

PAPWORTH EVERARD PARISH COUNCIL

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

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in Papworth Village Hall
on Wednesday 22 May 2019 at 7.30pm**

Present: Paul Phillips (Chairman), Pete Cruse (PC), Paul Hicks (PH), Mark Honeywood (MLH), Chris Howlett (CH), Victoria Carter (VC)

In attendance: Sarah Cruse SLC (Clerk), Cllr Mark Howell (MH), Cllr Mandy Smith (MS)

Members of Public: 14

APM 01/05-19 **Apologies for absence**
Apologies were received and approved from Chris Dawson (CD), Grace Fisher (GF) and Cllr Nick Wright (NW)

APM 02/05-19 **Declarations of pecuniary or other interest – None declared**

APM 03/05-19 **To agree the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 23 May 2018**
It was resolved to accept the minutes as a true record of the meeting held on 23 Mat 2018 (Proposed VC, Seconded MLH, Agreed All)

APM 04/05-19 **Chairman's Presentation of written reports**
Reports detailing the activities over the past year for the following committees were available at the meeting:

- **The Full Parish Council**
- **The Amenities & Playing Fields Committees**
- **The Planning Committee**
- **The Village Hall Committee**

Written copies were made available to the attendees of the meeting and will be available from the Clerk following the meeting for those not in attendance if required.

APM 05/05-19 **The Parish Clerk will present copies of the Summary of the Parish Council's income and expenditure (unaudited) for the FY2018/19**
The Parish Clerk presented a summary of the Parish Council's income and expenditure (unaudited) for the year ending 31 March 2018
(Copies available from the Clerk following the meeting)

APM 06/05-19 **Question time:**
Parish Councillors and the Clerk will be available to take questions from the floor

Q: Does the Parish Council have any current involvement with Highway Dept regarding the continued disturbance caused by noise from the bypass?

A: When the bypass was built there was a condition that it had a noise reducing surface. It has since been resurfaced with chippings causing increased road noise. The Parish Council has had some correspondence with the County Highways Dept but no confirmation as yet that the surface will be redone to reduce the noise. This issue is ongoing .

Q: How is the A1198 considered a suitable diversion during the A14 works?

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A: The road is an A road and considered suitable, although occasionally inconvenient for the village

Q: There have been many rumours about the fate of the old Hospital site – including a rehab centres, prison, private hospital or to be demolished for housing. Are the Parish Council able to confirm or deny any of the rumours ?

A: The Parish Council has no knowledge of any of the potential buyers at present. The site is protected by Planning policy which specifies the site should be considered for 1. Healthcare 2. Office or Business Use or 3. Housing or mixed development and evidence is required that each criterion has been explored.

No planning applications have been submitted.

Q: Why the secrecy ?

A: There is currently a competitive tender in place and a non-disclosure agreement to protect all parties. The Parish Council is not privy to any information at this stage.

Q: Is there any plan to capture the history or any anecdotes and stories of the hospital from villagers or staff ?

A: There is an audio recording of Papworth Past and Present and a CD was made some years ago. The Papworth Hospital Trust have an archive of information.

Q: The loss of the hospital will lead the village being soulless

A: There may be some impact on the village in the short term, but it is hoped that any new development of the site will bring more people back into the village in the future. The Village has a strong sense of community which will continue.

Q: Finances S106 funds. What will these be used for. Will there be some left over.

A: The S106 funds are earmarked for 2 projects. This may take all the existing funds, or there may be some left over. The issue is that there is no land available on which to build. The Parish Council would like to push developers to provide land in addition to funds when new developments are constructed to allow a site for community facilities to be built.

Q: What is happening with the old Catholic Church ?

A: Planning Permission has been approved for the site to develop into 4 flats (incl affordable units). The Parish Council submitted a bid for the site, but a subsequent amendment to planning regulations regarding the number of affordable homes on a development have changed and this has removed the requirement for any affordable units to be built and therefore increased the commercial value of the site.

Q: There are several derelict sites in the village like the Old Central Kitchen which has been boarded up for many years. Why can't these be used to provide village community facilities ?

A: The Old Central Kitchen site is owned by the Papworth Trust, The Parish Council has previously enquired whether this would be available but has been advised that they are not.

Q: Papworth Trust tenants feel let down by the Papworth Trust who deny responsibility for repairs or maintenance or parts of the village e.g., grass cutting. Does the Parish Council experience the same challenges when dealing with the Trust ?

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A: The Clerk has access to a map detailing which areas are maintained by the Trust or Varrier-Jones Foundation. Queries can be raised with Clerk.

Q: Any update on whether there will be a cycle path between Papworth and Caxton Gibbet ?

A: Funding has been secured and is in place. Design work must be carried out and cost agreed before any programme of work can be put in place. No estimated start date yet.

Q: Will the fire station be closed with the departure of the Hospital as it was originally located in the village due to the Hospital being here ?

A: There are no plans in place to close the fire station.

Q: Are the Papworth Trust moving out of Papworth completely ?

A: The Trust are relocating from the Bernard Sunley Centre in July, although there will be some remaining presence in the village. It is understood that the Trust had submitted a plan to use the Vinter Room as office space, but this had been refused by SCDC Planning due to lack of parking facilities. The Bernard Sunley Centre is currently being marketed for sale.

APM 07/05-19

Close of meeting

There being no further questions from the floor, the Chairman called the meeting to a close at 8.15pm.

The meeting was followed by refreshments and informal chat.

Signed.....

Date