

Minutes
St Paulinus Pre- School Annual General Meeting
Thursday 14th March – 8.00pm
19 Ridgeway, Marlpit Hill

Present:

Vic Cousins, Mike Sinclair, Bill Stone, Annette Cousins, Maggie Smith, Ruth Hasson, Sue Baswell, Simon Wellbone, Sara Danzelman, Claire Portman, Martina Chmelikova, Christiane Wood.

Apologies were received from Fe Westwood, Alex McLaren and Sally Dyson

Agenda

Minutes from last year's AGM

These were agreed as a true and accurate record

Proposed Vic Cousins and seconded by Annette Cousins

Matters Arising:

The Diary – The plot of land opposite St Paulinus was formally a diary. The latest set of plans submitted have been thrown out.

Pupil numbers – These have recovered to a good level with new enquires all the time

Termly reports - not progressed but each child has a key worker who is available to comment on any concerns the parents may have

Regulations - the government is bringing in more regulations all the time which the staff at the nursery are finding challenging

Treasurers Report

Mike reported that he was happier than this time last year as children numbers were getting better. A loss of £1k was made last year which was an improvement on the year before. The session rate has remained set at £11.70. As the children get older they are entitled to more funding and attend more sessions. Rent at St Paulinus has been frozen for the time being.

There are still sufficient reserves to cover last years loss and this year we may end up making a small profit. We have received a grant from KCC for Training and as a contribution for a summer outing for the children.

Supervisors report

Annette reported that this year as previously mentioned is looking more profitable with 21 children registered compared to a maximum of 24. 1 child is leaving after Easter but two more are starting with more enquiries all the time.

Sale of the hall – Stephen Mitchell has not indicated that anything has happened – they are still looking to buy the Library and the snooker club which has a one year notice period has still not received formal notice.

Amanda is working as a volunteer as she is in the process of adoption

French and PE continue to be very popular activities at the Nursery

The team of staff are working well and we will be increasing the number of staff on the fuller sessions

The New EYFS have been in force since September it is a pain but we are complying with it and still providing the same level of care and learning to the children.

Election of Officers

The following officers were re-elected

Chairman	Vic Cousin	Nominated	Sara Danzelman	Seconded	Mike Sinclair
Vice Chairman	Fe Westwood	Nominated	Vic Cousins	Seconded	Bill Stone
Secretary	Sally Dyson	Nominated	Vic Cousins	Seconded	Bill Stone
Treasurer	Mike Sinclair	Nominated	Simon Wellbone	Seconded	Annette Cousins

St Paulinus Centre - we still do not know what is happening - the church put in a bid and the council has not been forthcoming on their likelihood of success compared to the number of other bids that have been submitted. The old library is on the market for bids over £200k

Vic has been looking at Nomads which is at the end of Swan lane where the changing rooms could be used as a storeroom it is empty in the week. We would need to fence off a play area and have obtained a quote for a container to store the nursery equipment. There is a slight possibility that we could move there. Vic has a meeting with them next week but it does involve obtaining permission from the Nomads – the town council – and obtaining planning permission. It is not ideal - it has a low ceiling and would need redecoration.

The new community centre offered to us as an alternative has no special rates and no designated loos no storage and no designated outside play area.

We remain optimistic over the future of St Paulinus which remains a very busy and well used Hall although it would be good to know its future was secure.

Any other business

Will go to Ladyland farm in Horley by coach -paid for by the grant received for our good Ofsted report.