

MALBOROUGH VILLAGE HALL & PLAYING FIELDS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting Held via ZOOM at 7.30pm on Wednesday 10th June 2020

1.Present:

Gail Allen (GA); Tim Chandler (TC); John Jevans (JJ); Val Jevans (VJ);
John Mahood (JM); Andy Morgan (AM); Jonathan Towne (JT);
Kevin Broom representing KM (KB);

This meeting was hosted via Zoom.

1. First item concerned KM, recent changes and future plans.

KB advised that there have been many changes at KM and that he is now officially the chairman. He has a list of matters to be resolved, not least the finances of the club. An opportunity to obtain grants from the Pitch Preservation Fund are as follows: –

- a. A grant for £2500 for the maintenance and preparation of pitches, expected before the end of September 2020.
- b. A grant in principle to cover the cost of maintenance and decorating doors and windows at the clubhouse
- c. A grant in principle to replace the boundary nets and rigging

KB anticipates that the grant under a. above might be used to help towards the cost of Verti draining, grass cutting et cetera. Under consideration may be a prepayment against an invoice to be issued by MVH to the club in September 2020 for work to be done over the following three months.

With regard to payment to MVH by the club of fees for the coming season, it was agreed that no firm arrangement could be settled until such time as the start date for the season had been established. KB expected this to be decided by the end of July.

AM advised that the original pricing structure had been set up to KM's advantage, and small adjustments have been made in subsequent years.

KB requested a copy of the lease agreement to be used in support of his application for grants. He also requested a copy of the boundary plan and this will be provided. **GA to arrange.**

One mini goal is broken, and its socket and the adjacent one will be dug out and moved forward 500 cm. AM suggested that the sockets are not concreted in.

KB reported that he had inspected the boundary nets, much of the ropes have rotted, the cheap pulley system has rusted, he hopes to cover all replacement and repairs out of his budget.

It was agreed that we would take down the nets in front of the clubhouse and the old pavilion during the close season, until COVID rules are changed. Practice goals will also be taken down and the nets behind them, as this appears to be the simplest plan.

Nets and floodlights will be attended to when we have an elevated platform for access.

Fees

JJ submitted 2 proposals, one based on a "per match" basis and the other on an annual fee basis. KB expressed his preference for second option.

In view of the current uncertainty, no final decision can be made.

At this point KB left the meeting, and the Chairman expressed his thanks to him for his helpful and constructive approach to the matters under discussion, and for access to his ZOOM account for the purposes of holding this meeting.

Other matters

Treasurer: the light of Nicky's recent advice that pressure work has prevented from continuing to act as our accountant, JM has agreed to look into providing the monthly and annual reports. The chairman expressed thanks to Nicky for her services.

GA has spoken to DP's mother to arrange for the collection of all the Treasury documents.

Cleaning: Fine Shine have been appointed to carry out a thorough cleaning of the hall before 4 July 2020.

The isolator valve for the oven, the current one being faulty, a replacement is still awaited.

Hall Windows

The seals around the windows on the west side of the building have started to drop again. Cost for replacing the windows was quoted at £10,327 plus VAT.

It was agreed that we would apply to the National Lottery National Community Fund (**GA**) and the Co-op Local Community Fund (**JJ**) in the hope that we can raise the funds to cover this expenditure.

It is hoped that within the project we could include for the replacement of the remaining three old fire exit doors.

In recent emails Tony Lyle has suggested that the pile of soil behind the grandstand be moved to form a bank. It was agreed that we would look into endeavouring to sell this topsoil and advise TL to this effect.

Bonfire Night

The committee felt that in view of the current uncertainty, and the deadline for ordering the fireworks of August 2020, it was unlikely, unless further clarification is provided by the government with regards to this type of event, that Bonfire Night 2020 would go ahead. Hannah will be contacted for her committee's views on this matter. (**TC**)

Tennis Courts

JJ advised that the Parish Council has yet to receive the 106 money for this project, which is now on hold.

The meeting closed at 2040.

Notes following the meeting:

The lease agreement between MVHPFA and KM expired on 6th May 2020

A copy of the lease and associated documents have been provided to KB and acknowledged

A new lease with identical terms is under preparation by TC for consideration by the committee