

MALBOROUGH VILLAGE HALL & PLAYING FIELDS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting Held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 11th March 2020 At The Annexe, Malborough Village Hall

1. Present:

Gail Allen (GA); Tim Chandler (TC); Nicky Falcone (NF); John Jevans (JJ); Val Jevans (VJ);
Tony Lyle (TL); John Mahood (JM); Andy Morgan (AM); Jonathan Towne (JT);
Ann Kendall (AK) representing Malborough Parish Council
Kevin Broom representing KM (KB);

2. Apologies:

Jill Clarke (JC);

3. The Minutes of the last Meeting.

The Minutes of the meeting of 12th February 2020 were approved by the Committee, and signed by the Chairman.

Proposer: GA; **Seconder:** VJ

ACTION

4. Matters Arising: none

5. Reports

- a. **Chairman:** The Chairman welcomed our new Treasurer, Nicky Falcone.
- b. **Treasurer:** Assistant Secretary JM gave the current Lloyds bank balances as follows:
Current account: £20,213.27p
Deposit account: £13,360.48p
Wood account: £3,675.78p
NS & I: £4,651.61p
- c. **Secretary:** TC confirmed that letters of thanks had been sent to the Ginn family for their generous donation, and to Duncan Pope, former Treasurer, for his services.
- d. **Sports Officer:** JJ advised that the continuing bad weather was creating problems with the football pitches. TL inspects and advises every Saturday morning on their suitability for use on that date. On 2 occasions the referee has called off Sunday's matches as he has considered the pitch dangerous. KB felt that KM is making a great sacrifice; 22 adults play on Saturday for Salcombe Football Club, and up to 88 children turn out to play on a Sunday morning and then cannot because of the state of the pitch. He stressed that while no one is to blame for the situation, some at KM feel that it could be resolved. It was suggested that after we change the clocks to British Summer Time that SFC might be asked to play midweek. JJ suggested a meeting between interested parties and will arrange same before the next committee meeting to try to find a solution to this problem.

JJ

Tennis courts: AK confirmed that authorisation has now been received by Malborough Parish Council from South Hams District Council for a total contribution from 106 monies towards the cost of the refurbishment of the tennis courts of £40,000, and the chairman of MPC is in contact with the contractor to arrange for the work to be done.

- e. **Bookings Secretary:** VJ advised that the Status Quo tribute band concert went well on Saturday 7th March. Another concert with a Fleetwood Mac tribute band is planned, profits from which will be split between Malborough Village Hall and Salcombe over 60s. She encouraged all committee members to support. May 9 there will be a function held in the Hall in memory of Nick Tee, which Claire is organising. It was agreed that, as this was a charity concert, with proceeds to be divided between Triangle and Macmillan Nurses, that a charge of £75.00 would be made for this event, which would then be refunded as a donation.

JJ

6. Projects

The Chairman referred the committee to the list of existing and projected projects and opened a discussion on each of the items listed.

a. Existing/past projects

The cubicle doors in the ladies' toilets have been replaced and dispensers have been fitted. Replacement trees for those that were felled because of ash dieback have been obtained, and help will be sought in planting.

GA

Wi-Fi – the BT box has been installed and the switchover to fibre is awaited

b. Hall Windows and Fire Doors

An estimate had been obtained from Avon Windows to replace all of the windows on the south side of the hall, where significant leaks have occurred during the recent period of stormy weather. The initial estimate given was £11,000 plus VAT. It was agreed that a project should be set up to pursue the installation of new windows to the south side of the hall, this to coincide with the replacement of the remaining fire doors. Three quotations will be obtained. Possible sources of funding for this work will be sought. This project will be managed by GA.

GA

c. Mowers

AM has spoken to Kevin Yeoman, who confirms that gang mowers are not necessary as the fields are no longer used for cricket matches. TC advised that until the weather has improved to the point that fields' conditions improve, so that vehicles can be taken close to the Old Pavilion, to enable us to remove all the rubbish and for the contractor to start work, there will be nowhere safe and weatherproof to store a new mower and the purchase of same should be delayed until this is possible. In the meantime, in view of the immobilisation of the old 4x4, TL will source a temporary replacement 4x4 so that the gang mowers can be used pro tem.

TL

Despite several efforts by members of the committee, no response as yet been received from Torr Forge with regard to inspecting the gang mowers.

d. 'Cub' Garage

GA advised that the floor inside the garage is breaking up, and needs to be repaired. TL will talk to Rob in order to arrange for a screed to be laid on top.

TL

f. Fire exit doors

To be incorporated in the south side windows project.

GA

g. New ceiling lights in the annexe

AM recommended that a new suspended ceiling be installed, and that new LEDs and wall lights could then be installed. This will create a better ambiance, with dimmers for the lights, and will

also improve the acoustics. AM will price up this project for presentation at a future committee meeting.

AM

h. Plinth outside of West fire exit door

This will be incorporated as part of the south windows and fire exit door project

GA

i. New curtains for all doors and windows

NF advised that her mother has considerable experience in handling furnishing fabrics, and it was agreed that GA would discuss the matter with her.

GA/NF

j. Repair/refurbish floodlights over football pitches

AM advised that this would require a cherry picker, and a period of quiet weather. It is likely that this work could be undertaken at the same time as the netting around the football pitch is repaired.

AM

k. Solar panels and electric car charging points

With his considerable involvement in the fields of renewable energy and solar panels, it was agreed that TL would investigate the possibility of obtaining grants for the installation of such systems and the financial implications of such projects.

TL

7. Wood Report

TL advised that many of the trees in the wood now need significant trimming and pruning, and asked for authority to purchase a chainsaw and associated personal protective equipment, which would be paid for out of the Wood Fund. This was agreed.

He advised that he had found an unsuitable gazebo den had been erected in the woods and had arranged for this to be removed. He had advised the owners that while dens made from natural materials found on the ground might be acceptable, the erection of the gazebo is not in accordance with the intended purpose of the wood.

TL

8. Any other business

KB requested the use of the Annexe on Monday, 23 March to run a safeguarding course for KM. Unfortunately, this will not be possible as KATS have the use of that room throughout that week. It was suggested that he might use the new pavilion, and AM would arrange for external lighting to be provided from 1830 to 2200 on Monday the 23rd so that easy access is provided.

AM

They would like to have available temporary adult goals which could be stored behind the pavilion, and would provide an extra practice pitch. This was agreed.

It was agreed that NF will re-structure the accounts to show each project separately, this to more accurately reflect the financial situation in the P & L account and the balance sheet.

NF

TC will provide all committee members with a new internal directory with contact details.

TC

AM advised with deep regret that T Electrics will cease trading on 28 March 2020. The committee expressed its great sadness at this outcome.

TC enquired whether any further damage to the hall floor had been observed, and GA advised that no further damage was apparent since our last meeting.

TC enquired whether any progress had been made with Kingsbridge and Salcombe Chamber of Commerce with regard to organising an event at the hall, and VJ replied that she was awaiting a telephone call from the secretary of the Chamber to discuss arrangements.

9. Date of next meeting:

Wednesday, 8th April 2020, in the Annexe, Malborough Village Hall

10. The meeting closed at 2115