

MALBOROUGH VILLAGE HALL & PLAYING FIELDS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting Held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 13th June 2018 In the Annexe of Malborough Village Hall

Present:

Andy Morgan (AM), Duncan Pope (DP), Gail Allen (GA), Jonathan Towne (JT), John Jevans(JJ), Val Jevans (VJ), Jill Clarke (JC), John Mahood (JM), Margaret Pearse (MP), Tim Chandler (TC), Steve Dyos (SD), Gill Boyce (GB)

(Gill Boyce represented Malborough Parish Council)

Apologies: Tony Lyle (TL),

The Minutes of the last Meeting.

The Minutes of the meeting of 9th May 2018 were approved by the Committee and signed by the Chairman.

Proposer: Val Jevans **Seconder:** Jill Clarke;

Matters Arising from the Minutes:

The Chairman has received a letter of thanks from Devon and Cornwall police for the assistance provided by the Village Hall committee during their search for a missing person on 26 May 2018. Particular appreciation was expressed for the quantity and quality of refreshments provided to the Coastguard team throughout the day.

Chairman's Report (AM):

One CCTV camera still not on line, this is being addressed. Currently recording 14 days – AM to set up 30 day recording.

Action : AM

Treasurer's Report (DP):

DP provided the current balances as at the 31st of May 2018, as follows:

Treasurer's account: £29,539.85 p

Business bank instant (Wood): £3,672.37 p

Business bank instant: £13,348.21 p

NS and I: £4,579.30 p

DP advised that the profit for the period from 1 January 2018 stands at £7280.35

Secretary's Report (TC):

Nothing to report to committee.

Sports (JJ):

We have had an approach from Beesands Football club to use our senior pitch for their home games, and after conducting a straw poll among committee members I came to the conclusion that it would not be possible or indeed wise to agree to their request. The main worry was potential overuse of the adult pitch bearing in mind what we had to contend with last winter. If we had two senior teams

playing there plus KM under 18's it would result in upwards of 50 games a season, and the pitch being used at least twice every weekend. Secondly, although I have no knowledge that this might happen, if Malborough Football Club was to reform then we would have a bit of a problem on our hands. So although it would have been nice to help them out, I have informed them that unfortunately we could not accommodate them.

At the last meeting the subject of golf nets was brought up, and a piece went into the Malborough Messenger requesting feedback from villagers. So far I've had one response expressing concern over the safety aspect, particularly concerning golf balls flying up into Salcombe Road, and two of the other boundaries have houses alongside and the third one has a children's playground. Additionally, there is the likelihood of golf balls being hit all over the playing fields, not by serious golfers I hasten to add, but perhaps by some more irresponsible members of our local society. At the moment, as I have no other response, there doesn't seem actually to be an appetite here, but as the Messenger was only delivered a couple of weeks ago, I will keep monitoring and report back at the next meeting

In this regard, I have this evening been handed the following message from committee member Tony Lyle: –

"I would like to report that I've spoken to potential golf net users, and they have been very keen to see this project go ahead. Dan Cunningham, Matt Reed, Rob Hyde, Ashleigh Crow, Richard Harrod, Darryl Wade, myself and possibly John Mahood who I haven't talked to yet on the subject. I have looked at a couple of sites with others and thought it would be good to meet up with representatives of the committee to decide on the best option if the scheme goes ahead. The practice net would be in the form of four posts with a strong small mesh net which would form an enclosed space in the shape of a cube including a roof made of netting. Players would be hitting the ball from the platform at the entrance space directly into the net. The net would be double thickness directly in front of the player so that no ball can escape. Two possible sites would be: –

1. the corner just over from where the gangs are parked
2. next to the container facing into the tennis courts"

Tony Lyle

The committee considered the proposal further, and two main objections were raised: –

1. expenditure of £2000 for the benefit of seven or eight players is hard to justify.
2. there are significant safety considerations to be addressed with regard to this proposal

It was decided to delay the decision until the July meeting in order to permit further responses to the Messenger article.

Football Pitches

JJ has examined the pitches and believes that we will not need to reseed this year, but would appreciate Tony Lyle's opinion on this

The posts will be taken down soon and stored in the clubhouse, Mark Rossiter to be asked to help with this.

The verges are encroaching upon the pitches and the grass is now too long for the gang mowers to cope. This should be addressed before the new season begins. There is the same problem around the entire boundary of the playing fields.

Tennis courts – weeds are encroaching on the courts and also onto the bank which needs attention. The bank is not included in the current contract.

Action: TL/JJ

JJ to talk to Mark Rossiter to resolve this. Practice goal area is showing signs of wear and youngsters are using it virtually every day. Astro turf has been examined in the past, but the agent felt that it was not suitable from a safety point of view, and the cost at that time was estimated at £4000. SD will consider moving the practice goal to a new temporary site to permit re-turfing or re-seeding of the existing goalmouth area. A meeting will be arranged between JJ, ST, GA, and TL to resolve this matter.

Action: JJ/SD

Booking Officer: (VJ)

U3A have booked with us for the rest of this year, and also next year. They had a lively AGM and what swung it our way was the parking. There appears to be some confusion between committee members and their secretary as to who has done what. They are well aware that certain dates are not available next year, particularly when KATS and MAD are in the Hall.

There have been many problems with Hallmaster booking service, including the Flower Club apparently booking the football pitch! It is recommended that the Hallmaster contract be discontinued and that we accept Martin Gautier's offer to embed a Google Calendar into the Malborough Village website and also to set up a Contact Form which those enquiring about bookings can use. VJ would update the Calendar and respond to enquiries by email rather than taking many phone calls. Cost for this work would be £60.

This was agreed by committee unanimously

Action: GA/VJ

Car Park / Extension Update

The required percolation test will take place on Friday, 15 June. Cost £1100 which will be taken from the funds allocated for the project. This test must be carried out irrespective of the size of the new car park and is mandatory for obtaining planning permission.

Action: GA

Audio-visual equipment

Interactive projector with whiteboard – Epson EB – 1430 WRi

The committee agreed that we should proceed to purchase this demonstration model which is no longer required by Focused Vision Ltd of Plymouth. They are offering this to us, including installation, wall mounted control box, wall mounted vision speakers, remote control and interactive pens (including VAT) at £1974,00. If we do not take up the offer, they have another potential purchaser.

It was noted by the committee that no guarantee is attached to this offer. It was felt that our ability to offer this type of equipment to potential renters would greatly assist in obtaining more income for the hall. The funding has been provided by the Co-op Community Fund.

Votes for: eight; votes against: zero; abstentions: 2.

Action: GA

Shower room

A further quotation has been received for this work at £6,878.70 p. It was agreed that this was well outside the amount which we wish to spend.

It was agreed unanimously that Glenn West and JMV Property Maintenance be offered the project, the details of their quotation having been discussed at the May meeting.

Action: GA

Scarecrow trail

A vote of thanks was proposed by VJ to the organisers of the Trail for all the work they did. The total net income from the event was £1858 which will be split between Malborough Church and MVH & PFA. GA asked DP to check the advertising costs before issuing a cheque.

Action: DP/GA

Fencing at the top of Collaton Road bank

GA reported that two contractors had quoted for the same work. It was therefore agreed that the contract should be placed with Wild Work to include clearance of the fence line and to trim down from the top of the bank on the road side. Thus the contractor cutting the lower part of the bank with a tractor and flail or hedge cutter should be able to reach to the line of trimmed bank.

It was agreed unanimously that the contract should be placed with them for commencement as soon as possible.

Action: GA

Ladies' Toilets refurbishment

The project has been accepted by the TESCO 'Bags of Help' fund and will be included in the choice for customers at Tesco in Kingsbridge(1st July – 31st August) . This means that we should receive either £4,000, £2,000 or £1,000 depending on the number of votes received from shoppers. The decision will be made known at the end of September 2018.

Any other business

The Wood

TL is going up to trim the top path tomorrow. Also going to meet school representative on Tuesday to see if she wants another path cut as she mentioned this the other day. He has mown less recently as the dry weather has slowed growing considerably.

Action: TL

Electrical Inspection

Under the new premises licensing rules, we are obliged to arrange for an annual electrical inspection. A quote has been received from T-Electrics for £800 plus VAT. It was agreed that they should be asked to proceed.

Action: GA

Seamoor Lottery

GA informed the committee that MVH & PFA had been accepted into the Seamoor Lottery (run by SHDC and West Devon Council). A full Welcome Pack is being sent out 29th June.

Gateposts

JY has completed the replacement of the gateposts supporting the gate leading from the main road. TC asked to write a letter of thanks to JY.

Action: TC

GA asked the Committee if it would be possible for a skip to be placed beside the fence line alongside Highland whilst building work was undertaken. The Committee agreed.

JC asked if it would be possible to use part of the car park for her Daughter's Wedding being held at 3pm on 14th July in Malborough Church. As the Horticultural Society is hosting Cream Teas that day, it was suggested that the wedding could use the overflow car park (which GA will set out). JC to put out signs – Wedding Parking.

Action: JC/GA

Co-op Community Support Scheme

Nothing heard back yet following our application

Salcombe Football Club

A meeting will be arranged to discuss future fees.

Action JJ/SD

Footpath maintenance

MP advised that the path out of Cumber Close to the right is very overgrown and has some significant potholes. GA will inspect and report.

Action: GA

The meeting closed at 20.40 hrs. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 11th July 2018 at 7.30pm in the Annexe