

MALBOROUGH VILLAGE HALL & PLAYING FIELDS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting

Held at 7.30pm on 15th June 2016

At Highland, Salcombe Road, Malborough

Present:

Gail Allen (GA), Andy Morgan (AM), John Mahood (JM), John Jevans (JJ), Val Jevans (VJ), Jill Clarke (JC), Jonathan Towne (JT), Tony Lyle (TL), Madge Bailey (MB), Duncan Pope (DP)

There was no Parish Council Representative attending as the meetings were being held on the same evening.

Apologies: Alan Purchase (AP), Pat Wood (PW),

The Minutes of the last Meeting. The Minutes were approved by the Committee and signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising not being dealt with in Reports below

AM to speak to Andy Guard re the Annexe link to Main Hall Fire Doors.

Action: AM

Work on Grandstand roof. TL to find some second-hand sheets of corrugated iron to match in with existing as new ones are much thinner. JM will assist when necessary.

Action: TL

Chairman's Report:

AM expressed his thanks to all of those involved in the Scarecrow Trail for all of their hard work.

Treasurer's Report: (JJ acting on behalf of AP)

Debtors: BBC now paid, no contact from Joanna Reed re outstanding £14, Gemma - £38 – now paid, April amount outstanding re Tom from Garden Furniture Sale should have been paid but not showing in account, the Young Farmers - £70 – have been chased

Accounts are showing the expenditure incurred in installation of new Hall heaters. The net profit on the Scarecrow Trail will be shared with All Saints Church, Malborough.

Secretary's Report:

Heating : TL has undertaken the remedial plaster work where the old heater brackets were removed. The Annexe Heaters have been given a full service and all is in order.

Dishwasher: The dishwasher has been fitted, Geoff Allen removed the carcass and plinth and re-fitted the plinth under the dishwasher (Difficult to get Harry Bullen and Chris Tucker in at the same time to do the work). AM fitted an electrical socket. Chris Tucker from On Tap completed the plumbing. The unwanted cupboard carcass is in the Shower Room (no door as this was used for the dishwasher). MB asked if she could have it and will go in and collect.

Action: MB

Ladies Toilet Taps: Chris Tucker fitted the push-down taps once he had completed the dishwasher plumbing. This work will prevent taps left running and thus avoid wasted water.

Re-decoration: GA meeting Dave Rundle in the Hall on Sunday morning to discuss decorating in the Hall.

Salcombe Town Regatta: The Town Regatta Committee have asked if they may put a banner up on the corner of Salcombe Road. Town Regatta starts 31st July so 10 days before = 20th July. MAD Kids will be erecting a banner at the end of July so have asked if the Regatta banner could be positioned facing the pedestrian crossing. GA to liaise.

Action: GA

Devon Air Ambulance: The request for night time lighting in the playing field was unanimously agreed to and will be followed up by the Parish Council.

Sports

DP to fit cricket nets in front of the New Pavilion in time for the next match on Sunday 19th June.

Pat Parfitt is back tennis coaching on 19th June – this will continue for the rest of the Summer.

MB asked when the football pitch goal mouths will be out of action. AM has to measure up to calculate turf needed and was planning to do only the senior pitch. MB asked if junior goals could be repaired too (KM would be prepared to help with the cost). AM to keep MB informed. **Action: AM**

Mound has been removed next to New Pavilion and the area levelled and seeded.

Practice goal has been fitted and contractors need to come and fit astroturf as this should be professionally pinned. The bank between the Play Area and the playing field, where the practice goal is situated, is now bare soil (moved from the mound). There was discussion as to whether this should be allowed to grow naturally or to seed it. The Committee decided to leave it to grow naturally with the occasional trim by Jonathan when necessary.

KM are not buying a large container and thus have insufficient space to store the cricket roller (currently on loan to Kingsbridge CC) despite their previous promise that this would be possible. AM to ask what is happening re the Cubs Garage now that the Cubs have been disbanded in Malborough. **Action: AM** VJ reported that, following the Awards Evening held by KM on Friday 10th June, Hayley, the Hall cleaner, found a substantial amount of chewing gum left on the floor which took her some time to remove. There were also muddy footprints which had not been cleaned up after the hire.

KM have put in yellow pitch markers to identify where the white lines go on the pitches and will also be doing a second coat onto the Grandstand.

TL reported that he has 2 aluminium tennis posts in his store which he will retain until MVH has sufficient space for them.

Booking Officer:

BBC have booked car park – leaving 15th June and returning in July. A complaint about noise was received from Simon Wood – despite the letters distributed to all neighbours notifying them of the evening arrival. Yoga sessions have started – Jenny has asked if they could use the Playing Field on Wed mornings when the weather suited. This was agreed to providing they retained their booking in the Hall.

The Jersey Boys' evening drew in 130 people – GB promotions have already booked for June 2017. It was apparently very successful.

Nick from a fabric warehouse in Churchstow would like to hold sales of fabric in Hall and will be coming to visit on 16th June.

KATS have cancelled a week in March and one of their performance dates - Tuesday. According to KATS, their greatest expense is the Hall.

David Hemmings – Prawle Point NCI – has enquired about holding a 20th Anniversary celebration lunch in April 2018. Rough quote for hire - £70 - to be advised.

Wood:

The School moves around the wood for its various Forest School activities to prevent undue wear and tear.

Scarecrow Trail 28, 29, 30th May

Net profit of £1828.77 made from the weekend to be shared between All Saints and MVH & PFA. 2 people answered 31 out of 33 answers correctly with Hayley Rutherford having the best tie break, thus becoming the Trail Winner. The Committee confirmed that the 50% should be paid to All Saints.

Gang Mowers

We have received the invoice from Shinnars Bridge – agreed by Committee to be paid by AP. Jonathan Hawtin has had problems with the 2 rear gangs clogging up because of the long grass. In order to assist with this problem, TL to liaise with a volunteer group to rake the excess grass off the bottom part of the field where the grass is thicker. This will make it easier for the gang mowers from then on. **Action: TL** The back two gangs are not really sharp enough but it was agreed that these should be serviced at the end of the season (Nov – Jan).

With routine maintenance, setting checks and cleaning necessary on the 4 x 4 Truck and Gang Mowers, it was agreed that TL would be paid £25 per month to undertake this work. TL will meet up with Jonathan Hawtin when he next mows the grass. **Action: TL**

Village Access Path

4 quotations for the work involved in fencing and clearing this path have now been received and the information forwarded to the Parish Council. It is anticipated that Debbie Ede and John Yeoman will meet up with 2 MVH representatives (agreed to be GA and TL) to agree the contractor and action the work.

Bonfire Night

November 5th is a Saturday in 2016 and likely to be a popular night. GA feels it is necessary to have broad village support to ensure that all aspects of the event are covered satisfactorily. A committee needs to be organised so that not all of the work involved falls to just a very few members of the village. MB informed the meeting that KM are unhappy that this event should happen on the Playing Fields because of the damage to the pitches, debris from firework cases and sparklers and it is KM's request not to undertake this because of the hazard re children playing sport. TL pointed out that it is a great village event which has been run for some years now and it is important to try and overcome difficulties presented. TL suggested sparklers should be banned from entry and that perhaps KM would be prepared to organise volunteers (?10) to marshal the area to prevent any sparklers getting in and used (it would be in their interest to do this). Strictly no sparklers should also be included in event posters and adverts. GA to produce a list of necessary jobs for the event so that the number of necessary volunteers can be calculated. ~Each committee member could find 10 volunteers.

JT suggested perhaps Police Cadets could be approached to assist on the night and Scouts / Sea Cadets could be encouraged to help with clearing the field on Sunday 6th and thus help them to earn a community badge. MB prepared to serve bacon rolls.

Any Other Business:

An invoice received from EDF regarding Christmas Lighting had been received and circulated to the Committee. After further investigation by AP and GA it was ascertained that letters had been sent by Western Power to Michael Taylor (who is no longer involved with the Hall). Having received no reply to these letters the invoice for £300+ was sent out. AM to discuss with Nick Tee and act as necessary to resolve the issue. **Action: AM**

VJ asked that the Committee's thanks be given to Geoff Allen for replacing a broken toilet seat in the Ladies.

The meeting closed at 21.04 hrs. The next meeting will be on 13th July 2016