

MALBOROUGH VILLAGE HALL & PLAYING FIELDS ASSOCIATION
Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting
Held at Malborough Village Hall at 7.30pm
on Wednesday 11th January 2023

Present: Andy Morgan (AM) Chairman; Tim Chandler (TC) Secretary; John Mahood (MH); Treasurer; John Jevans(JJ) Sports Officer; Val Jevans (VJ) Bookings Officer; Sally Harvey (SH); Janice Ginn (JG); Tony Lyle (TL); Victoria Flower (VF); Jill Clarke (JC) representing MAD; Ann Kendall (AK) representing Malborough Parish Council;

1.Apologies:

Bob Smale (BS); Jonathna Towne; Matthew Villaneuva;
Kevin Broom (KB) representing KM;

2.The Minutes of the last Meeting.

The Minutes of the meeting of 14^h December 2022 were approved by the Committee, and signed by the Chairman. Proposed JJ; seconded VJ;

ACTION

3. Matters Arising: JG confirmed that she had obtained a new emergency exit sign and will be installing it on the window in the upstairs storeroom. The

JG

4. Reports:

i. Chairman: .pressure of work has delayed the installation of the new ceiling lights in the Annexe. The idea of obtaining and fitting new fluorescent tubes to the old fittings was considered, but at a cost of £57 put you and a possible need for three tubes it was agreed that this amount of money could not be justified. The chairman agreed that he would arrange immediately to purchase the new fittings as agreed by the committee, with a plan to install them in the near future.

AM

ii.Treasurer : summary financial report for year to December 2022 :

Net profit year to date : £11.103.75

Cash balances :

Current a/c	£28,775.11
Deposit a/c:	£13,371.81
Wood a/c:	£1,737.24
TOTAL :	£43,884.16

iii Secretary : no report

iv. Sports Officer : as a result of the poor weather in recent weeks, it has not been possible for football to be played and the pitches have been getting a good rest. Moles continue to be a problem, and traps have been set in the Play Area and also near the Skate Board Park and three moles have been caught so far. KM have asked if they might be permitted to create a new 5-a-side pitch in the area adjacent to the skateboard park and this was agreed unanimously. JJ asked for guidance in how to set the proper rate of charges for people from outside of the village who wish to make use of the tennis courts. While it was

agreed that there would be no charge for children and Malborough residents, all other players would be charged £10 per session.

v. Booking Officer report: the Booking Officer has had a very busy few weeks, with many of our regulars booking for the next few months; also the Horticultural Societies, KATSs, MAD and new bookings including a wedding reception for Hannah Sterry, a few parties, a Murder Mystery evening, Fiona's Fancy Feet and a talk from a group on Dartmoor. KATS now seem to be booking later in September, and have also booked quite a few dates to work on the stage. It was confirmed that they would be charged for this use. The School have now started their all day booking on Tuesday each week.

Ann Rossiter has approached us to ask it would be possible to play netball in the hall. Players will bring their own netball equipment, and will arrange to store this equipment outside of the hall. It was stressed that they would be asked to protect the floor, wear soft shoes and to ensure that they incur no damage to the windows, blinds et cetera; this was agreed in principle.

vi Wood report: TL is meeting Pittman Trees shortly to discuss clearing the deadwood, et cetera from the middle section of the wood, which was not completed at during the last programme for work. He will request a quote and suggested the cost would probably be in the order of £600 per day for two working days. This work must be carried out before the spring and the beginning of the nesting season

TL

vii. Grounds Report : no report, but a lengthy discussion on the rewilding of parts of the village hall grounds. No decision.

TL/BS

5. Malborough Parish Council Matters (MPC)

No matters to report of immediate interest, which have been held in abeyance during the recent absence and illness of the chairman.

6. Ongoing Matters:

a. Curtains : JG and VJ have researched the costs for replacing all the curtains in the hall. They have visited Ultimate Fabrics and presented a range of samples for the committee to consider. The initial estimate will be £2100 per metre for the fabric, lining and tape, and allowing about £1400 for making up the curtains, the total would amount to approximately £3,500. They will endeavour to negotiate a discount on placing an order. KATS and MAD will each be invited to make a contribution of £300 each towards the cost of the curtains, as it was felt that the additional benefit of blackout lining would greatly enhance the atmosphere in the hall during daylight performances.

JG?VJ

b. Unreliable heaters: these have now been repaired

c. VJ advised that the small Christmas tree about to the end of his life, and it was agreed that she may arrange to purchase and arrange the planting of a new tree; it was noted that trees are currently being sold off very cheaply at the end of the season.

VJ

7. Next meeting: Wednesday 8th February 2023 at 7:30 PM in the Annexe

8. There being no further business, the chairman closed the meeting at 2045

Signed as a true record :

A.Morgan - Chairman

8th February 2023