

MALBOROUGH VILLAGE HALL & PLAYING FIELDS ASSOCIATION
Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting
Held at Malborough Village Hall at 7.30pm
on Wednesday 8th December 2021

Present:

Andy Morgan Chairman (AM); Tim Chandler - Secretary (TC);
John Jevans - Sports (JJ); Val Jevans - Bookings (VJ); John Mahood - Treasurer (JM);
Bob Smale (BS) representing Salcombe View Residents' Association
John Butler (JB) representing Malborough Bonfire Night committee

1.Apologies:

Sally Harvey (SH); Tony Lyle (TL); Jonathan Towne (JT);
Jill Clarke (JC) representing MADS
Kevin Broom representing KM (KB);
John Yeoman (JY) representing Malborough Parish Council;
Ann Kendall (AK) representing Malborough Parish Council

2.The Minutes of the last Meeting.

The Minutes of the meeting of 10th November 2021 were approved by the Committee, and signed by the Chairman.

Proposed: JJ; Seconded VJ

3. Matters Arising: none

4. Bonfire night – 6/13th November 2021

John Butler gave a summary update of the event. He reported that communications throughout the evening had been excellent and that the stewards had worked well. He had made every effort to advise the community that the event on the alternative date had been cancelled because of breezy weather which might cause danger to the public, but unfortunately a few people did turn up. Everyone was very understanding. It was agreed that in 2022 we would have more fireworks but that the display would last for no longer than 20 minutes. Excess food, other than the stuffing which had a sell by date back end of September) had been given to Kingsbridge food bank. We had received £600 sponsorship, no sponsor wished the money to be returned, and £150 had been spent purchasing more fireworks for next year. JB expressed the thanks of his committee to the sponsors and TC will prepare an article for inclusion in the next available edition of the Malborough Messenger. There have been a "bonfire burn" which disposed of most of the material, but a second may be necessary. JB suggested that a digger be employed to make a hole to bury all the metal fittings and fixtures left over from the burn and that the digger could, at the same time, remove the pile of soil and debris on the west side of the grandstand. He requested that in future someone be found to help on his committee with the coordinating of all the food arrangements as this had taken up a disproportionate amount of time.

Provisional dates for 2022 Bonfire Night were set as 5th November with 12th November as alternative.

5. Reports:

I. Chairman: the installation of CCTV will be carried out when pressure of work permits.

ii. Treasurer: the accounts had been forwarded to the Secretary who had distributed them to the committee members prior to the meeting. There was a small profit of income over expenditure for the month of November. We have received a donation from the Co-op of £150 and other donations are £160. KM had paid their account of £157 for the use of water. Expenditure on the maintenance of the fields covering Vertie draining amounted to £300.

The secretary had investigated on behalf of the committee the cover being provided by our insurers, and this was found to be, after a qualified survey of the estate, to be in deficit in the order of £400,000, the total value to be insured being £1.1 million. An invoice for the additional premium for the current year had been received and paid by the treasurer. Gas heaters have all been repaired at a total cost of £900.

As a result of the recent increase in fossil fuel prices worldwide, our previous gas supplier had gone broke, and the new supply has quoted a rate of 7.7 kW per hour, roughly double what we were paying previously. Geoff Allen will be asked to adjust the coin meters on the heaters to reflect this increase in cost.

JM

J- Active has been in touch with the booking officer regarding the outstanding amount of £575 and efforts are now being made to recover this amount.

JM/VJ

HONDA have sent us notification that 2 parts in the 4x4 need to be checked, the passenger airbag activator and the electrical window activator. The committee felt that neither of these areas is of concern. No further action will be taken

ii Secretary: none

iv. Sports: last Saturday there were three football matches booked and their timing had been satisfactorily coordinated; however last Saturday KCC parents were dropping off their kids for an organised ramble and parking chaos ensued. This has led to email correspondence between the parish council and KM in an endeavour to find a solution to this occasional problem. It was felt by the committee that the responsibility for providing marshalling during the football matches lies with the football clubs, not with the village hall. In the same way, when the hall is booked for a wedding, we are not required to provide stewards.

It is hoped that the ongoing efforts by the parish council to persuade Fields in Trust to release the area in the village hall grounds for the proposed extension to the car park in exchange for adopting the play area at Malborough Park, will lead to a satisfactory conclusion for all concerned. It was considered unlikely that such a solution would have any beneficial effects on the parking problem for at least 18 months.

v. Bookings: bookings are going well and there are now very few time spaces available for additional activities.

vi. Wood report: none

6. KM report – none.

The season is progressing smoothly, with no apparent problems.

7. Ongoing matters

a. Repairs to car park et cetera - no further news

b. Christmas tree 2021: the tree has now been erected and the lights installed, and thanks were expressed to Geoff Allen for all his help.

c. Access for all footpath: AM and JY are preparing to mark out the proposed route using the white liner from the football club, to allow local residents to consider and respond to the proposal.

d. Car Park extension – this matter still in hand

e. EV vehicle charging – TC reported that he had heard back that morning from InstaVolt to advise that DNO had stated that the electrical supply to the village is not sufficient to support the proposed installation of two rapid electrical charges. TC has written to the local MP enquiring as to how we are supposed to proceed when the government has expressed its firm policy that electric cars shall be the norm and that in addition in the last quarter 25% of new vehicle sales were for electric vehicles. He pointed out that our local economy depends on visitors, many of whom now have electric vehicles and there is nowhere locally for them to be charged. Copy email addendum.

f. Duke of Edinburgh memorial tree – TL was been asked to obtain quotes for a significant tree for planting in the grounds. **TL**

8. Any other business:

i. Geoff Allen had advised that one of the picnic benches in the play area has a damaged strut which may be of interest to the insurance company when they make their regular inspection. Bob Smail said he would look at this and come back with details of what needs to be done to repair the bench. A

ii. it was agreed that there will be no summer fête in 2022, but that a celebration of the Queen's platinum jubilee will be held at the village hall on Thursday, 2 June 2022, which is one of the special bank holidays revised date for the spring bank holiday, the first of four days of celebration
Electric vehicle charging points

BS

10. Date of next meeting:

Wednesday, 12th January 2022 at 7.30pm in the Annexe.

11. The meeting closed at 2040

Tim Chandler <timchandler1@gmail.com>

Wed, Dec 8, 5:57 PM (6 days ago)

to Anthony

Dear Mr Mangnall,

Using the services of InstaVolt, the well-known and nationally respected provider of electrical vehicle charging points, I have, on behalf of the Malborough Village hall which I am secretary, investigated opportunities to install rapid charging points at Malborough Village hall for the use of both visitors and local residents. We are uniquely placed in that we have a land available for the siting of such charging points with minimal disruption.

The only locally available charging points in South Hams are in Salcombe, (all Tesla only), one in Thurleston (Tesla only) and two in Ivybridge.

Instavolt have now advised me that DNO, the organisation responsible for loading the grid, have advised that it is not viable to provide charging points in this area.

The Government is constantly promoting and encouraging motorists to transfer from fossil fuel to electrically driven vehicles, and the latest figures I have seen show that 25% of new cars in the last quarter were powered by electricity.

I have searched but can find no reference to any commitment by the Government to instruct and assist the National Grid to provide urgently the additional electrical supply which will be necessary to power all these vehicles.

It is a great disappointment to us here in Malborough that we will not be able to provide both our residents and our holiday makers and other visitors with an electrical vehicle charging service to suit modern demand. Please will you look into this matter for me as a matter of the greatest urgency, as with over 20,000 visitors every year coming to Salcombe alone, plus those who come into the local villages and indeed Kingsbridge, every year, the fact that we are unable to provide today's motorist with a suitable and swift fuelling service casts a big and growing shadow over our ability to provide people with the holiday that they are seeking and on which our local economy depends so much.

I look forward to receiving a positive reply from you indicating when it will be possible for the power supply to be updated to this area so that we may offer a modern service and not be left in the wilderness.

Yours sincerely

Tim Chandler

Hon. Sec.

Malborough Village Hall and Playing Fields Association

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