUB EXPENDITURE FOR 23-24.** The final account is presented in the attached document. It shows a balance of £8.78. There is one outstanding payment which is the cost of the Hall Hire for the six sessions held in 2024. This amounts to £160, and will be (almost) met, by the £150 agreed by the Parish Council to cover any overspend. The Group asks that the Parish Council agrees to pay a total overspend of £151.22. when the bill for Hall Hire is paid in December 2024.
   In making this request we are mindful that there was an underspend last year of £204.28.

2. **WARM HUB 2024-2025.** The Group agreed that they would like to run a monthly two- hour session over 6 months from November to April. We agreed that we do not meet the criteria for the Fund managed by East Suffolk Council. Instead, we will ask for donations at each session which we hope will cover running costs. We were encouraged in this decision by the experience of Lound Parish Council when they made enough to cover the cost of their coffee mornings and to fund a free music event. We anticipate that the cost for the first 3 months will total £300 broken down as follows:
   Village Hall Rent - £60
   Publicity - £40
   Activities - £150
   Refreshments - £30

   In support of this we ask that the Parish Council underwrites the cost of the first 3 sessions @ £300 and we hope that we will be self-funding for the remaining 3 sessions.
   We will maintain accurate contemporaneous accounts of income and expenditure and donations will be banked monthly and allocated to the Social Fund. This will be done soon after the session.

   As usual we will be looking for volunteers to help with all aspects of running the sessions.

3. **COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FORUM SMALL GRANTS.** It was decided not to submit a bid for this because we could not think of a new project that would meet the criteria. We acknowledge that there may be a bid from a Group for Funding a mental health initiative in the village. We were invited to submit a bid in collaboration with Lound Parish Council for a weekly rotation of exercise classes. However, after discussion, it was felt that the take up was likely to be poor and there is already a fitness group in

the village. We therefore wrote to thank them for their invitation and to explain that we would not be progressing with this.

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