

PAPWORTH EVERARD PARISH COUNCIL

Papworth Village Hall, Ermine Street South, Papworth Everard, Cambridge CB23 3RD

Annual Parish Meeting

Friday 20 May 2016 at 7.30pm
Held in the Main Hall at Papworth Village Hall

MINUTES

Present: Paul Phillips (Council Chairman), Paul Hicks (Council Vice-Chairman), Pete Cruse (Council member), Chris Dawson (Council member), Mark Honeywood (Council member), Chris Howlett (Council member), Barry Hume (Council member), Tom Williams (Council member), 3 members of the public, Mandy Smith (County Councillor and a representative of the Papworth Trust).

1 **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from the following:
Bob Baker, Member, Papworth Everard Parish Council
PCSO Thomas Baugh, Cambridgeshire Police
Miss Shaw, Headteacher, Pendragon Primary School
Elizabeth Horne, Director of External Relations, Papworth Hospital
Mark Howell, local member, South Cambridgeshire District Council
Nick Wright, local member, South Cambridgeshire District Council

2 **Minutes of the 2015 Annual Parish Meeting**

The draft minutes of the 2015 Annual Parish meeting were presented and approved as a true record of that meeting

3 **Report by a representative of the Papworth Trust on recent activities**

The Papworth Trust is a charity working for disabled people and supporting them in employment. It is also a Registered Social Landlord which lets houses - about half of which are in Papworth Everard and half in the eastern part of the county from as far north as Leicester to Felixstowe in the south. There are 200 Papworth Trust dwellings in Papworth of which 170 are classified for 'General Needs'. The Trust also runs Social Enterprises, for example, a café in Papworth and a bike shop elsewhere. Rehabilitation and enablement is also undertaken by the Trust, and it has started to provide for that gap, when people have recovered sufficiently to leave hospital, but are unable for various reasons to return home immediately. The new MacFarlane-Grieve House reablement service offers a significant reduction in cost over keeping patients in Hinchingbrook Hospital. Papworth Trust is also currently building more 'accessible bungalows'.

4 **Report by Mandy Smith, local member, Cambridgeshire County Council**

The County Council budget is particularly tight this year. The consultation on it was well advertised, so many people have taken part in discussions. Central Government wants a decision from the County Council on its proposals for local devolution and election of a local mayor for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough by the end of June. However, not enough information is currently available on how a new system would work. The County Council is seeking applications from those wishing to become foster parents.

Presentation of written reports

The Parish Council chairman drew the meeting's attention to the written reports, copies of which had been distributed throughout the hall.

The written reports presented were as follows:

- The Chairman's report on the Parish Council
- The report of the Parish Council's Amenities Committee
- The report of the Parish Council's Planning Committee
- The report of the Parish Council's Village Hall Committee
- A report on the activities of South Cambridgeshire District Council by Cllr Nick Wright and Cllr Mark Howell
- A report on policing Papworth Everard from PCSO Thomas Baugh

Parish Council Finances

A Summary of the Parish Council's accounts for the year end March 2015 was presented, however, it was explained that because of the current absence of a clerk, it would take rather longer than usual to have them ready for audit. Parishioners were advised to watch for notice of further opportunities to view the accounts which would appear on the parish council notice board on the shop wall at Pendrill Court.

Question time

Despite there being only three members of the public present, a number of questions were raised from the floor:

Q1 Why were there white lines around defects in the roads of the village which were not yet fixed? **Response:** County Councillor Mandy Smith undertook to raise this with Simeon Carrol, the County Council's road maintenance officer.

Q2 A question on the police report: What is the definition of "an incident"? **Response:** In the absence of the PCSO, the question was answered by Cllr Paul Hicks, the parish council's representative on the Neighbourhood Policing Panel.

Q3 What would the current £0.5 million in the Parish Council's accounts be used for. **Response:** (from Parish Councillors) will need to be spent within the next five years, or so, otherwise developers can ask for it back. There are a number of community projects that the Parish Council is currently funding; these and other uses will be reported in the parish council's pages in the Papworth News and Views and suggestions from parishioners are always welcome.

Q4 A question was raised by a parishioner whose grandchild had not been offered a place at Pendragon Primary School about the effect of the new Ridgeway development on school places for village children. **Response:** Cllr Pete Cruse had taken a special interest in this aspect of the Ridgeway development and explained, as far as possible, the Parish Council's understanding of the proposed expansion of the school, which is to be funded by the Ridgeway development.

Q5 What is the current state of progress towards the improvement of the cricket pitch and is there somewhere on the playing fields where practice net can be located? **Response:** (from the Parish Council's chairman, who is also Chairman of the Playing Fields Committee). Pitch improvement will depend on the establishment and permanency of a Papworth Everard cricket team. To a large extent, work on the pitch will need to be organised on a self-help basis. You are welcome to come to meetings of the Playing Fields Committee. Practice nets take up a large amount of space and there is nowhere on the playing fields at present that would be suitable. There is also

an issue about storage of the nets. If a committed cricket team is established, this can be considered again in the future.

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Meeting Closure

There being no further questions, the meeting closed and all attendees were invited to stay for refreshments and an informal discussion.

Chris Howlett
Minute-taker
23.05.17

Signed :

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