

MALBOROUGH VILLAGE HALL & PLAYING FIELDS ASSOCIATION
Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting
Held at Malborough Village Hall at 7.30pm
on Wednesday 13th July 2022

Present: Andy Morgan (AM) Chairman; Tim Chandler (TC) Secretary; John Jevans(JJ) Sports Officer; Val Jevans (VJ) Bookings Officer;
Ann Kendall (AK) representing Malborough Parish Council
Jill Clark (JC) representing MAD;

1.Apologies:

Janice Ginn (JG);Bob Smale (BS); Tony Lyle (TL); John Yeoman (JY).John Mahood (JM); Sally Harvey(SH);
Jonathan Towne(JT); Kevin Broom (KB);

2.The Minutes of the last Meeting.

The Minutes of the meeting of 8th June 2022 were approved by the Committee, and signed by the Chairman.

ACTION

3. Matters Arising:

a. no news regarding the clearing of refuse from the footpath adjoining Cumber Close, BS to be asked to investigate and report back to TC

BS/TC

b.no action taken since last meeting in regard to the disposal of the gangs and towing vehicle, TC to investigate and advise JJ.

TC/JJ

c. VJ concerned that outstanding amounts due cannot be related to specific invoices, JM to be asked to provide these references for overdue invoices.

JM/VJ

d. Bonfire night: JJ has spoken to John Butler who is discussing whether the bonfire committee wish to go ahead with an event in November 2022. AM pointed out that a decision on this will need to be made at the next committee meeting in September 22 to allow time for organisation of the event. JJ will chase John for a decision before then.

JJ

5. Reports:

I. Chairman:

- a.The new lighting for the Annexe will be installed after the MAD KIDS show in August.
- b.The tap in the Gents loo now operates when touched
- c.The mics in the Hall will be checked, and repaired or replaced, similarly the mic stand.
- d.CCTV will be checked to see if there is any evidence of car racing on the car parks.

AM

ii.Treasurer : the accounts for the year to 31 May 2022 had been provided and distributed to all this present. A copy is attached to the archive record of these minutes.

i. Secretary :

- a. Thanks were extended to Janice Ginn for acting as secretary during TC's absence at the June 2022 committee meeting.
- b. Wales and West power have been contacted and had arranged for their contractor to visit the site on Monday, 11 July to cut back the hedge between the substation and the Collaton Road corner, in accordance with their agreement with MVH in lieu of a rental.
- c. It had been noted that a large spool of cable is frequently parked without authorisation on the north car park. It had been established that this is the property of Airband, a company working to install fibre optic broadband on behalf of Openreach, and that their employee who lives in at number 54 Cumber Close is responsible for this vehicle. An email has been sent to Airband asking for the spool and trailer to be removed, but no response has been received as yet. BS will be asked to have a word with the resident number 54 to arrange for this trailer to be removed. A sign has been affixed trailer pointing out that it is parked without authorisation and should be removed immediately.

BS

- ii. Sports Officer : JJ confirmed that Salcombe Town Football Club has folded as a result of lack of support. There is still no sign of support for the netball team. A proposal had been submitted to Malborough Parish Council, copied to MVH, to provide a hiring system for young people to drawdown upon a supply of sports equipment for use within the village, to coincide with the opening of the new play area, where a table tennis table has been erected, table tennis bats and balls had been placed in a bag to encourage use of the table. Within a few days this equipment had been destroyed. It was agreed by the committee that, while wishing to support any moves to increase the use of sports facilities, it was not considered practical to have a deposit and rental system in place. However, it was possible that the Parish Council may consider obtaining a small supply of bats, rackets et cetera for sale at an *at cost* basis to those who wish to take advantage of this facility. This falls outside of the authority or responsibility of Malborough Village Hall committee.

KM report: new wheeled goalposts have now been delivered and will be secured and stored adjacent to the storage container once the grass in that area has been cut back. All rubbish previously stored together with tables in the old pavilion has been removed. It had been proposed that the worn areas within the goalposts should be restored using turf. After discussion it was agreed in committee that, in view of the lateness of the season, this would not be an appropriate method to repair the ground, as it would not give the turf time to root in before the new season starts in September. It was therefore agreed that these areas should be seeded as soon as possible and that arrangements should be made for them to be regularly and frequently watered to enable new growth to occur as quickly as possible.

KB is in ongoing contact with the Football Association trust fund with regard to the proposed grant for the maintenance of the playing fields. It has been agreed with our contractor, but the exact method whereby funds can be provided to KM have yet to be agreed and until such time as the financing can be secured, no contract can be placed.

- iii. Apart from Badminton, Karate and the Church Coffee Morning, all other regular bookings are on hold for the summer holidays. Hannah Winzer will hopefully be back in January, after the pantomime. J-Active have booked the field for an hour on Wednesday evenings until mid-August. I'm pleased to say that the Summer School, who came at half term, were so pleased with the facilities that they have booked a

couple of weeks during the school holidays. MAD Kids have their show at last, in August, and there will be another garden furniture sale on the 20th/21st of August. Keith has booked from Tuesday, 23 August for the West Alvington show which will be on Saturday the 27th, and from Wednesdays 7th of September for the Malborough Show which will be on Saturday the 10th. We have received and agreed with another request for removal vans to be on the car park on Saturday, 23 July and again for two days on the 26th and 27th July to facilitate a house move from Coombe. The removal company's name is Saunders and I have requested a donation.

- iv. Grounds Report: in the absence of BS with possible COVID, the committee discussed the ongoing performance of the new contractors, and possible additional work to be carried out in the autumn. BS will be asked to discuss this with JJ and AM and then approach Cutting-Edge for a quotation for discussion and decision at the September meeting of the committee.

BS

- v. Wood report: (email from TL) I had a good look and where I was going to get the brambles cut in one section there were literally dozens of butterflies working over the area. With that in mind I think we should leave strimming until the end of the summer. Likewise, some clearing and thinning. I will chat to Dave about cutting a couple more overgrown paths if that's OK with everyone. I also pulled several ragwort plants to keep them in check.

6. Ongoing Matters:

I. Disposal of gang mower and towing vehicle; TC undertook to contact Shinnars Bridge to establish whether there was any sale value to the gang mower. Similarly, whether the towing vehicle could be sold, if only for spares. JJ agreed that if these could not be sold, he would then enquire about other disposal means.

TC

ii. Rubble and other material dumped onto the verge of the wood footpath by residents of Cumber Close. A letter had been prepared by TC and delivered by SH to all those properties that might have been offending, but no report has yet been received as to whether this approach has been successful. BS will be asked to investigate and report back to TC as soon as possible.

BS

iii. Recruitment of new committee members; it was agreed that the current workload to continue to manage Malborough Village Hall and its environment, is falling upon too few people. In an endeavour to encourage more participation from villagers, TC will prepare and deliver to Ann Kendall for inclusion in the next edition of the Malborough Messenger, an article addressed to all village residents, to encourage active participation in the management of this valuable facility.

TC

iv. Risk assessment: there is currently no formerly appointed risk assessment officer on committee.

7. Date of next meeting: 14th September 2022.

There being no further business, the chairman wished all committee members a pleasant summer holiday, and closed the meeting at 20:35

