

Appendix 1: Blank Survey

Saxilby Community Centre Consultation

St Andrews Community Centre, William Street, Saxilby, LN1 2LP.



Dear resident,

We are seeking your views on the parish council entering into a long-term lease agreement to run and maintain St Andrews Community Centre.

Background Information

- The community centre is built on Saxilby Public Recreation Ground (charity number 521978).
- The parish council currently oversees and manages the St Andrews Community Centre.
- The centre is a valued community facility used by residents and visitors. It includes two function rooms, a meeting room, a bar, the parish council office, a community library, customer and staff toilets, and changing rooms.
- The community centre has a wide range of users including: sports clubs (e.g. tennis, bowls, cricket, and football); library customers; hire groups such as music groups, a toddler group, exercise/sports classes, a networking group, Warm Welcome, one-off hirers; parish council/community meetings; and Sports Hub bar users.
- The charity has offered the parish council a long-term lease of the community centre for an annual rent, which has been valued at £18,850 per year.
- As part of the legal process, Saxilby Recreation Ground charity has obtained a lease rental valuation of £18,850 per year, which can be negotiated.
- The lease would be a full repairing and insuring lease. This means the parish council would be responsible for the repairs and maintenance of the building, inside and out, over the period of the lease.
- The average cost to run and maintain the building is currently £47,500 per year. This is around a fifth (21%) of the council's precept income (which comes from your council tax)¹. The rest of the precept is spent on other council activities including grounds maintenance and administration.
- The current running costs do not include the cost of the proposed annual lease cost to rent the building (which would be up to £18,850).
- It does not include the cost of significant works which will be needed during the lease period, including those identified by a chartered surveyor in their condition report. This includes a new roof, and external fire escape(s).
- As this is a significant long-term decision about a community facility, the council is keen to hear residents' views before deciding whether to continue with entering into a formal lease.

¹ Based on the average cost over three years, 2021-24. This includes income and expenditure for the centre. Full community centre costs for 2021-24 are available at <https://saxilby-ingleby.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk/council-business/extra-ordinary-full-council-august-2024>.

Options

a. The council agrees a formal lease for the St Andrews Community Centre

If the parish council leases the community centre, it will continue running the valued facility but will have to spend more money to do this. This money mainly comes from residents' council tax, as the community centre costs more to run than the income the centre generates.

b. The council does not sign a formal lease for the St Andrews Community Centre

If the parish council do not sign a formal lease for the community centre, services and facilities provided, may be at-risk. The council would locate the parish office to smaller premises. Saxilby Public Recreation Ground charity would then make the decision on the future of the building.

SURVEY

- 1) I think the parish council should sign a formal lease to manage and maintain the St Andrews Community Centre.

TICK ONE BOX ONLY

- OR I think the parish council should not sign a formal lease to manage and maintain the St Andrews Community Centre.

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- 2) As a public sector organisation, we have a duty to think about how our policies or decisions affect people. Do you feel this decision will impact on you or those who share the following characteristics? If 'yes', please tick those that apply:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Age | <input type="checkbox"/> Race |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Disability | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion or belief |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gender reassignment | <input type="checkbox"/> Sex |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Marriage and civil partnership | <input type="checkbox"/> Sexual orientation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pregnancy and maternity | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say |

- 3) If you answered 'yes' to Q2 please explain how you think this could be reduced or removed.

- 4) Any further comments:

Please complete the survey to make sure your view is heard.
You can return the paper copy to Saxilby Library, St Andrews Community Centre, William Street, Saxilby, LN1 2LP or you can complete the survey online at www.saxilbyparishcouncil.gov.uk.

If you require assistance, please call 01522 703912 or visit the parish office on Tuesday or Friday 9.15am-3.15pm.

The results of the survey will be available online and in the Foss Focus.

Have your say, don't delay! Closing date 03 November 2024.

Appendix 2: Responses to protected characteristics question

Notea:

1. Parts of some responses have been redacted to ensure compliance with data protection regulations, the parish council's civility and respect pledge, or where comments are inappropriate. Redactions are indicated in the response with [brackets].
2. The responses are arranged alphabetically.

	Age	Disability	Gender reassignment	Marriage and civil partnership	Pregnancy and maternity	Race	Religion or belief	Sex	Sexual orientation	Prefer not to say
<p>"2) As a public sector organisation, we have a duty to think about how our policies or decisions affect people. Do you feel this decision will impact on you or those who share the following characteristics? If 'yes', please tick those that apply:</p> <p>3) If you answered 'yes' to Q2 please explain how you think this could be reduced or removed."</p>										
The community centre will close if you leave, this will lose a lot of vital services to the residents that rely on this for their mental health. I fear if you leave the mental health of residents will drop as they will have no where to play bowls, read books, socialise. The youth will also suffer as they will have no where to socialise and stay out of trouble.		D								
Keeping the community centre open is important for young families and the community as a whole to serve as a safe and welcoming place for people of all age and race to come together.	A	D								
Retaining a presence where older and/or less able residents, as well as those without independent transport can have access to the council office.	A	D								
The Parish Council consultation papers already acknowledge that "services and facilities provided may then be at risk". Those services and facilities are accessed by these protected groups. The Parish Council have a duty and responsibility to support these groups. Therefore, the only logical answer is to sign a formal lease.	A	D			P					
Loss of even further help and facilities for the aged, the disabled, young families and youth and another loss of amenities for the whole village and surrounding areas	A	D			P					
I think it's a great place from football for the kids to the warm space for the elderly. Everyone is welcome	A	D								
We feel it will have a positive impact on all areas of the community if the council lease the community centre	A	D			P					
Good facility for all ages. Without it, the village would not be as good.	A									
Putting the facility under secure ownership/maintenance for the future will reduce the impact of any loss on all ages.	A									
This community centre is valued	A	D	G	M	P	R	B	S	Se	Pr

The recreation ground is the only place in the village where our children can go and play and use for all kinds of sport so I feel it needs to be kept up to a good standard and that means the ground the buildings. I am 76 years old and lived here all my life and the Recreation field has played an important part of my life because I love sport.	A									
The parish council should be there to help and support the community, we are now a large village and prior to 2020 the community centre liked to class itself as the hub of the village, but then used covid as an excuse to close it down. Get it back to the success that it used to be and the funds to upkeep it will obviously grow from all the sales it will generate!	A	D	G	M	P	R	B	S	Se	
The Sports Association do not have enough income to maintain the Community Centre. Parts of the building are not sports related; the Library and council offices for example. I feel the council should pay the Sports Association rent for those parts of the building they do use. It is then up to the Sports Association to generate funds to maintain the rest of the building and the field.										Pr
If the Pav is not available to parents (usually mothers) of children playing sports or playing in the park there is a lack of toilets which is bad for people like me with medical needs for reliable access to toilets. This was also true (more so!) when e.g. I was pregnant or when my elderly parents are with us.		D						S		
By keeping the premises available to everyone	A	D	G	M	P	R	B	S	Se	Pr
Young people need a place to let off energy. The sports field is the ideal location together with the community centre which provides changing rooms, toilets and recreational activities.	A									
If you take away the facilities of the St Andrews Community Centre, you take away your community. This Centre is vital for the wellbeing of not just local people but also surrounding villages. You have as a Parish Council a duty of care to provide this for your community. Please don't let this Community Centre go!	A	D	G	M	P	R	B	S	Se	
It's a warm safe space for the elderly and lots of children with various disabilities play there and use it for sport - not the mention the positive effect meeting friends and playing sports has on people mental health	A	D								
Removal of the pavilion and council activities will impact lots of people	A	D								
We need the pav open for the next generation	A									
Any impact would to have the facility closed. This is a hub of activity that supports older and younger residents with activities, if properly maintained there are facilities that can be leased out to recoup funds that can support running and repair costs. Honestly it makes way less sense to start a catalyst that would close a valuable village facility. This also keeps the council meeting place in a central location										Pr
Will definitely impact mental health		D								

far too much money. We pay far too much to be used by too few.									
Without warm hub and the library nowhere for older lonely people to go. Very important especially with government payments being cut. People's mental health affected without facility, it's a place to meet for all ages and the health and wellbeing of people doing sports is paramount and key for villages to look at.	A	D							
By leaving you will be discriminating against many people and you've not included mental health parish council [redacted] 21% of precept is a great investment in the village not those [redacted] fish sculptors which help nobody a [redacted] vanity project	A	D							
The question was not very clearly phrased. However I do think it is important to consider who currently benefits from the community centre, and what the demographic of those who visit is. Important questions to consider might include: - would people of all backgrounds feel welcome here? - is this a space that is accessible to all parish members? Considering these questions may illuminate whether or not it is appropriate to use council funds for this project, or if this is something that should be funded via private membership or donation.	A	D	G			R	B		
The Library is used a lot by retired and disabled people, where and how would they be able to access easily this valuable service if the library closed? Also exercise classes held there could not be accessed easily elsewhere - disabled parking is difficult by the Church and village hall.	A	D							
This decision will positively impact on those sharing my characteristics. If a lease is signed it will ensure the continued provision of sports, community and library facilities and, even as a pensioner, I am quite happy to pay increased council tax to ensure that these facilities are maintained for me and the rest of the community who share my characteristics.	A							S	
By keeping this valuable community facility open	A	D							
Should the council not sign the lease - This would make a big impact on things that the U3A and WI do for the community like the welcome hub, it would also reduce the socialisation aspect for the varying ages of children/adults that use the centre for sports clubs	A								
It is a warm place for older people to go to as is the library for older and disabled people. Also it is a meeting place for those who are lonely.	A	D							
If the pavilion would be at risk of closing this would mean closure of much needed facilities their i.e. the mother and baby group (attending this really helped my mental health), the library (me taking my children and also then attending with school), the sport hubs and all they organise and run would have a massive impact on parents and their children.	A								
Keeping the centre open will help benefit people of all ages & provide a social setting. This could help with mental wellbeing too	A	D							

the facilities that are available are used by all ages from the young to the eldest, no matter what sexual orientation a person is. With the rapidly growing population of the immediate area which I assume is bringing a lot more of the younger element into the area, the centre will I am sure see an increase in use in the future.	A	D	G	M		R		S	Se	
I think the use of the pav is imperative to all inclined those of different ages, mums on maternity wanting to attend the baby & toddler sessions. Also people wanting to use the village. It's a place for people who may live alone to come have company	A	D			P					
A parish council is supposed to support a 'parish' and the diverse community within that. By removing the funding for a community hub you are putting the following characteristics at risk of removing a community centre. The pavilion has always been a huge part to the village and removing this is not being respectful of a diverse community.	A	D	G	M	P	R	B	S	Se	
The community centre and grounds are for the benefit of all age groups in the village. The village is growing, many more properties, providing more income for the parish council to recover running costs of the facilities.	A									
I cannot get to the parish office if it moves out of the village.	A	D								
The hall is currently used and during cold months gives a warm hub to those that need it either to save money or for company. The building is also used all year round by many locals for sports and recreation.	A	D								
It needs to take into consideration children/families in the area. The community centre is the only communal public place that an aid disabled/wheelchair bound safe space. It also is the only place that offers the baby groups.	A	D			P					
Would reduce facilities for all ages so causing possible more vandalism in the village, but I don't think there should be a permanent bar (which caused a lot of vandalism) cafe yes	A									Pr
It is a fundamental asset and hub for older people in the village and the sports facility is accessible for those with disabilities	A	D								
Without the St Andrew's centre there will be limited access to facilities for elderly, disabled and parent and baby groups. Where else in the village are there regular meetings for this whole set of groups? Not to mention the library where parents can introduce their children to reading. The council needs to demonstrate how these facilities will be provided if the St Andrews centre lease is not renewed.	A	D			P					
The PC should support the building, if they can operate from smaller premises do so and rent it paved space to startup and local organisations at base rents to support the village entrepreneurs struggling to find affordable space. Utilise the facilities for the good of the village rather than the ease of the PC										Pr
The key word 'people' why differentiate?	A	D	G	M	P	R	B	S	Se	

Open spaces in the community are vital for the mental health and wellbeing of all.	A	D								
I think it will impact positively on the ticked categories [age and disability] by keeping the centre open.	A	D								
Don't think it adversely affects any of the above categories										Pr
It will affect the young, elderly, and families in the village hub.				M						Pr
Local library essential especially if you have no transport.	A									
Ensure that accessibility to all rooms and facilities continues for disabled and elderly, lift kept working as a priority. Provide lower counters for people in wheel chairs etc. Provide wide aisles for wheel chairs.	A	D								
There are lots of people that use the centre that maybe can't go further afield.	A	D								
Leave well alone. The pav is an essential hub for the community.	A	D								
We use the toddler group and the library, both of which are invaluable. The library gives access to all the above topics for anyone reading information or support through reading who cannot afford to buy books.	A	D	G	M	P	R	B	S	Se	
I think this hub is a must for the aged and disabled people as I go here for company it just has everything a village needs especially for elderly and disabled people.	A	D								
Maintaining the community centre will continue to provide facilities such as the library and social hub for old and young alike and those with disabilities in their local area.	A	D								
Warm space and library especially useful for older people. Bar and social events essential for everyone's mental health.	A	D								
Library and warm spaces / Welcome Hub	A									
By signing a formal lease enabling the above to continue to access available facilities and open space.	A	D			P	R				
The impact would be removed by maintaining the facilities of the community centre	A	D								
Need to maintain sports facilities for young and old alike. A parish council responsibility	A									
Local access to a library is essential	A	D								
If this facility is closed then a great number [of] village and future residents will miss out on this much cherished community asset	A	D								
As a disabled person the pavilion offers me access to a Library, Sport, but most of all social interaction. Without the facility I would be saddened by the thought of what I used to have, and it will be a lost memory. Please think of everyone, and not just the headline library, bar etc, as without people these are just empty rooms. Thank you		D								
The whole community will benefit from having the centre continue to stay open. Closing would cause catastrophic negativity	A	D	G	M	P	R	B	S	Se	
Keeping the centre open will benefit the whole community. If you closed it, it would negatively impact the whole community.	A	D	G	M	P	R	B	S	Se	

The facility should be open for all people of the village to use, including the library for gaining information and knowledge. The sports facilities for the old and young and the warm communal areas for all.	A	D	G	M	P	R	B	S	Se	
By continuing with the Parish council running the centre and facilities.	A									
The closure/removal of council lease of the building will remove the opportunity for groups such as baby groups, yoga etc. It will also remove access to toilet facilities and the building will not be run as currently is.	A	D			P					
The community centre enables people of all ages and supports people with disability to access facilities that cannot be provided without the council staying.	A	D								
I could have clicked yes to all of the above, except the last one. I kind of think you're missing the point... It will, and has the potential to take away people's rights to enhancing their lives, and becoming a better human being.	A	D		M	P	R	B	S		
By continuing to ensure facilities remain available for all sport and exercise activities as well as the library and groups such as choirs etc.	A									
Mental health & social impact it will have on young and old who use the community centre	A	D								
Lack of community spirit, area for older people to meet, families with young children. Reduced sporting events, impacting health and lifestyle opportunities of locals. Reduces access to books and library facilities depriving those with limited amenities!	A	D								
Vital for all ages in the village. Greater use of the building and opening times	A									
By keeping the community centre open. The bowling green, one Accord choir, and warm spaces all used by the older generation, the toddlers' group for the youngsters and football and sports for older children and adults. Would be an absolute disaster if this community centre closed. Most villages would be so envious of this wonderful building.	A									
It will have a negative effect on people's mental health if the Community centre closes		D								
I wouldn't want to remove them - all the impacts are positive ones.	A	D			P	R				
All the above impacts would be positive. I would not want to remove them!	A	D	G		P	R				
By offering services to your community	A	D								
Community	A	D	G	M	P	R	B	S	Se	

The library here is the centre or the hub for many people [and] youngsters get their first introduction to a library here. Children from the local school come here. OAPs, including myself rely, on this library, not only for reading material but also for a quick chat with the wonderful staff. It is a very comforting and welcoming place to come for all ages and we would be lost without this invaluable facility! I'm thinking now particularly of the young ones whose parents may be unable to afford to buy books or even know what to buy! Advice and help is always available . Books are ordered in from various other libraries which we would not otherwise have access to! It would be a sad day indeed if this Community Centre was to close as it does, indeed service the whole community!	A								
The building should be kept open for all the organisations currently making use of it. I attend activities that use the building and its facilities and this helps keep me fit and active!	A								
Need a youth club for the forgotten teenagers. Nothing for their age groups or mental well being	A	D							
Not well worded! Closing will mean a reduction in facilities for all ages and abilities within the village. Saxilby is being run into the ground by the parish councillors who feel adding a bench or flower garden is acceptable for the money we pay in council tax subsidiary (highest village excess in Lincs) with poor services compared to neighbouring villages.	A	D							
Groups of all ages can meet at the pav and socialise as well as take part in fitness clubs on offer	A	D							
Ensure the centre remains open	A	D			P				
If the centre were to close then another venue in the village should be made accessible for the groups that will be affected otherwise they will be disadvantaged by this change.	A	D			P		S		
If the parish council do not renew the lease, there will be very few areas available for parents to meet, elderly to meet or those with disabilities to access services. The alternative site for the council will not be suitable for those groups to access.	A	D			P				
The wording of this question makes no sense at all and I feel that it has been designed to confuse people and discourage them from completing the survey. The continued availability of the pavilion and its grounds is something that affects all that live in the area, regardless.	A	D							
Without the Community Centre the whole village will suffer. It is a great asset that could be utilised much better, it would be more profitable. There is such a vibrant and active community that would benefit from it being used to its fullest.	A	D	G	M	P	R	B	S	Se
The facilities are used by the whole range of age. If those were at risk adequate time would be needed to arrange other facilities.	A								
By including age related & disability opportunities to the Recreation Ground	A	D							

The question is rather oddly phrased, but if the lease is extended, the elderly and disabled will benefit from the presence of the library and the warm space facility that has been provided for them.	A	D							
We have a right to keep the community spirit going and a place for young and old to enjoy	A								
This is an oddly worded question. Of course the decision will impact everybody on the list, but no more so than those that would not include themselves. Everybody is affected equally with the exception of older folk who will use it as an important meeting place and younger children using the sports fields and play area. Perhaps a monthly subscription should be offered to all villagers to help with running, say £5 per month. I would be happy to make such a contribution to keep everything open.	A	D	G	M	P	R	B	S	Se
The community centre is used for so many clubs and classes it would affect lots of people, especially young people.	A	D			P				
All ages benefit from the facility	A								
The support to the sports teams	A								
The village needs the pav the sports are an escape place for so many	A								

Appendix 3: Responses to ‘any further comments’

<p>[Illegible] of [illegible] youth club back to get rid of anti-social behaviour. Kids need their own spaces, nice to see pav open again. The village is happy with the community centre and facilities and wish council and trustees and village organisations worked together as we used to. Form difficult to understand as what is council going to do if they don't take lease on, how much will it cost to do anything else, re-building for council and costs?</p>
<p>1) Would the lease be offered only on a full-repairing basis? 2) If the roof is suspect at outset, should the cost of repairs or replacement be shared with the Trust? 3) Would the lease allow sub-letting, i.e., sub let areas as office space? Valuable income? 4) It sounds like this would be a long-term lease (i.e., 25 plus years?). Could a break clause be included?</p>
<p>1. It would have been useful to have further information, such as if the council stay, how much would be saved from the previous years' spending by not looking after the field. This should be factored into the additional costs. 2. I am unhappy that the situation means that should the council stay more of our precept will be spent on what we already had, meaning less for other things around the village. 3. If the council stay, they should make future grants to the sports clubs, they should be self funding and grants used towards other groups and activities around the village. Team sports at the Pav are not the only activities that benefit the community. 4. A formal lease for the council to lease an office and/or rooms would be better solution, with The Charity having responsibility for the building. This would allow more precept to be spent on other activities, grants to be made to the sports clubs, and even not increasing the precept next year! 5. Both the Council and the Charity must work together, equally, following this consultation and its outcome, to build bridges between themselves and the community. I believe the Council has acted fairly and within the constraints it must, whilst the Charity has been vocal with little restraint. This has sadly tainted the discussion and this consultation, which had been sad to see.</p>
<p>A central hun [hub] that could've used for so much more, under used and under advertised</p>
<p>A council that looked after parishioners would be good</p>
<p>A decision to leave would almost be criminal - destroying sports and village spirit</p>
<p>A large community needs facilities, extra houses planned for the village. NHS wants people to exercise more to stop ill health?!</p>
<p>A valuable community hub must be protected for the well being of the village, the villagers and all who use the services and facilities it provides</p>
<p>A valuable community resource for all ages</p>
<p>Although I agree with the Parish council in running the facility I do think the charity being the Freeholders should pay for the maintenance of the fabric of the building and not the leaseholders</p>
<p>Although I rarely visit the St. Andrews Community Centre I recognise the importance of the centre and its associated sport and leisure facilities to the village as a whole. It provides a focus for young aspiring sport participants as well as more mature groups. I believe that if the Parish Council take on the proposed lease it would secure the facilities for the benefit of everyone in the village. The proposed cost is well worth paying to support health and welfare benefits not only for users of the pavilion but also for other residents. If the young people cannot access this facility then this may lead to consequences in terms of antisocial behaviour elsewhere ?</p>
<p>As a member of the library I think the community centre is a wonderful asset to the village. As a grandparent I love taking the grandchildren to the park and remember when we could have a coffee in the bar.</p>
<p>As a member of this community I value the 'social facilities' more than reduced council tax.</p>
<p>As a parent of a child that plays for Saxilby under 12s and has played for them since his team started at under 7s it would be heart breaking to see the place shut as he wouldn't be able to play for this wonderful village. I'm also part of the cricket club and other football clubs in the village and we are all so happy how the village has sport back.</p>

<p>As a resident of the village for over 20 years I can count on one hand the number of times I have used the facilities, I think it is a minority of village residents that use the community centre rather than the majority. I have never felt that the centre was inclusive to all villagers it was more aimed at the football teams. With that in mind why should the majority of council tax payers pay for the minority. I would sooner see the village precept used to for the good of all villagers. Surely the trustees could start to fund raise and get more paying groups into the community centre. There seems to be little or no information available on the trustees and what exactly they do. We need more transparency. On a side note your questionnaire could had more detail so you could have had a more comprehensive picture of villagers views.</p>
<p>As a user of these facilities I see how much they are used. By a variety of ages and groups of people. Proving that it is an essential part of our village. For now and the future. If it was to close the soul will go from the heart of it.</p>
<p>As a village we should be doing all that we can, not only to keep the facilities we have open, but to extend and enhance them. We should research every possible way of raising funds and see what other communities have done. If the facilities are lost, so will the heart of the village be lost with it. Youngsters with nothing to do. Perhaps we would see an increase in petty crime. Pensioners becoming lonely and less healthy with the loss of a meeting place and a bowls club. There appears to be an element of the Parish Council that would all too easily 'pull the plug' well shame on them. Support the village, find a way, or leave the Parish Council committee to others that are solvers of problems, not destroyers of communities.</p>
<p>As above, this is a safe and enjoyable place for all generations within the village and should remain so</p>
<p>As our national remembrance day approaches we should remember how this marvellous space came about for the benefit of all. The parish council should support this. The cost to moving elsewhere will very likely be costly to the village for no improvement whatsoever. Information of the alternative is not given so how can anyone make any sensible judgement. We had a survey only a few years ago which showed a massive support for the field in general so I cannot even see why this survey is even being undertaken.</p>
<p>As previous parish councils created this situation the current council needs to resolve the situation for the benefit of future generations of the village. So a negotiated settlement should be found.</p>
<p>At least with paying rent to keep the "pav" the money is recirculated to the benefit of the public rather than put in the pockets of a private landlord. Secondly the roof has been mentioned how are these costs reached and why wasn't this done after the fire based on rising heat causing the damage and lastly as a public body charged with working for the benefit of the public how are you as the pc going to mitigate against the loss of sports and social facilities including library caused by closing it</p>
<p>availability of sports in the village is essential for all ages and abilities</p>
<p>Before responding in the affirmative to this, we need to know the following 1. Length of proposed lease 2. Are there any rent reviews and at what points in the lease 3. I do not think the points raised by the Surveyor should burden the Council Tax payers of Saxilby 4. Will the revenue income stream generate enough income to offset the running costs and repairs. As a retired Property Professional I cannot support any proposal to take on the responsibilities for this property.</p>
<p>But the cost is too high.</p>
<p>Children need sports facilities in order to remain active rather than sending time indoors on games consoles. The parish council should help to support sports facilities in the village wherever and however possible.</p>
<p>Community centre is a great asset to the village [name supplied].</p>
<p>council should done the repairs and maintenance when they had full control of the building instead of putting all on the charity and stop wasting money on things not needed (benches)</p>
<p>Currently the pavilion does not require a complete new roof, tell the truth.</p>
<p>[Whole comment redacted]</p>
<p>Do not lose this for the community a great asset</p>
<p>DONT LEAVE</p>
<p>Facilitating sporting, fitness and social activities makes the cost of supporting the Community Centre worthwhile.</p>
<p>Feel strongly that decisions are being taken solely on cost basis and not giving sufficient weight to needs of a large village. The consultation document sounds inherently biased towards closing the centre</p>
<p>For the benefit of the community the council need to lease the community centre. It is not only for the sport organisations but the library services the community groups too. The Mill Lane site cannot accommodate more</p>

<p>teams particularly now the council have allowed another club outside of the village to use its pitches. It would be a waste of a community building</p>
<p>Get rid of [redacted] and those who are not interested in the community centre.</p>
<p>Give it back to the charity</p>
<p>Given the growing size of the village, and the number of extra households paying Council Tax I would hope the Parish Council could fund this with maybe a small increase in the precept for next year.</p>
<p>Great space for children to relax after school with parents.</p>
<p>Having had 5 children, who have all hugely participated in sport up at the Pav, and have all formed part of their careers as a result of either their activities up there, or gaining confidence, in mixing with their peers, and improving their social, emotional and mental health. [Redacted – identifying/personal information given]. What do they have in common you might ask? They all played, and coached sport from an early age up at the Pav. For 15 years, I hired the hall up there. We've had parties, Christenings, Weddings up there. It's brought the community together, for everyone who made the effort, to show up not just in a sporting capacity. It is the hub of the village..... the decision that you make will affect so many people, more than you will ever know, from the youngest to the oldest. Anybody with half a heart, will understand this. Please don't take away our future, and the hope for those who follow.... Give people the hope, that with their efforts, and determination, they too can succeed. Everybody deserves to get there in the end.... [Name supplied]</p>
<p>Having lived in the village for 40yrs the community centre/bar was always the hub of the village for events and sports which is important to the residents and visiting teams</p>
<p>Hire a part time business manager and generate more income from the building to offset costs.</p>
<p>Hub bar is fantastic and must stay open.</p>
<p>I absolutely do not think this matter can be resolved by a simple lease or no lease vote. I have chosen the option for lease as the alternative would be a complete disaster for the village. In my view the Parish Council (PC) should be working with the Recreation Ground Trustees to agree a practical, workable and sensible economic solution to the continued operation of the Community Centre and Recreation Ground. If the PC does not sign a lease, the results will be twofold. Firstly, the need for rental of other property for PC operations, which will mean funds going out of the village budgets into the hands of the private commercial sector. Secondly, the Trustees alone are highly unlikely to be able to raise sufficient funds to maintain the Centre and Sports Fields etc.. This would result in the complete closure of the building, with this and its associated facilities falling into disrepair and becoming derelict. This is not in the interests of the village and I do not think any Parishioner would seriously accept the building being boarded up and the fields growing wild. I would ask the PC to please make all necessary efforts to resolve this situation with the Trustees as a matter of urgency, for the continuation of the operation of sports and other facilities in our village, rather than their demise. Thank You [Name supplied]</p>
<p>I am very aware that the SPRG charity cannot afford to keep the building open without the parish councils continued lease. I find your final sentence above very disingenuous.</p>
<p>I believe with the expansion of the village the village trustee should in trust the pavilion to the school to help with outdoor area for future of our children! Then the school employ a facility manager to run this! They would hire the facilities back to the sport clubs etc! They would be entrusted to earn the money to run and invest back in the pavilion the school and the local area</p>
<p>I did not feel that the consultation letter provided enough information for me to provide an informed answer to the question. In principle, I believe a community centre can have the potential to facilitate multifaceted benefits to locals. However some points are unclear: - how many residents currently benefit from the community centre? - how is it currently being funded? - how do the rental and upkeep costs compare to similar projects in other communities? - why have the significant repairs mentioned not been carried out already? - what are the costs of the significant repairs?</p>

<p>I do not feel that the full information to help members of the public make their decision on this consultation, has been given. As a new resident in the village I can't decide whether this is deliberate or just incompetence. There is no transparency or willingness to put out the facts. The costs associated with the running the centre are not available on the web page to which the public is directed. However, it does seem that this building is important to the community and could contribute to the wellbeing of the residents of Saxilby and provide an outlet for the young people of the village. Life in a community is not just about money. If the Council wants to move on they should make sure that before they do, the viability of the centre is secure. After having free access to this building (i.e. not paying any rent) for so many years it is the least the council can do. On that basis I believe the Council should enter into a lease with the Charity.</p>
<p>I don't think the St Andrew Community Centre should not be open, there has been less vandalism in the village since it's been closed , now it's open people's garden are being vandalised due to the drunken behaviour of people walking home through the alley ways, it needs to close and stay that way for the sake of the village and the older people in the village</p>
<p>I feel the current PC are coming across as not wanting to do things for the community only for the Waterfront and [illegible]</p>
<p>I feel the parish council should sign the formal lease in order to keep the St Andrews Centre open. A lot of clubs, societies & groups use this facility & there is no alternative building or land in the village that can facilitate all these groups. It would be a travesty for people of all ages in the village to lose this</p>
<p>I feel this questionnaire has been very poorly executed! Having attended the open meeting where this was discussed it is very apparent [redacted] have not taken into account any of their fellow councillors opinions and reasonable request as well as not listen to the public in any way shape or form. As it their duty to represent and support the villagers I feel that [redacted] have not done this and are only looking out for their interests not the publics!!!!</p>
<p>I feel we need to provide more for the youth of this village we may help to alleviate some anti social behaviour and the community centre is valuable for all ages warm space room hire library and much more sports teams football cricket need the facilities No sport in the village would probably devalue our homes too</p>
<p>I have a young family and have lived in the village 30 years. I am outraged that this is even an option and I currently don't feel the parish council are representative of what the community need</p>
<p>I have not lived here long but have been very surprised how much that community centre is used. I use it regularly for the library and also if there is an event on to grab a drink and meet people. I also go to watch my two sons playing football when they are playing here. It is always buzzing with life here and to shut this would be a huge mistake for everyone.</p>
<p>I have voted yes as the lesser of two evils. I do not think that the PC taking on a long term lease at a cost of c. £19,000 pa, plus writing what is effectively a blank cheque for repairs, is a perfect solution. A shorter lease, with the aim of ALL interested parties working together to make the facility self-financing within, say, 5 years, should be the aim. Taking over £60,000 annually from residents to run the centre for the benefit of a minority of residents, is NOT sustainable.</p>
<p>I hope and pray the St Andrews Community Centre continues to thrive and provides the important and necessary facilities for all.</p>
<p>I hope that this survey is fully taken into consideration. It concerns me that the hand in date for paper copies is apparently earlier than stated below.</p>
<p>I hope this values resource can continue to be used as a whole village resource</p>
<p>I live at [redacted – personal information], I also go to the library every week, I meet friends Wed and Fri for coffee.</p>
<p>I personally use the centre every week, and it is good to see the effort by the clubs and their members making an effort to bring the centre back to how it was pre Covid and the before the fire. The potential loss of the facilities would mean the loss of the clubs in the village. Cricket, where would they find another venue, the same as football and tennis? To be able to play in leagues these teams need facilities to change and toilets, bowls where would they get the electricity and the water that is essential to maintain the green? The library, such an important venue for all ages. The centre should be looked at as a jewel in the crown, something to fight for, if it goes, where do the youngsters go, just hanging around on the streets? Your decision is not just about money, it is also about people's well being as well.</p>

<p>[Redacted – identifying information] class which is very popular and creates a wonderful social side as well as the benefits of gentle exercise. Although I am not a resident of Saxilby I know that the centre would be greatly missed if it wasn't allowed to be kept running. It would also fall into disrepair if neglected.</p>
<p>I strongly believe a Parish Council should support, financially and otherwise, a wide range of activities to enhance the general wellbeing of the local community and as a charge payer I am willing to pay for this.</p>
<p>I think enough time, money and resources have been spent on this matter. The village is obsessed by it where in fact it literally comes down to people wanting a cheap boozier to drink in. There are so many other more worthwhile matters in the village of Saxilby and I feel once this is over and done with it really needs to be put to bed. [Redacted]</p>
<p>I think it would be a great shame if the village lost this fantastic facility</p>
<p>I think It's the hub of the village and must be run by the parish council</p>
<p>I think that for the size of the village as it is in 2024, which has been a government decision to allow to grow to this size, the facilities and infrastructure needs to increase not decrease. The closure of the facility would be very short sighted for future generations of young people and for the community on the whole. How does this align with NHS England's agenda to promote healthy living to reduce long term health issues and pressure on the NHS, to force closure of a facility that provides sports for all ages, in a rural location where otherwise people may not have access.</p>
<p>I think that the parish council SHOULD agree to a formal lease for the St Andrews Community Centre. The centre is well used by many local people of ALL ages. If it was to close many residents would lose much social contact and become isolated. It is lovely to see the facilities being used. especially the "Play area" in the school holidays and weekendsweather permitting. There is little evidence of vandalism which is nice to see. I think it would be value for money for the parish Council to agree to a formal lease for the St Andrews Community Centre.</p>
<p>I think the centre is in the heart of the village and therefore benefits all ages. It brings people together and is great for the sports played in the village. Also the library is always a key place in any village.</p>
<p>I think the community centre is an asset and benefit for the residents of the village and would not like to see this asset disappear.</p>
<p>I think the community centre need to stay open for the village.</p>
<p>I think the village is lucky to have such a great facility and think you would lose even more money if the building was left to rot.</p>
<p>I think this is a valued community area and it would be a great shame to lose it</p>
<p>I would ask that the council considers the positive impact of maintaining the facility, rather than simply pushing around funds. Funding can always be assessed with the support of the village</p>
<p>If it's not supported the village will die, the children will have nothing the pensioners of the village will sit alone instead of meeting together, so good for mental health</p>
<p>If Saxilby parish council care about their parish and their community then the community centre must remain open and accommodate our wealth of sports teams and residents</p>
<p>If the majority of this village votes in favour of the Parish Council to lease the centre, I hope they will negotiate a lower yearly sum than that mentioned. Even though I do not use the centre it would be a sad loss to many in the village.</p>
<p>If the parish council have been responsible for the upkeep of the Community Centre why haven't the necessary repairs that are now mentioned been actioned before? Money wasted on the Waterfront and the new so-called cycle way could have been better used.</p>
<p>If the Pav is closed then you take away the heart of the village, it will eventually create an eyesore of a disused building, which will no doubt at some point be vandalised. Saxilby is a lovely village, parish councillors are voted in by the residents to protect and serve us, for goodness sake do the right thing or hang your heads in shame.</p>
<p>If they [do] not sign the lease the people in the village old or young will not be able to access any sport or the library.</p>

<p>if this is about saving money for residents then will my council tax be reduced? if not reduced where will money saved go instead? Why would you agree to rent with full repair costs??? agree rent may be a little higher and tell them final offer!! Surely unless they have better offer they can't say no. You have upper hand here from what I have been told</p>
<p>If this is going to significantly impact the budget then the consultation should be done in the context of prioritising which PC services are most valued across the full cross section of the community. Then the decision in context would be clearer</p>
<p>In the 50 years our family have lived in the community, public involvement in our (and other villages) has declined. I can't help but think closing the Pav will further add to that deterioration</p>
<p>Investment in the community centre will benefit a greater proportion of the parish's residents than the [redacted] waterfront. [Redacted].</p>
<p>It a financial black hole and white elephant.</p>
<p>It is very important to keep the council in the 'Pav'. The Hub of the village will die without facilities being there. Please stay.</p>
<p>It is a community centre and is used by the community and is regularly used as a meetings place where people can socialise face-to-face which is needed in this world in-person.</p>
<p>It is a shame the trustees have placed the parish council in an untenable position.</p>
<p>It is almost meaningless to respond to this survey without any indication of what will happen if the PC decides not to enter into a lease. The unspoken threat appears to be closure, which would be unthinkable, hence my preference for a lease, despite the resultant increase in the already substantial precept.</p>
<p>It is essential for all the village, for the sports and well-being of everyone in the village. For the future of all the children growing up in the village.</p>
<p>It is imperative that the community and library stay open for many groups and future plans.</p>
<p>It is important for the village to use the community centre but the cost financially seems high. Maybe the parish council could get a grant from the government.</p>
<p>It is important not to lose such a valuable asset to the village. If the centre closes it would affect classes, library, warm hub, possible future fetes to name but a few. A large village like Saxilby needs more than one venue as the village hall would not be able to accommodate all that is needed. To lose the community centre would be a great loss to the village.</p>
<p>It is vital that the Community Centre stays open and continues to thrive It is an essential hub for the people of Saxilby</p>
<p>It would be a great loss to the residents, both young and old, if the village lost this communal facility.</p>
<p>It would be a great shame if the community centre was lost. As a structural engineer with over 40 years experience, I would like to know the grounds for stating that (unless there is a serious infestation or premature rot from lack of maintenance) a roof replacement of this building is a risk which needs serious consideration at this time. This type of construction should easily last 60 years.</p>
<p>It would be clear to the villagers if they left the parish council don't care about the health and wellbeing of the people they serve.</p>
<p>It would be criminal for the parish council not to take into account the views of the public and the impact it would have on the people of this village if they were to walk away and relocate. They should stay pay for a lease at a negotiated cost and work with the trustees towards a better future instead of letting personal views impact their decision.</p>
<p>It's a valuable asset for the village especially with all the new builds. Not all the village agree with the amount of money spent on the waterfront</p>
<p>It's the heart of the village the village hall isn't nothing for kids there ! which is whole point of the rec</p>
<p>It's a valuable asset to have centres and community hubs available for local residents</p>
<p>It's very important for the community centre to continue to be run by the parish council, as the village needs the facility now and for the future.</p>
<p>Keep it open.</p>
<p>Keep sports for all !!!!!</p>

Keep the pavilion for the sake for all the sports/clubs/youth teams - community spirit.
Leave it alone we want to keep the pav.
Let's work to keep this place open! It would be such a shame to let it go! It's a huge part of Saxilby community
Lifeline of the village. Ridiculous that we even have the possibility of the rec been shut down. Bizarre and ludicrous
Lived here all my life (77 years) and always used this recreation field and facilities. Tennis, football, cricket, and as a child the play area. What a shame if this all this disappeared for future generations. If the council go ahead and move I don't believe it would be for the benefit of the community. it would be a no vote from me as far as the council as concerned! Just sign the lease!
Losing the pavilion or at least the parish council making it unmanageable financially by pulling out would be such a shame for such a wonderful asset in this village.
Morally I feel the pavilion is a resource for all residents and should remain open and in an ideal world the parish council would remain using the offices in the building, especially after all the investment put into the building. I don't feel it's fair to expect rental income from the parish council on top of the requirement to maintain the building as many people outside of Saxilby use the pavilion for various activities but are not expected to pay towards the upkeep, I feel they should pay towards the upkeep of the building and not rely on residents covering all the costs through their council tax bill. It appears many residents in Saxilby pay for its upkeep but do not use it so it would not be fair to pass on the additional costs to all residents. I would like to see the building remain open, and used to the max, however the funds needed to run it should come from those using it. I feel all children should expect access to a local library, lovely play equipment and other facilities for their sports clubs, but our council tax bills are already high and unless the parish council can sign a lease without having the responsibility of maintaining the building AND paying rent on top of the high running costs I feel the Parish Council should consider those who do not use it as much as those who do make use of it. I feel confident the sports clubs can raise sufficient funds towards the upkeep of the building so perhaps rather than charging the parish council rent a committee could set up theme nights, bingo nights, rent it out for parties etc rather than the financial burden being placed on residents. Good luck with decision and I hope it all works out for the best. I would like to add that I would fully support the PC council staying if they only agree a lease for either the upkeep OR rent, but not both.
My family and I were lucky enough to use the pav facilities while my children were growing up. Friday nights were pav nights so we could meet with friends and the children played outside. The xmas light switch on and Boxing day were firm favourites too. Our family has grown now and we don't need/ use the facilities but I believe they could be so good for others still in the community young and old. Well done to the volunteers providing the service currently!
My main concerns if the Parish Council do not renew the Lease, relate to the use of the building: 1. What would happen to all the current users, including the Library, Saxilby Sports Hub and the various sporting activities - football, cricket, tennis, bowling. 2. How would annual village events be held on the playing field without use of the facilities? 3. If the Parish Council do not renew the Lease and the Charity cannot find anyone else to take it on, what will happen to the building? My other comments relate to the various costs that are being mentioned. It does not appear that a full viability exercise has been carried out, including possible options. Below are some items that I believe should be considered. 1. Does the lease with the Charity need to be at market value?. 2. If not, what is the lowest value that the Charity will accept? 3. A review of the running costs should be undertaken to see if there are any reductions that could be made; e.g. there may be grants to install PV solar panels to help reduce electricity cost. 4. The surveyors condition report should be made available for review; should an alternative opinion be sought? 5. Have competitive quotations been sought for the repairs identified in the surveyors report? 5. Has a list of other potential repairs, other than regular maintenance, been compiled and estimates obtained? 6. Has an alternative location for the Parish Council offices been identified and associated rent and other costs determined? 7. If the building is closed, then there will no doubt be on-going security and insurance costs; have these been factored in to any viability exercise? 8. If the building is demolished, as has been mentioned in a Councillor's letter, has a cost been obtained and included in any viability exercise? 9. Have the current users of the building been asked to set out how contributions could go towards the running costs? 10. If the Parish Council do not renew the Lease, will the Council Tax paid by all residents reduce and by how much? Once all the costs are known, a proper cost v benefit analysis should be carried out before a decision is made.

N/A
Na
Need to maintain facilities like the St Andrews Community Centre that are already in place. It is a building many other villages would love. The council need to look after places that benefit the tax payers of Saxilby.
Negotiate hard (no one else is interested in leasing the building!) because keeping this vital village asset is vital .
Negotiations must continue until a compromise is found to maintain the building, which is now an integral part of the memorial field and the community of Saxilby
No
No
No
No
No
none
Not sure how the decision would affect any of the above but the community will lose so many valuable activities if the Pav was to close.
Noting how many people live in Saxilby, unless I'm wrong, the £18,000 can only be a handful of pounds per person per year. I'd help towards a fund raising event to help, thank you
Other villages have assets such as community centres or hubs. Harby is an example of this of how they use theirs to get the most out of it and make it useable for the village. It has so much potential such a coffee shop etc. If the library was moved upstairs then there would be space to have music etc. We pay so much tax and what does Saxilby have????
Our precept is too high as it is. Adding this extra burden to people already struggling is asking too much.
Pavilion must be kept open.
People around Saxilby area use this community centre, families children the elderly, the place is used, please take note of what the community has to say!!
Please don't leave the pavilion building and forget about the importance of it to your village's residents.
Please keep centre open it is an integral part of Saxilby community.
Please keep the facility open it is an integral part of the community.
Please keep the lease going - look at better ways to increase income. For example the Nettleham Hub who run their community centre with Seven Districts cafe; it also houses the library, rents rooms to local groups, local makers
Please put your petty arguments to the side and do what's right for the residents and stay in this building. [Redacted]
Preference for local teams and residents to use facilities over those outside the village
Put someone in who knows how to run a bar, without council stipulating opening times etc and at a reduced rent for the first 2 years to get it established. A coffee bar around school delivery/collection times.
Question 2 doesn't make sense. I think the recreation facilities should remain for future generations.
Question 2 makes no sense. This form and the online survey should be restricted to residents only. This process is open to corruption and multiple responses being submitted by any one individual.
Relocate facilities as only open and used by a minority of the village. Money to maintain if could be put to better use why should residents of Saxilby have an increase in council tax for something only a few use
Save the pavilion & sport's field!!!

Saxilby Community Centre Consultation. Addendum supplied by [name supplied]. When I first came to Saxilby to get married to a Saxilby girl I was soon impressed with the long large SPORTS PAVILION made by a specialist constructor Creasey & Co of Blyton. Here was a magnificent quality shed encompassing changing rooms shared by football and cricket, bowls room, kitchen and tea rooms. Off the tearoom was a bar run by volunteers whose fundraising, which eventually for the new adjoining bar and upstairs function room to be built. Coming from an 8x6 shed at Newton on Trent Cricket in the lee of Dunham Toll bridge, which was score box changing room and such. Saxilby Pavilion was a fantastic improvement for me. [Redacted – identifying information] After the parish council grant of £2,000, we were expected to raise further monies from our own requirements. It was here I noticed that some clubs put their good share in, whilst one or two didn't, yet the same clubs then had the cheek to ask for help towards their new machinery or such. So, I devised a scheme where all clubs paid in the sum of £5 each for each member in their respective clubs, up to them how they raised their funds, but this seemed fairer to me, who as an individual was more than willing to pay for the privilege of such a facility. But then it was realised that you might get a grant for the new pavilion from the newly formed national lottery of which Saxilby was one of the first in the country to receive such a grant I believe. But you had to find a percentage of the cost yourselves. [Redacted – identifying information] Saxilby Youth Club. in St Andrews Centre for ten years, the new vicar saying it was surplus to requirements and so since it was monied by public subscription reverted back to the village. It was then sold by the council for a paltry £40,000, the buyer sitting on it for a year and receiving £100,000. This £40,000 to go to the new centre, making sure the youth club got a room in it. Suddenly the parish council started getting hoity-toity and expressed a wish for the new building to revert from a sports pavilion to community centre and was now very interested in the possibility of it and was even quite willing to have their names in perpetuity on the streets on the new estates. To me this was the point where the council changed its use from sports pavilion to a grand sounding community centre. Now it was declared that volunteers was not allowed to work the maintenance of the facility, not being insured, health and safety etc. Yet they now employed two tractor drivers, plus tractors, which must be quote a large chunk of the supposed of cost of running up from £2,000 running in my day, to £47,500 per year. [Redacted]. Yes I know they cut the verges as well, but is this anything to do with the sports field? Now I understand that they are saying you must cut your own grass but we are going to charge you for the use of the field and facilities. (so now it's ok to cut your own grass?) I put it that the council is responsible for the important change of use and it has brought the problem on itself. The gifted ground should revert to the village the extra cost now involved is totally up to the council in my opinion. Yours sincerely [name supplied].

Saxilby is a growing village, facilities should reflect that.

Saxilby is a vibrant community and removing or losing part of the facilities provided from this building would be a great loss. Simply scattering clubs and organisations to the four corners of the village is not the answer especially as it appears the village is now growing into a town with all the extra housing. People and communities need these types of facilities - the community centre is well used by all groups and ages. If this means a rise in council tax to help the funding then so be it. The cost of closing the centre down would far outweigh the extra in the Parish Council tax take for the council tax.

Saxilby needs facilities such as the pavilion and sports field that cater for many walks of life. Having lived in the village over 60 years i have been able to play sport and use the facilities. Our Council Tax should go to these places that are for the benefit of young and old alike. We seem to spend money on [Waterfront] that are basically for the benefit of boaters and not the tax payer.

Saxilby needs this facility. It is a large village and the village hall is not sufficient to meet all of its needs.

Seems strange it needs a new roof. I would think a very large percentage of houses in the village have a roof a lot older. I think you could be more specific on this. NB at this address three people say "Parish Council should"

Should have left years ago

Shouldn't even be up for vote really. What a shame that our council would consider taking something so precious and long standing from our community.

Sport has to be kept going in the village. If centre closes how can it survive.

<p>Sporting activity is largely dependent on this facility. We must surely have a collective responsibility to foster such activities. The facilities would seem to have the potential to generate higher income if more fully utilised. A full bar facility (ie with draught beers) would sure be well supported especially by families given the shortage of alternative listened premises in a village of this size. Meeting rooms could perhaps be sublet to local businesses? The library is an important cultural asset which would not be properly replaced by a mobile service.</p>
<p>Sports facilities are vital for the health and well-being of residents of all ages.</p>
<p>St Andrews CC is a central part of the community and is used by many age groups. It contributes to mental and physical well-being, as a base for the parish council it is easily accessible. It should be maintained and when funds allowed developed.</p>
<p>St Andrews centre including the library and the sports field facilities are very important to all members of our local community young and old. As well as paying an increased precept I would encourage the PC to pursue of funding opportunities.</p>
<p>St Andrews community centre is and should be the hub of community activities in Saxilby and should be maintained by the Parish Council to provide those necessary facilities for our expanding community. If this means a rise in council tax I am very happy to pay.</p>
<p>St Andrews Community Centre needs to remain open. Over the last 12-18 months, the increase in sports teams, events, clubs and more has been incredible, and this is no coincidence that it runs from when the building reopened. The boost to morale in the village is clear to see from watching the women's cricket team win their first year, new football teams from under 7s upwards and this should be encouraged through keeping the hub of it all, the community centre open and in business</p>
<p>St. Andrew's community centre is a valuable amenity for Saxilby residents of all ages and backgrounds. Its location is excellent and perfect for various classes and for sports events on the large field. The library, staffed by volunteers, is a valuable resource for the whole community and provides a place where residents can access a wide range of reading material and also make use of the computers plus photocopying and printing availability. I very much hope it continues to be run by the Parish council.</p>
<p>Strongly feel that charity as landlord should be responsible for repairs and not the council. If I was leasing a house it would be landlords responsibility to maintain fabric of building. If council do not sign the lease, how can charity afford to keep building open, bearing in mind limit funds in their accounts? (see charity commission info.) What will charity with building if not taken on by council?? Will it be pulled down or boarded up and left to rot?? [Redacted]</p>
<p>Such a shame for the village if they lose these facilities</p>
<p>Surely with all the new houses in the village there's enough money to support a village sports field. People will always play sport. A sports field is needed just as much as a doctors or shop. Get on with it.</p>
<p>Take the lease but try and negotiate a better deal beforehand. Look at potential income streams. Review what clubs pay to use the facilities.</p>
<p>Taking into the large expansion of housing and consequent increase in Saxilby's population it is crucial that as many recreational and other public facilities are available. The council tax revenue must sure increase as more dwellings etc. are included, which will increase the precept and spread the cost per person.</p>
<p>The accessibility of the offices on this site is key to the integration of many activities for the village which could be further expanded to mitigate some of the alleged costs. It is too important to risk the loss of this facility. The council has benefited from a significant rent free period and needs to find a positive working relationship with the charity to enhance the use, access and activities available from both the St Andrews Centre building and the surrounding grounds.</p>
<p>The building is too expensive for the use of a hundred or so people. The behaviour of the groups involved, including those on the council who have a vested interest in the sports facility has shown that them and the charity are out of touch with the wider community.</p>
<p>The Centre also provides invaluable access to youngsters wanting to play games to the older folk who like to play bowls. To those seeking company especially on a cold winter day when we can do various activities, chat or whatever! This would be a backward step and a very large hole would be left without this wonderful facility!</p>

<p>The centre is a valuable part of the community and should be maintained.</p>
<p>The centre is for use by anyone in the community no matter whatever their background may be. I would not like any tokenism to be displayed (flags, banners, posters, badges etc.) showing support for any 'minority' group as such action I consider to be discriminatory in itself.</p>
<p>The centre is well used by a wide range of people of all ages. It's the heart of Saxilby and would be greatly missed.</p>
<p>The community centre is a brilliant place and should be opened more often, it brings people of the village together and allows a place for everyone of every belief, race, gender and age to socialise and just generally have fun. We have no other places like this in the village and the village hall costs a lot more for the general to book out and use as a similar venue, it has no field and park nor does it have any similar outdoor seating like the pavilion does. The pav is a unique venue to Saxilby and is a brilliant place</p>
<p>The community centre is a local place and a area of community which we enjoy and would like our family to continue to enjoy and their family.</p>
<p>The community centre is a much needed facility for Saxilby and we need to keep it open and flourishing for everyone in these times where we are losing so much .</p>
<p>The community centre is a valuable asset for the village and is used by many people of all ages and abilities. If the activities that take place, the library, the sports hub, classes and many more, these would be lost to the village community. The centre must remain.</p>
<p>The community centre is a valuable asset to residents, particularly the young and those in later life</p>
<p>The community centre is a very important facility within the village, it must be kept going for future generations to be able to use. I feel the Parish Council has a duty to keep it going.</p>
<p>The community centre is a vital part of the village, and especially for the sports teams. Its loss would be awful for the village.</p>
<p>The community centre is a vital part of village life for young and old. The cost of the lease etc is a small price to pay.</p>
<p>The community centre is a vital part of the village the council should be willing to show they care about the community by investing on the current centre and ensuring its survival instead of pulling away and further damaging the moral of the village</p>
<p>The community centre is great. The parish council have to stay.</p>
<p>The Community Centre is the beating heart of the village. The council should sign a lease and continue running it.</p>
<p>The community centre is the heart of the village and controls what happens to so many sport clubs for young and older alike.</p>
<p>The community centre is the heart of the village community and represents all things good within the village.</p>
<p>The community centre is vital to the village for sport, health, and fitness, mental health and social activities, even more so now that the village has expanded so much!!</p>
<p>The community centre needs to remain open for all the sports facilities and villagers to use</p>
<p>The community centre should be there, regardless of cost, to all residents. However young or old you are, if you're not already a user of the centre, at some point you may find it useful in many ways, due to the wonderful services that it offers. Everything should be done to keep this centre open for local people.</p>
<p>The community centre, is a great asset to the village and if it were to close there would be no facilities for an expanding village.</p>
<p>The consultation does not mention the term of the lease or annual increases. I feel as we have the highest parish council tax in the West Lindsey District already, there is no need to increase it further. Also there is no statement as to whether the charity would actually force us from the building if we didn't sign the lease agreement. It just says it may be at risk. Can we not see if this can continue as we are?</p>
<p>The cost and reputation these ongoing negotiations has been an example of poor community leadership.</p>
<p>The cost per household in the village will be less than £5 a year, money well spent to provide a place for sports and social activities.</p>

<p>The costs associated with leasing, maintaining and repairing the community centre seem unreasonably high relative to the available budget.</p>
<p>The facility is in the middle of the village and should be open to all that need to use it. The closing of the facility will impact on the memorial field and the park. It has the potential to be used frequently and should be the focal point to join the village and build that village atmosphere that people who live in a village want</p>
<p>The information provided by the Parish Council for this consultation appears one-sided and incomplete. Reading between the lines, it is clear that a cabal within the Council wishes to divest themselves from the centre, and have already taken that decision. As a relatively newcomer to the village, I have been surprised and disappointed by the evident pettiness and opaque proceedings that seemingly characterise the Council's way of doing business. One would hope that the Council were able to behave and act in accordance with the Civil Service Code - at least in spirit if not to the letter: ie, with integrity, honesty, impartiality, and objectivity. I would suggest that any member who fails these tests should stand down - and refrain from the bullying and harassment which apparently prevails and explains why many councillors are themselves fleeting, transient presences.</p>
<p>The library and the services it provides are a great asset to our village and mobile unit would be a poor substitute. More [illegible] thought for what the youth of the village will lose if the Sports Hub has to close.</p>
<p>The loss of the community centre would be huge. It is used by everyone at some point, I believe it should be used more to achieve its potential, a real community resource which should have full backing from the parish council.</p>
<p>The Parish Council and Charity have only themselves to blame for this abysmal mess. They have both failed over the years to address their respective legal responsibilities when granting and administering leases and permissions associated with the Charity's assets. I have no doubt that there is a large can of worms waiting to make the light of day. Indeed, entering into a lease might prove to be the convenient solution to the mistakes of the past for both parties. The only sure way to resolve this matter once and for all is for both parties to regularise their legal relationships in accordance with the Indenture and move forward from there. The assistance and advice of the Charities Commission should be sought in order to resolve any "conflicts of interest"; there are invariably legal remedies available to correct such conflicts.</p>
<p>The parish council must make decisions that align with the views of the population it serves.</p>
<p>The parish council need to do more for the children of the village and less work on the canal area which only benefits the boaters, who do not spend money in the village.</p>
<p>The Parish Council needs to disclose all the financial data on all other projects to understand the impact these projects have had in comparison (we do not need any more money being thrown at the Waterfront [redacted] project). The Council also needs to allow freedom of speech in the Parish [redacted]</p>
<p>The Parish Council should be within easy access for all members of the community and not a car drive away</p>
<p>The parish council should look at the salaries paid [redacted]</p>
<p>The parish council should manage and maintain St Andrews Community Centre, because we are a community we need to meet up and join activities, we are a friendly village. People will be isolated otherwise.</p>
<p>The Pav as we affectionately know it as, has been and is a wonderful asset to the community in so many ways. We need the support of the council.</p>
<p>The pav has been the centre of the village for many, many years. I grew up from 1998-2019 and I have extremely fond memories as a child down on the rec and in the pav. I still regularly visit, and would love to be in the pav again regularly</p>
<p>The pav is at the heart of Saxilby. We two young children, this has given me opportunity to meet new friends and social space for families to attend.</p>
<p>The pav must stay open or it will be an unused building falling into neglect with nothing for young and old to enjoy, especially the next generation</p>
<p>The pavilion building is essential for the community, not just people who play sports. Although the building is also vital to them due to housing their facilities.</p>
<p>The Pavilion is the heart of Saxilby and would severely impact on the local community if it was to close.</p>

<p>The pavilion is the village library sport hub council have established office meeting room storage provided when the pavilion was built. Plus the council have a duty of care for the village and the people who use it, despite the trustees trying to work with you.</p>
<p>THE PAVILION MUST STAY OPEN. IT IS A VITAL PART OF OUR VILLAGE! I cannot believe that a place, the size of Saxilby can't keep it up and running!</p>
<p>The PC should negotiate a lower lease with the trustees. the trustees have no outgoings and therefore can not justify the amount, they are seeking.</p>
<p>The population has grown so wouldn't make a bit of difference to the council tax why can't the PC and the trustees work together to produce a workable solution, the village and the young need the centre.</p>
<p>The Recreation Ground is a place for all the people of Saxilby & should be maintained</p>
<p>The rent paid by the parish council would be put to better use if put towards the running of the community centre than if it were paid to a private landlord. The community centre is of great value to the village and it would be a shame to lose it, along with the library.</p>
<p>The saga of the pavilion has been a disaster since 2007, when the parish council decided to take full control from the Saxilby Sports Association. It is financially unsustainable and will continue to remain a burden on the tax payer.</p>
<p>The Tax payer should not be expected to prop up a charity, if the parish council did go ahead then it would be a mill stone around tax payers necks for years to come. Let the users pay a realistic price for the privilege, or the charity should cut its cloth in line with its income.</p>
<p>The terms of the lease appear to be totally one sided, the [redacted] charity should repair the building first, if they have no cash they can borrow the required amount with the rental as collateral. Whilst the facilities are essential for the village, especially the young, paying all that cash out of a meagre budget is way too high a proportion of our council tax. If this so called charity with zero cash and offers no benefit to anyone they should simple close their existence and hand the assets to the council for free</p>
<p>The toddler group and other social events provide positive effects for the whole community (young and old) and enhance mental wellbeing.</p>
<p>The village and surrounding area need a hub to meet or get help and socialise and those venues are getting scarcer daily. Sport in general and help for young people in particular are already very vulnerable</p>
<p>The village is getting bigger people need the community spirit and things happening for all to enjoy and to be proud of what's available.</p>
<p>The village needs this community centre</p>
<p>The youth of the Parish, need somewhere to be entertained, exercised and educated, outside of school. If the council abandon their responsibility in this regard, we will be left with a derelict, eyesore to blight our village and encourage anti social behaviours. The Council would then become an embarrassment to the County.</p>
<p>There are three people in our house. We don't do internet. We all think the same way. So take note this is three votes.</p>
<p>There is a lot of talk about costs; where is the transparency on other costs borne by the Parish Council? No other projects have any funds declared, so why is this such an issue? [Redacted]. [Redacted] any funding decisions need to be out of [the parish council's] hands.</p>
<p>There is one particular issue I would like to comment on and that is that all sports fields owned and run by yourselves should be used only by Saxilby sides. It's not fair on the village teams there is enough senior and junior teams playing on these grounds without outsiders using them. They pay nothing to the village and it ruins the ground and I for one don't want to go and watch foreign teams.</p>
<p>These are terribly worded questions</p>
<p>These questions are unclear, and the information is inadequate and misleading</p>
<p>They need to keep it open for everyone in the village and all the generations to come.</p>

<p>Think about the residents of the village, what they want and the amazing facilities available to our children growing up in the village. It's so sad that it's come to this. I don't understand why anyone would want to close a hub that is so valuable to all.</p>
<p>This centre is a life line for the village, with more families moving into the village and the young population increasing there is a huge need for a facility like this to accommodate all children with different interests. Without it the children will have nothing to do, no clubs to join, less exercise being taken which will affect the health of these children both mentally and physically. It's a great facility to create income for the village as well. Children will end up roaming the streets and I feel they will get bored and find themselves being tempted into poor behaviour. In my view It's an absolute must that the lease is signed</p>
<p>This decision affects everybody in our community. It is my view that the council should hold itself accountable to the highest standards of public office, including the provision of key services such as those currently provided at the St Andrews Community Centre.</p>
<p>This facility is an absolute must for the community</p>
<p>This facility is much needed in our ever expanding village</p>
<p>This facility is under used. [Redacted]. If the Parish Council advertised/promoted the possible/potential usage of this facility they could recoup some of the outlay. It would be a travesty if this facility was lost to the village. It is a brilliant central hub which could be considerably better by engaging more with local communities.</p>
<p>This facility must NOT close. What is going to happen to the warm hub if this fabulous building closes especially now that the government has withdrawn the winter fuel allowance. What about sport how is this going to continue without changing rooms and toilet facilities.</p>
<p>This feels like a decision stuck between a rock and a hard place. Good luck.</p>
<p>This is a community hub as well as a council office needs to stay open</p>
<p>This is a facility which is essential to help develop a sense of community in a rapidly expanding village and benefits all ages.</p>
<p>This is a huge asset to the village and every effort should be made to retain it.</p>
<p>This is a significant amount of money, but it is one of those community assets that once lost, cannot be replaced. I do think a negotiation has to be had and the charity could consider offsetting the costs due to the impact on the Parish budgets and the local people. Finally, can there be a way for the council or the charity to increase income in an affordable way, for example, £1 entrance fee for those 65 and under? There also should be local grant making trusts and foundations, or philanthropic donors from the Lincolnshire area, that can contribute to the cost of this rent.</p>
<p>This is a very poor consultation, I have had to put an answer of no to the lease, but this is mainly due to lack of information. I do not understand things like who is going to pay insurance for the building or sportsfield, who is going to maintain the field. What if any money the council receive from Grenwich Leisure. What monies do the various sports pay to use the facilities etc etc. I also question what the Charity will do with the money, and what responsibilities (if any) that they are taking off the council and how much this will save the council. Has the value of the lease for the building been determined as of now, or at it was before monies were invested by the council in the last 20 years such things as extensions, lifts etc. Without a lot more information I cannot make a reasoned response to this.</p>
<p>This is a village asset and should be supported by the parish council</p>
<p>This is a village asset and the Council should be developing and helping the building and entire recreation ground, not closing any of it. Money is better spent there than waterside which has a busy road.</p>
<p>This is a well used village asset which needs to be maintained for the community to use</p>
<p>This is an important part of the village that should be maintained for the community by a partnership between the Parish council and the Charity</p>
<p>This is an important service for the village. I think it would be detrimental if the parish council pulls out.</p>
<p>This is ridiculous. Please just organise an 'all cards on the table' meeting so the adults in the village can make an informed choice</p>

<p>This would be a terrible deal, in effect it would pay the Saxilby Recreation Charity but no mention of the entity that owns the land held in trust that would presumably benefit.</p>
<p>Time the council considered the thoughts and wishes of the village and not St Helen's football team at the expense of village teams</p>
<p>To my way of thinking, a proper survey of the roof should be done, and when you know exactly the cost and nature of the work, it may be possible to negotiate a reduction in the lease for the first year.</p>
<p>To pay the required amount would be a good investment in the future of the community with an eye to expanding further when people know that the Pav will reliably be open on x days.</p>
<p>Too much of a financial burden on Parish resources.</p>
<p>Very little fiscal information to expect a financial decision to be taken so parish need becomes imperative</p>
<p>Village would lose a valuable asset if lease not agreed.</p>
<p>We are so fortunate to have a large multi-use building that serves the whole of our community, the Church Hall and Village Hall combined ensure that everyone can access multiple events throughout the village, including the disabled, elderly and very young.</p>
<p>We could lose the warm hub and coffee morning. Lots of children's teams and activities could be lost as well as all the adult teams. All these are what makes the village a community which is very important.</p>
<p>We feel St Andrews Community Centre is valued by residents and an asset to village life. We need a community centre where young people, older people and everyone in between can access events/services and be part of a community.</p>
<p>We have not been told what the alternatives are.</p>
<p>We must carry on all the sports opportunities for the many residents of Saxilby</p>
<p>We need a new parish council</p>
<p>We need community areas to keep a close need community! A library is great. A place for people to come together.</p>
<p>We need the facilities that the sports ground provides, thanks to a group of hard working people. That does not include the council</p>
<p>We need to keep the library</p>
<p>We need to keep the pavilion open. It is starting to grow a village community from it. Children have a place to go with their families. It is getting people together which helps with mental health. The fund raising from the sports hub working with the pav is allowing clubs to get better equipment to allow better clubs. This village needs a hub like other villages like Nettleham and the pav is the beginning of getting there.</p>
<p>What does the Charity spend money on, are we able to view their accounts? The village has grown and will continue to do so therefore facilities like this that are well managed will be needed. If the council sign a formal lease, why are they responsible for the repairs and updates to the building that are needed prior to signing surely this is the remit of the Landlord i.e. the Charity? Or should the charity forgo the rent to pay for the repairs until they are complete?</p>
<p>What will happen to the building and play area will there be more houses built on it?</p>
<p>Where do I find the alternative costs of office accommodation ?</p>
<p>Where has the money gone from the fire work display at Christmas light switch on? Open the bar back up full time to reduce the cost of running the centre! Nothing has also be said what will happen to the library if the pav closes, what about toilet and changing facilities for sports? We want the children to grow up healthy with reduced opportunities to be active? Since covid the parish Council have been [redacted] in their efforts to build a better village, more houses being built with fewer community events being held yet no reduction in council tax subsidy, would rather pay the extra £2 per year (rough calculation on per property cost) to keep the building open and bring it back to a hub of the community.</p>

<p>While I appreciate the council's effort to involve residents in this decision, I have significant concerns regarding the figures presented and the future of this valued community facility.</p> <p>Doubts Regarding Financial Figures</p> <p>Firstly, the reported running costs of £47,500 annually seem significantly overstated, particularly given the council's additional projection of £18,850 for rent, and the mention of major works, including a new roof. It is vital that these figures are independently verified to ensure they reflect a realistic estimate of ongoing expenses.</p> <p>The Importance of the Community Centre</p> <p>The St Andrews Community Centre serves as a crucial hub for various social, recreational, and civic activities. It benefits not only local sports clubs and user groups but also the wider community, enhancing the quality of life for many residents. The decision to enter into a lease should therefore be based on long-term community benefit, not short-term financial concerns.</p> <p>Overstating Maintenance Issues</p> <p>There is a growing concern that the council may be overstating the scope and cost of necessary repairs, such as the condition of the roof and the external fire escape, potentially as a way to justify withdrawing support. If indeed these repairs are less urgent or costly than suggested, this should be clarified. I urge the council to provide a more detailed breakdown of the required works, ideally supported by multiple professional assessments, to dispel any ambiguity.</p> <p>Community Impact of Council's Withdrawal</p> <p>Walking away from the management of the community centre would have a detrimental impact on the residents and visitors who rely on its facilities. Rather than focusing on the potential costs, the council should explore alternative funding mechanisms, grants, or partnerships to ensure that this important community asset is preserved for future generations.</p>
<p>Why can't the local village saxilby pay monthly into the community centre. If you take away the community centre you will take away the heart of saxilby and the repercussions will haunt saxilby for years to come</p>
<p>Why hasn't the council supplied details about where they would go and how they would ensure all the facilities remain</p>
<p>Why not try fund raising events to help with running costs. More marketing selling the facility to the community.</p>
<p>Why wasn't all properties given this form? It's there for the public to use and the parish council should be responsible and manage correctly.</p>
<p>Would be a massive loss to the village if the community centre was to close. This building needs to be utilized more</p>
<p>Would like to see the continuation of sports activities: football, cricket, tennis, bowls etc.. for the current and future generations. Toilets / shower facilities required.</p>
<p>Your consultation document does NOT indicate just how long term a long term lease would be. Why is this? Where would the parish office be located to? Again, no mention of this. Exactly what services may be at risk? (mentioned in option B) Who currently owns the Community Centre Building? It's concerning that none of the above information is easily at hand. Why is this? I do not feel you have provided residents will all the information required in order to make a well informed decision on this.</p>
<p>Your option not to lease doesn't make sense and losing this venue is daft, not money saving as in the long run/ future it will cost more to relocate</p>