

MALBOROUGH VILLAGE HALL & PLAYING FIELDS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting Held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 12th June 2019 At Highlands, Salcombe Road, Malborough

1. Present:

Gail Allen (GA); Tim Chandler (TC); Jill Clarke (JC); John Jevans (JJ);
Val Jevans (VJ); John Mahood (JM); Andy Morgan (AM); Margaret Pearce (MP); Jonathan Towne (JT);

2. Apologies:

Duncan Pope (DP); Malborough Parish Council;

3. The Minutes of the last Meeting.

The Minutes of the meeting of 8th May 2019 were approved by the Committee, and signed by the Chairman.

Proposer: VJ; **Seconder:** JT

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

The new pedestrian barriers have been delivered
A supply of teaspoons has been placed in the kitchen
Sammy will now clean the Hall on Tuesdays
TC has amended the Minutes to reflect inaccuracies in the distributed version

5. Reports

a. Chairman's Report (AM):

The new security camera has been installed

b. Treasurer's Report (DP):

The accounts for the last year will be submitted to the auditors before the end of June. The insurance certificates for this year have now been received. The bill has been received from Shinners Bridge for repairs to the gangs for a total of £660.29 p. A quote had not been obtained before this work was authorised.

Shinners Bridge had recommended that when cutting grass, a speed of no more than 6 mph should be maintained, in order to reduce wear and improve the cut.

c. Secretary's Report (TC):

No report

d. Sports (JJ):

Football

I will be asking for a quick meeting with Salcombe FC and KM to discuss and iron out any issues which may be left over from last season. We need to make sure there is no fixture clash on Saturdays as I believe KM are planning to enter their under-18 team in a Saturday league. It will be down to the clubs to keep their own leagues advised of the situation so that fixtures can be

arranged accordingly, and if there is a problem then Salcombe FC who have hired the pitch etc. for Saturday afternoon fixtures will have priority. At the request of the committee and in the absence of any representative from KM at our recent committee meetings, I have been asked to write to the secretary of KM highlighting the fact, among other things, that the safety nets behind both goals and the one protecting the children's play area are in urgent need of repair, particularly the one by the play area as this could affect Devon Air Ambulance landings. We have had complaints from residents of Cumber Close regarding footballs landing in their gardens. I will report back to the committee either at the next meeting or by email as appropriate.

Tennis

There has been a disappointing take-up of membership so far this year, not helped by the weather, but also not helped I feel by the condition of the courts. Only three people have renewed their membership, although we have had 2 additional new members. One person who renewed has also complained about the condition of the courts, mentioning that the surface is cracked in places leading to uneven bounce, the courts are slippery due to the amount of grit resulting from the cracks, and the white lines have just about disappeared. I have mentioned to our hirers that the refurbishment of the courts is still on our wish list, but at a cost of about £20,000 it is beyond our means at the moment unless we can secure some section 106 money. I am not sure where we are with that one with regard to the Parish Council. The refurbishment is a bit of a chicken and egg situation, i.e. will refurbishing the tennis courts attract more players? I actually somehow doubt this as there are quite a few tennis courts around our area, i.e. Kingsbridge, Thurlestone and Loddiswell, and as far as I am aware all of these actually have associated tennis clubs. The question is, do we continue to try and get the court upgraded or do we leave them alone? I think the very least we should do at present is to have the white lines repainted, and perhaps we can get the car parks spaces done at the same time. I will chase up the "old" members and encourage them to re-join.

Salcombe Football Club is having a Fun Day on the playing fields on Saturday 15th June to raise money for the organ donor charity.

The committee then discussed the future of the tennis courts in the light of this report, and whether they should be converted, at some time in the future, into multi-use games area. (MUGA)

JJ

e. Booking Officer: (VJ)

Salcombe FC have a charity fun day on Saturday, playing 1 match and then an awards evening with raffle, Sunday, Stanborough Chorus have a Musical Afternoon with cream teas. RSPB, along with Plantlife, have booked again for this year – Monday 24th. KM have their presentation evening on Friday 28th, then on Saturday 29th, Hope Cove Lifeboat have a music quiz – holding it here, as the Galmpton Hall stage needs major repairs. Hopefully, the G&S evening will go ahead on Saturday 15th July, having trouble getting them organized though! I'm pleased to say, the Wedding Reception for next year in June, has now been confirmed, and there are also 2 large parties, one in February, the other in April confirmed for next year. The new Zumba class (Wednesdays) is going well, and all other exercise/keep fit classes continue. Martin Rest is showing a few people the Annexe and Hall on Friday 28th about 2 pm, to try and decide what they can arrange. He has also provisionally booked the Hall Saturday 31st August for a concert and Sunday 1st September for a Service.

6. Projects

a. Car Parking

Despite our having chosen a porous surface, the drainage engineer of SHDC is still requesting a drainage design for the lower part of the proposed car park. The query has been raised with the Parish Council as to who is going to pay for the cost involved in producing the scheme and for the architect's fees involved. However, the Parish Council have now suggested that we should gain approval for the overflow area (which does not need a drainage scheme and which has FIT approval) so that at least some of the work can be done before we lose funding. Despite the quick response from our drainage expert, the Parish Council have been unable to get a response from the SHDC planning department (who need to give the necessary consent).

With regard to white lining car parks, only one company has responded with a quote. To white line and provide yellow hatching in field gateway, the cost would be £750 plus VAT. The tennis court lining, if done at the same time, would be an additional cost of £350 plus VAT. The spaces would provide a standard bay 2.4 m wide by 4.8 m long. It is suggested that to carry out the white lining before the work on the overflow car park is been completed would not be the best idea.

GA

b. Ladies' and Disabled Toilets refurbishment

We have had approval for the first step of our application for a grant from the National Lottery Community Fund, and a full application is now being prepared. To this end, we need to show community backing for the project. There are questionnaires in the Hall reception, in Malborough Post Office and also online at Malboroughvillage.com. Boxes for the replies are in the Hall reception and the Post Office. The completed application will be reviewed with the help of Debbie Ede when she is available later in June.

With a view to possibly reducing the overall cost for the project, GA has been in consultation with Palladium in Kingsbridge. Following a site visit, there was another from a cubicle supplier (via Palladium) to see if they can come up with costings for cubicles and basin surfaces. When the work does take place, it will be necessary to choose a quiet time at the Hall as the toilets will need to be closed for a number of days.

GAc

c. Play area

Geoff Allen has carried out further maintenance on the play area and has refurbished and repainted one of the rockers. A new bearing for the roundabout is being ordered as this is causing problems in use, despite remedial work having been done recently. The design of the roundabout is not good but we hope that the new bearing will improve matters as modifications are to be made. Installation will be between John Yeoman, Paul Pedrick and Geoff Allen.

On behalf of the committee, the chairman extended thanks to Geoff Allen for all the work he has put in to repairing and restoring the play area equipment.

JY/GA

d. Wood Report from Tony Lyle

Following the work agreed at the back of 29 Collaton Road, the concrete blocks have been removed at the back of the grandstand and the area is to be levelled off by Justin Harmer. Tony will park the gangs in this area.

The tree whips have been planted and appear to be surviving. The school is ordering more for next winter from the Woodland Trust (free to schools). There are signs of some tiebacks of the new whips will be planted in these areas case we do lose these trees. There are big patches of bramble overgrowth in some areas in the wood. Tony Lyle has suggested that a half day clearing the areas and felling the trees will be necessary.

The committee has asked for an estimate for the work to be done (the cost will be taken from the wood account).

GA

7. Village Fete – Saturday 22nd June 2019

GA presented the committee with the up-to-date schedule of the events and stalls which are planned for the Fete, and various jobs and responsibilities were allocated at the meeting. A small group will meet at 2 PM on the afternoon of Friday 21st of June to set up stall frames, tables etcetera. A full working party will assemble at 9 AM on Saturday, 22 June to set up the final arrangements for the Fete, which will open at 12 PM.

8. Any other business

a. a representation was made to the committee by KATS, requesting consideration of their decision to return to the Hall for all future events. It was reported that their discussions with KCC, to whose hall they had announced they were moving for the play in the summer of 2019, had been abandoned as the venue was deemed unsuitable.

VJ reported that in the meantime she had already taken bookings for the period previously allocated to KATS and as a result of their change of mind had had to reshuffle. Fortunately, the other hirers had been generally very understanding of the situation.

Committee agreed that VJ should compile a letter cats reflecting the committee's views, and that she would forward this letter to TC who will send it is a formal letter to KATS

The chairman on behalf of the committee thanked VJ for all the extra work she had undertaken to make these change possible.

b. TC advised the committee that during a recent discussion with some local business people, it became apparent that they were not aware of the facilities which are available in the Hall and Annexe for business and social meetings. It was agreed that he should pursue the matter and come to the next committee meeting with a proposal as to how we might best ensure that all local businesses are aware of the opportunities for using the Hall and its facilities. In the first instance he will contact Kathy Harrod, who acts as contact for the Kingsbridge and Salcombe Chamber of Commerce.

9. Date of next meeting: Wednesday, 10th July 2019, at the Annexe,

10. The meeting closed at 2140.