

PAPWORTH EVERARD PARISH COUNCIL

Draft minutes of the Amenities Committee Meeting
held on the 25th November 2014
in the offices at Upper Pendrill Court, Ermine Street North
At 7.00 pm

Present: Mark Honeywood Chairman (MLH), Bob Baker (BB), Chris Howlett (CH),
Barry Hume (BH), Eric Abrahms (EA)

In Attendance: Tess Rogers, clerk, Paulson Xavier, resident

1. Apologies for absence

Received from Paul Phillips and John Booker

2. Declarations of pecuniary interest

None voiced

3. To confirm and approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 15th October 2014.

It was resolved to accept the minutes as being a true record of the meeting.

4. Matters arising or carried forward from the last meeting

4.1 4.1 To confirm that the anti vandal paint has been applied to the containers standing on the field.

Not yet progressed due to inclement weather.

4.2 4.4 Update on the progress of creating a new village sign.

It was resolved to return to the design previously created by Paul Tait of Creamink, but substituting the flowers for primroses and bluebells, ensuring that the dragon symbol holds a pen, and that the hall is shown as white and not cream. The background of the sign will be blue and the dragon red.

4.3 4.5 To complete the plan of the trees within the village for which the parish council has responsibility. This will then be passed to the tree warden to ensure regular inspections are carried out.

This remains work in progress.

4.4 4.6 to consider and make a decision regarding the three quotes received to remove the trees surrounding the old tennis courts.

It was resolved to accept the quote of £800.00 received from Sharp Horticultural Services.

4.5 4.7 To consider resurrecting team cricket within the village and to decide upon necessary action to be taken if this is to be so. We are expecting an interested resident to attend the meeting).

Paulson Xavier attended the meeting and spoke up in favour of resurrecting a Papworth Everard cricket team, he was confident that he would be able to enthruse sufficient people to make up a team. The clerk said she would advertise this via the News&Views magazine and on the parish council website. It was resolved to commence work on restoring the cricket pitch to a playable level. MLH will approach Glyn Cooksey for advice on this, Barry Hume will assist.

4.7 Notification of date of ROSPA playground inspection training course.

It was resolved that the clerk will approach ROSPA with a view to the course taking place on the 14th March 2015.

4.8 14 To consider any information regarding playground inspection courses.

This is a duplication, see 4.7 above.

4.9 9 To receive an update regarding the removal of the fencing surrounding the old tennis courts.

MLH reported that he had spoken to his contact who will undertake the work for free but will take the metal at no cost to his self. All debris will be removed from site.

4.10 To agree the quote received for a replacement tyre for that damaged on the tyre swing plus labour to fix it in place.
It was resolved to accept the quote received from Timberplay at £95.20 excluding VAT.

4.11 17 Update regarding a direct supply of electricity to the changing rooms.
Please see item 10

5 Bowls club report

Although the bowls club representative was not present BB reported that the security lights on the back of the bowls pavilion no longer appeared to be working. As this puts the pavilion security in jeopardy, and it being a parish council asset, the clerk will contact the bowls club secretary and ask for the lights to be returned to full working order.

6 Tennis club report

Although absent from the meeting John Booker had reported that he had no issues to raise.

7 Football clubs report

MLH reported that the football pitch is struggling, there are five deep divets present which require forking to get rid of the water lying in them. He has rodded the pitch. The changing rooms are in reasonable order, at present MLH is cleaning them.

8 To consider the two quotes received for the repair of the trim trail

It was resolved to accept the quote received from Jerry Course as he will match the timber used in the repair to that already present.

9 To note the findings of the external inspector of the play area following his inspection on the 27th October 2014.

MLH will review the report and bring his findings back to the next meeting.

That under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and representatives of the press and broadcast media be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following item of business as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

10 Decision to be made regarding the continuation of investigations into placing a sports pavilion/youth room on the playing field.

Following discussions held at the parish council meeting held on the 12th November is this matter to be progressed at this time?

CH said that when previously obtaining pre planning advice for a new pavilion the main obstacle was the lack of parking available. It was agreed that PP would be asked to look into the possible cost of a new building. The progress of the situation regarding the Conservatory would be investigated.

At this point it was resolved to extend the meeting by 30 minutes.

11 To consider a request made by a private individual to use the area on the playing field outside of the play area for the purpose of twice/thrice hourly weekly sessions of outdoor exercise classes.

Although the committee could see no real objection to this the clerk was asked to obtain more detail of what kind of activity the sessions consisted of? What times of day would the sessions take place and are these aimed at all residents or a

specific group? If the toilets in the changing rooms were to be made available someone would need to be available to unlock and lock these

12 There was a break in carried out on one of the containers on the playing field, and an attempted break in on the other, overnight on Friday the 14th November.

Unfortunately Paul Phillips was not present to report on the break in but he had previously reported that the lock on one of the containers had been broken and a leaf blower had been taken. An attempt was made to break into a second container but this had been unsuccessful, however the lock on this container had been badly damaged to the extent that it is impossible to access the container. A further attempt will be made to do so but if unsuccessful a professional locksmith will need to be engaged. The damaged lock on the first container has been replaced. Security lighting for the area was discussed. The changing room does have three flood lights which currently do not light up. This will be investigated and if these can be made operational they should provide sufficient security lighting to cover both the changing rooms and the containers.

13 Playground inspections report.

MLH had little to report other than matters highlighted previously and which form part of the report provided by the external inspector.

14 Matters for further consideration

Nothing raised.

15 Date of next meeting.

Tuesday 13th January.

Close of meeting

The meeting was closed at 21.35

Signed:
Chairman

Date: