

BLUNTISHAM SAYWELLS SCHOOL CHARITY REPORT to 31.12.16

As previously advised in May 2016 the Trustees have agreed a proposed scheme and have requested the Charity Commissioners to finalise the Scheme whereby the two separate trusts which have existed since the mid 1800's could be updated. All of the necessary publication of notices etc has been carried out but to date we have no confirmation and this is being chased again by one of the trustees.

As previously indicated the Old School has been let to BacStage for the most recent years and they have very kindly carried out maintenance and repairs (which the Trustees have insufficient funds) and in addition, buildings insurance arranged by the Trustees is paid for by BacStage in lieu of rent.

There is also some wash land in Earith which forms the sole asset of the remaining trust and which has been let out for very many years to a farmer and is now used by that farmer's son. The Trustees are endeavouring to reach agreement regarding formalising the rental arrangements and negotiations are continuing in this respect but in the meantime the farmer has agreed to increase the rental payment to £450 pa from £280 pa.

Although we have tried to encourage various groups to submit a grant application in the year to 31.12.16 we have not received any. However we have very recently received a request from the Café BENCH Youth Group based at the Parish Church of Bluntisham cum Earith for help in providing £350.00 to purchase a new pool table. Although this is based at the Parish Church it is a Group for the benefit of all children within the Benefice and gives assistance to young people in various ways and as the Group has utilised all of its previously accumulated funds for other projects, it was felt by the Trustees that this application could be supported although the Rector and Churchwardens abstained when a vote was taken due to their potential conflict of interests. Currently we are awaiting further information from the Group.

The Trustees of the Charity are The Rector and two churchwardens namely Mr Michael Bateman and Mr Andrew Edney and the Bluntisham Parish Council representatives are Mrs Jane Godfrey and Mrs Susan Everest.

The Trustees will be including information of the charity in the forthcoming editions of The Herald but if meantime there are any requests for support for educational purposes, these should be made in writing to either Mrs Jane Godfrey at 59 Wood End Bluntisham or Mr Michael Bateman at 3 Noble Lane Bluntisham.

The Trustees believe that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their powers and duties.

The reports and accounts for 2016 are attached.

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Bluntisham Saywells School Charity

Annual Report and Accounts For The Year Ended 31 December 2016

WORKING ACCOUNT

<u>2015</u>		<u>2016</u>	
£	<u>Receipts</u>	£	£
546.29	BAC Stage repayment of buildings insurance		567.36
20.00	BAC Stage rent 2016/17		10.00
850.00	Transferred from Wash Rent Account		500.00
<u>1,416.29</u>	<u>Total Receipts</u>		<u>1,077.36</u>
	<u>Payments</u>		
546.29	Ecclesiastical Insurance		567.36
500.00	Grant: 1. Somersham Town Band	500.00	
250.00	Grant: 2. Brambles Play Group	0.00	
100.00	Grant: 3. Dighton & Holmes	<u>0.00</u>	
<u>850.00</u>			<u>500.00</u>
<u>1,396.29</u>	<u>Total Payments</u>		<u>1,067.36</u>
20.00	<u>Surplus/(Deficit) for Year</u>		10.00
891.85	Balance B/F at 31 December 2015		911.85
<u>911.85</u>	Balance C/F at 31 December 2016		<u>921.85</u>

ACCUMULATED WASH RENT ACCOUNT

<u>2015</u>		<u>2016</u>	
£	<u>Receipts</u>	£	
280.00	Rent from S & E Dow	280.00	
46.73	Electricity wayleave	46.73	
4.17	Bank Interest	4.05	
<u>330.90</u>	<u>Total Receipts</u>	<u>330.78</u>	
	<u>Payments</u>		
850.00	Transfer to Working Account: 2016 Grants	500.00	
<u>850.00</u>	<u>Total Payments</u>	<u>500.00</u>	
(519.10)	<u>Surplus/(Deficit) for Year</u>	(169.22)	
8,646.67	Balance B/F at 31 December 2015	8,127.57	
<u>8,127.57</u>	Balance C/F at 31 December 2016	<u>7,958.35</u>	

AUDIT CERTIFICATE

I confirm that the above figures are in accordance with the books, that they have been agreed with the bank statements and that I have audited the above Statement of Accounts to the best of my ability.

Mr Roger Tacq
4 Old Farm Court, Bluntisham, Cambs

13 February 2017

