Summary Report of the Youth Service Committee Meeting

17th Marh 2025 – Pavillion Club

I would like to start by expressing my sincere thanks to Cllr Carter and Cllr Elston for their tireless efforts in canvassing young people and families within our village to better understand the types of services they would like to see. Their dedication has been invaluable in gathering this crucial feedback. Additionally, I'd like to extend my gratitude to Cara for the significant amount of time she dedicated to researching the different types of providers available to us.

At our meeting today, Cllr Radford provided an overview of the costs incurred versus the amount spent. It became clear that the business model for the current service has not met expectations. After careful discussion, the committee has voted to recommend to the parish council that the services provided by TRAYE be discontinued after March 31st.

We are aware of the need for services for teenagers in our village and are committed to finding a better solution. Moving forward, we would like to explore (in line with the Churchway Lane Committee) the potential of hiring a converted container for use at the Churchway Lane site, which could be used by Navigators and other groups. If equipped with the appropriate facilities, this space could potentially be available for hire by other groups in the community and would encourage the parish to explore this.

Moving forward, once the public hall is built, we will begin to explore what services could be established there. I also plan to use my connections with local schools to survey the current Year 6 students and engage with young people involved in existing clubs to understand whether a different schedule or targeting might have resulted in better participation.

We are committed to ensuring that the youth of our village have the opportunities and support they need, and we look forward to continuing to explore solutions that meet their needs.

Next meeting date is 12th May