

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting  
Held at 7.30pm on Wednesday February 14th 2018  
In The Annexe**

**Present:** Andy Morgan (Chairman), Duncan Pope (Treasurer), Gail Allen (Secretary), John Jevans (Sports), Val Jevans (Booking Officer), Jonathan Towne (JT), Margaret Pearse (S.V.R.A.), Jill Clarke (M.A.D.), John Mahood (Asst. Treasurer)

**Representing the Parish Council:** John Yeoman, Ann Kendall

***The attendees were welcomed to the meeting by Chairman, Andy Morgan.***

**Apologies for Absence:** Steve Dyos (KM)

**Members of the public attending:** Patsy Dunton, Tim Chandler, Nigel Martindale, Louise Povey, Tony Lyle, Jake Langford

**Apologies from Members of the Public:** Pat Barlow (K.A.T.S.), Gill Boyce (PC), Midge Henderson (S.V.R.A.)

1. **The Minutes** of last year's AGM were circulated and agreed as a true record. They were signed by the Chairman. ***Proposed: Jonathan Towne      Seconded: Jill Clarke***

2. **Reports**

**Chairman's Report – Andy Morgan**

It has been an eventful and busy year for the Village Hall Committee. Although it is a small Committee they have run the Hall successfully for another year. The Hall is a small business and as such needs to meet targets and budgets. The Hall has to generate its own income from users to enable it to function. Some improvements are possible from generated income but in the main the larger improvements are from grants or funding. We receive great help from the Parish Council in this area and I would like to thank them for their continued support.

The Hall is no exception to many other voluntary organisations in that the pool of volunteers is very small meaning a lot of pressure is put on a very small group of people. The Chairman thanked all of the present Committee for their continued hard work and is proud to have worked with such a dedicated group of people and looks forward to working with them in whatever capacity is required. It would be great to see an influx of new faces. The future for the Village Hall is good - we need to consolidate the work already done and strive to provide an outstanding facility that the whole of Malborough can be proud of.

**Treasurer's Report – Duncan Pope**

**Treasurers Account:** £24,085.05    **Reserve:** £13,346.58    **Wood:** £3,671.92    **NSI:** £4570.70  
Total income for 2017 was £32,258.13 made up of Hall and Annexe hire, Field Hire and donations (including a donation from the Co-op Community Fund of £2,275). This represents a £4,783.79 increase on the previous year. Total expenditure for the year was £27,088.12. Large items purchased included a CCTV system after two acts of vandalism, hall and field maintenance and the maintenance of equipment. Profit made of £5,170.01. Geoff Allen queried the figure of £1,382.21 relating to donations shown in the Profit and Loss Account. It was explained that £892 was brought forward from the previous accounting system and shown in Miscellaneous Income. Also queried was £304.15

relating to Playground Grass Cutting which is covered by the Parish Council. However the contract did not start until 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017.

This steady financial management allows MVH & PFA sufficient working capital for future undertakings.

### **Secretary's Report – Gail Allen**

The Secretary thanked all attendees for turning up on Valentine's Night.

At the beginning of 2017, with the Co-op being refurbished, a Pop Up Shop was positioned beside the Hall to supply the local community with essential supplies. Sadly, extreme winds towards the end of February that year damaged the shop which was considered to be unuseable for the remainder of the refurbishment contract.

The old Cub's Garage is proving to be a good place for storing outdoor equipment and overflow parking kit (which now has its own trolley to make easier transportation). The use of this facility is much improved with the recent replacement of the old and dangerously insecure door and installation of suitable shelving.

A selection of Outdoor Gym Equipment has been installed on the grass areas beyond the public car park and it is good to see that this is being put to good use. Many walkers stop there and warm up before setting off on their treks. The bench has proved to be particularly useful too. Thank you to the Parish Council for obtaining the funding and organising the purchase.

Our Biennial Fete was held on the 10<sup>th</sup> June making a profit in excess of £1,600 despite the unsettled and windy weather on the day. In 2018 we will be holding our Scarecrow Trail in partnership with Malborough Church. The theme is to be Explorers, Scientists & Adventurers (Fact or Fiction). We look forward to seeing many scarecrows popping up all over the village over the Bank Holiday Weekend of May 26, 27 and 28<sup>th</sup>.

A very successful Bonfire Night was run by a Bonfire Committee run by John Butler. Thankfully this year the weather had been good leading up to and on the night which meant the ground surface was firm and parking was therefore available on the grass area in front of the Hall. A donation of £50 was made to Salcombe Town Regatta from the profits made.

There are still problems with the rotten Cycle Track fencing and gate posts along the border of MVH land. This should be maintained by Devon County Council but unfortunately we are not a high priority for their budget. John Yeoman plans to install new gate posts so that the gate can be used if necessary for direct access to the playing fields. John Yeoman also asked the meeting if he could install stakes along the fence line to keep it erect given that DCC are not planning a repair in the near future. The meeting agreed to this request.

The trees surrounding the Hall were pollarded in November and a dead Ash tree was removed from the Collaton Road boundary. The chippings from the pollarding were moved close to the Village Access Path so that they could be spread along the path where particularly slippery. A number of parishioners have spread the majority of the pile but there are still a few barrowloads to go! In 2017 we were lucky enough to receive £2,275 from two rounds of the Co-op Community Fund. This money is allocated to the installation of an interactive Whiteboard in the Annexe which will be great for presentations, training sessions and meetings where information needs to be displayed for discussion.

The village Christmas Tree was erected in December and was a good size to withstand the strong winds experienced on the corner of Collaton and Salcombe Roads. Just before Christmas, a whole string of lights shredded, leaving the tree mostly unlit for a while. However, volunteers sorted this out and the tree remained lit until taken down after New Year.

A donation of £2,000 has also been received from the family of the late Thelma Leech. We were asked to allocate this money to a particular project and, as a request had come in from hirers for an electric projector screen (4.3m) in the Main Hall, the money has been put aside for this installation. A projector will be purchased at a later date.

Having had several incidents of smashed windows a CCTV system is now being installed. This should help identify offenders when there are incidents at the Hall. The Police are aware, as are the Licensing Department of SHDC. Our thanks must go to Nick Tee and Andy Morgan for the work involved on the system.

The defibrillator has now been delivered and will be fitted in the Hall Porch whilst the CCTV wiring is being done. A great asset to those using the Hall, Playing Fields and to the Hall end of the Village. The Hall Premises Licence is currently under review with SHDC Licensing Department. The main purpose for the review is to extend the alcohol licensing hours to include afternoons from 12 noon each day. This will avoid having to apply for TENs (Temporary Event Notices) for such things as Lunches, Weddings, Theatre Matinees and the like. At the same time we are including some additional Conditions of Hire (on the recommendation of the Police). The work should be completed on this in the next week or so when it will be formally submitted to SHDC. Once confirmed as accepted, then there has to be a 28 day notice period when we have to post up signage around the perimeter of MVH land.

Meanwhile, whilst all the above has been going on, discussions have been taking place regarding the car parking proposals to increase parking at the Hall and to thus avoid the constant complaints MVH&PFA and the Parish Council receive about parking during busy events at the Hall, whether they be football training, matches, theatre performances, fundraising evenings etc. A Planning Application was submitted in November with the details required. SHDC has had a number of objections about the plans and, sadly, there have been unpleasant comments on social media with much misinformation being spread. Having reviewed the objections and taken on board some of the comments a revised plan was displayed at a Drop in Meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> February. We have, however, yet to hear re the funding bid and planning decision.

Tony Lyle queried whether or not there was to be a Fete in 2018. As this is the year of the Scarecrow Trail the next Fete will be in 2019.

#### **Sports Report – John Jevans**

Family membership of the tennis courts is again being offered for the bargain price of £40 per year. Renewal will be going out at the end of February and membership will run until the end of February 2019. With no increase in price this is excellent value which has the advantage of removing the inconvenience of locating a key every time.

Patrick Parfitt gave his services again with his junior coaching on a Sunday morning. Unfortunately this was not very well supported with only about 8 to 10 children participating at any given session. He is not available for 2018 as he is busy building up the tennis facilities at Loddiswell where there seems to be a bigger demand. JJ will be looking to see if another coach may be available but as the charge per child per session was only £1, this may prove to be very difficult.

Some improvements were made to the football pitches during the close season, namely the re-turfing of the goal mouths which were suffering from a lot of wear and tear. With the help of volunteers from KM United other work was done, including the installation of a practice goalmouth and the tidying up and removal of the old cricket net beside the new pavilion. Thanks were expressed to the volunteers from the Village Hall Committee and also from KM (Steve Dyos, Dave Perkins and Madge Bailey) for their help with the laying of the turfs and especially the watering thereafter. Thanks to Mark Rossiter for helping to dismantle the old cricket net and storing it in his barn.

Malborough United have now stopped playing at Malborough as they were unable to field a team. Kingsbridge & Kellaton decided to move to Loddiswell. It is hoped that Malborough can perhaps be reformed and if that happens they will of course be welcomed back. However, we now have Salcombe Town FC at Malborough. Having been promoted to Division One meant that they could no longer use the pitch in Salcombe. They seem to be having a reasonable season so hopefully they will stay in the division next season and continue to use MVH facilities.

The tennis courts need upgrading but this depends on obtaining the necessary funding. MVH will continue to work closely with the Parish Council to this end.

#### **Booking Officer Report – Val Jevans**

It has been another good year for bookings. Thanks go to everybody who booked the Hall and especially all our regular hirers for re-booking in 2017:

MAD, KATS, Malborough School, the 2 Horticultural Societies, SVRA, Parish Council, Yoga, Pilates, the 2 Badminton Groups and the Salcombe & Malborough Flower Club (who are now using the Annexe).

Unfortunately, the WI Group had to disband, because of the lack of anyone willing to take on a position on the Committee. The NHS also cancelled their bookings for this year, as apparently they now have enough blood because different procedures are being used.

There have been the usual very successful quiz evenings held by Malborough Church, MAD and Hope Cove Lifeboat plus many children's parties. Tim Chandler had a well-supported concert in aid of Friends of Salcombe Lifeboat and has booked another evening this year. The Jersey Boys returned and will be back in October 2017 along with an ABBA Tribute show in June. Garden Furniture sales returned during the Summer and another is booked for April. A brand new event was the Boxing evening. They, too, have rebooked in April. There was one Wedding last year, and another for this year with another booked for 2019. Various Bingo evenings were held throughout the year and raised a lot of money for their charities.

Malborough PTFA held an intriguing Murder Mystery Evening which was very successful and enjoyable. Another is booked for March.

### **3. Open Forum**

The Chairman then opened up the meeting for Open Forum.

**Car Parking:** Nigel Martindale asked the meeting if there were any plans to review the current proposals in view of the amount of opposition in the village. He would be willing to stand a Chairman of a Sub-Committee if it was decided this would be the way forward. He further said that according to the Governance of MVH & PFA the Village has to be consulted before any major work is to be done. However John Yeoman pointed out that the Village has to be consulted in the event of any sale of MVH & PFA land but that a Committee is appointed to manage and control the Trust Premises on behalf of the Village. He also pointed out that there were not many villagers attending this AGM or who were willing to stand on the Committee.

**(Post Meeting Note: For those unfamiliar with the wording of the document referred to please see attached Paragraph from the Conveyance of 1948 which is the 'Governing Document' for MVH & PFA.)**

Louise Povey pointed out that in 2012 MVH & PFA registered the land with Fields in Trust which gives the responsibility to the Trustees to look after green spaces for the community. If this is not the case then MVH & PFA has to withdraw from this Trust. It was pointed out that communication has already been made with FIT.

As the information about the parking plans had been in both MVH & MPC Minutes (both of which are available online for all to read), the Messenger, Malborough in Touch, the Gazette then there should be no reason for parishioners to be ignorant of the proposals.

Tony Lyle agreed that it was partly the villagers' fault for not reading all the information available but that this should also have been posted on Facebook and this was his reason for doing so.

An open meeting was held on February 13<sup>th</sup> which was well publicised for all to come to talk to members of the Parish Council and Village Hall. Only 31 came and of the 19 who left feedback, 12 were in favour.

The Hall has a capacity of 450. It is a large Hall. KATS have to come to Malborough as the facilities elsewhere are not large enough to accommodate them.

Jake Langford noted that Blackawton, Brixham and Hartland Village Halls have similar capacity with less parking available. Geoff Allen responded that Malborough does have a parking problem and this has been going on for a long time. What other Halls have or don't have is immaterial.

A public meeting should be held to make all aware of the plans and allow people the opportunity to make points and air their views, thus a consensus can be reached to move forward. Nigel Martindale does not feel that MVH & PFA have consulted enough as significant numbers of people do not read the Messenger.

John Mahood felt that there was a danger at this stage to have a biased group of people attending a public meeting.

Tim Chandler, as a comparative newcomer to the Village said that those who are objecting should come up with some good ideas of their own which Tony Lyle agreed would be fair.

**Defibrillator:** John Yeoman reported that this has now been delivered and MVH is going to pay £100 to the Parish Council towards it. This will be maintained by the ambulance service for 4 years.

Ann Kendall expressed her thanks, on behalf of The Messenger team, for the co-operation and help given.

***The Chairmanship of the meeting was handed over to John Yeoman***

#### **4. Nominations for Committee**

Tim Chandler agreed to stand for election to the Committee

***Proposed: Geoff Allen***

***Seconded: Jill Clarke***

***Having previously been on the Committee and being responsible for the Wood, Tony Lyle offered his services to the Committee.***

***Proposed: Nigel Martindale    Seconded: Louise Povey***

***Those Committee Members remaining standing for re-election were as follows:***

Andy Morgan

Duncan Pope (Cricket Club)

Gail Allen

John Jevans

Val Jevans

John Mahood

Jonathan Towne

***All of the above were elected.***

***Proposed: John Jevans***

***Seconded: By a majority vote of the meeting***

***The following agreed to re-stand and were appointed to represent their organisations:***

Jill Clarke (MAD)

Margaret Pearse (SVRA)

***A representative from the Parish Council will attend monthly meetings in rotation***

The AGM closed at 20.15 hrs and was followed by a meeting of the new committee.