

MALBOROUGH VILLAGE HALL & PLAYING FIELDS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting Held at 7.30pm on 12th October 2016 In the Annexe, Malborough Village Hall

Present:

Gail Allen (GA), Andy Morgan (AM), John Jevans (JJ), Val Jevans (VJ), Jonathan Towne (JT), Madge Bailey (MB) (part meeting), Margaret Pearse (MP)

Gill Boyce represented Malborough Parish Council

Also present were: Jayne Ward and Ben Ward from Robins Roost in order to present their proposal

Apologies: Alan Purchase (AP), John Mahood (JM), Jill Clarke (JC), Tony Lyle (TL), Duncan Pope (DP)

The Minutes of the last Meeting. There were several post meeting amendments to the Minutes:

- that Duncan Pope reported that 7 or 8 of the scheduled 15 matches had been cancelled by other teams
- VJ had contacted Keith Steer to apologise about the access to the Annexe during his hire period

Matters Arising not being dealt with in Reports below

VJ and JJ meeting with Roger of Moyseys re possible carpet for Annexe on Thursday 13th Oct to see end of line pieces

Action: VJ / JJ

Review of signs for Village Access Path and No Dog signs to be undertaken

Action: VJ / GA

Proposal by owners of Robins Roost:

AM welcomed Mr and Mrs Ward from Robins Roost to meeting. A letter had been received from them asking if it would be possible to buy plot of land beside their house on Collaton Road. Requests had been submitted to previous committees but these had been refused. In the light of the discussion with the owners of Highland, Salcombe Road, at the last meeting in September, Mr and Mrs Ward felt they should approach the committee again. The trees on this piece of land were very overgrown and a request to the Chairman for them to be cut back a couple of years ago had been fruitless. The undergrowth was never cut back and dog mess a constant problem. The intention, if their request was successful, would be for the land to only ever be used as a garden with no buildings erected on it (this fact could be included in the legal documentation). The fence surrounding the plot would be the same as per the existing. Mr and Mrs Ward indicated that a previous Chairman had said it would be possible to purchase this plot when they first bought the house but MVH records show that, on 3 occasions, this request had been refused by the committee.

JJ confirmed that the committee had agreed, in principle, to sell piece of land beside Highland but that this would be subject to agreement on a valuation between the committee and Mr and Mrs Allen of Highland followed by a decision whether or not to go forward. If an agreement is reached then the proposal would be put to a public meeting, Fields in Trust and also the Charities Commission. It was decided that, as insufficient committee members were present, this subject should be an Agenda item for the November meeting. It was considered important that both proposals should be treated equally. Mr and Mrs Ward then left the meeting.

Chairman's Report:

AM apologised for not having been able to undertake his actions.

Annexe Link: AM has emailed Stephen Guard re plans for the link

Action: AM

Cub Garage: GA queried if AM had checked the state of the fireworks and other items in the garage. AM to contact Mervyn Johns.

Action: AM

Old Pavilion : GA had noted that the shiplap is in very poor state.

Action: AM

Ex-Bonfire Stock: Monies from sale of last year's stock are outstanding

Action: AM

Newly surfaced Hall Floor: Action yet to be taken regarding ways of preventing damage to the newly surfaced floor by the raked seating used by theatre groups **Action: AM**

Treasurer's Report: (JJ acting on behalf of AP)

Account Balances: Treasurers: £21,859, Reserve: £13,334, Wood: £ 3,849, NSI: £4,522 .

£1,024 net profit 2016 compared to £1397.16 in 2015.

Aged Debtors – Young Farmers have now paid.

Secretary's Report:

Fire Escape Doors: There have been a number of occasions when fire escape doors have not been properly shut by hirers. As mentioned at a the September meeting those in the Main Hall need attention. Geoff Allen effected a repair to the doors leading onto the concreted area on the south side. GA suggested that estimates should be obtained to replace the catches / mechanisms. **Action: GA**

Village Access Path: The work on this Path started on Monday 10th October and is progressing well. Once the path is completed signage will need to be put into place.

Western Power Distribution: GA has received a notice re temporary connection for the Christmas Lighting which AM has signed for GA to return. **Action: GA**

An offer of a donation towards the Christmas Tree has been received from Old Walls Preserves.

Co-op Petrol Station Refurbishment – Malborough: The contractor has agreed with the charge of £500 for parking during the time of the work at the Co-op with a review at the end of the 10 weeks should the number of vans have been on the high side.

Devon Air Ambulance Night Time Lighting: SHDC have finally confirmed that planning permission is required but this is under discussion between the parties involved. Any planning permission will be dealt with by the Parish Council. A response from Fields in Trust is awaited with their meeting due to take place week beginning 10th October.

Hall Crockery: Jan Butler, Manager of Marine Quay in Salcombe, very kindly offered MVH a large quantity of crockery recently as the Apartments were having a change. VJ, JJ and GA have now removed the yellow and blue Woods Ware crockery from the Hall cupboards and replaced it with the new, cream crockery which includes a large quantity of matching mugs. The yellow and blue crockery is boxed and ready for disposal – with a vintage value this disposal/sale needs to be researched. VJ and JJ took a quantity of mixed odd plates etc to a charity shop. The Annexe cupboards have been stocked with mugs etc.

Annexe Redecoration: Damage has already occurred to one corner where hirers have been careless. This requires a touch-up. **Action: GA**

Malborough Neighbourhood Plan: On Tuesday 18th October there is a Drop in Session in the Annexe between 4pm and 8pm when parishioners will have an opportunity to meet with Malborough Parish Councillors and members of the Neighbourhood Planning Forum to answer questions and discuss the draft Neighbourhood Plan. There will be copies of the plan available at this session and is available online on the Malborough Website : <http://www.malboroughvillage.org.uk/steeringgroup>. Comments can be made via the website, by contacting a Parish Councillor or posting comments slips into a collecting box in Malborough Post Office or the Village Hall.

Co-op Community Fund: GA reminded all to use their Co-op Membership Cards when purchasing items. Cards can be applied for online or at a local shop. Nominate one of the 3 local causes you wish to support by logging into online account or by telephoning the Co-op Customer Care Department. 1% of Co-op branded items go to the chosen cause.

Malborough Website: The full Calendar entry on the Home page now explains that this is a Calendar for village events and there is a link to the Village Hall Bookings page to prevent confusion between the two diaries.

Outfield Cut: Jack Stone has cut the outfield which had previously been flailed by Mark Rossiter. This should mean that the gang mowers can mow further out to the edge. To be followed up with Jonathan Hawtin.

Action: GA

Sports. (Madge Bailey arrived at the meeting at this stage.)

JJ will ask DP to take down the Cricket practice net

Action: JJ / DP

GA asked if MB could store the old plastic chairs safely so that they are not spread around the playing field and play area by youngsters.

Action: MB

With problems over parking in Collaton Road, particularly at weekends when there are matches, MB was asked if greater control could be used to marshall arrivals and ensure that the cones and chains are put out before cars arrive.

GA suggested that this may be a time to consider further parking options around the Hall with the possibility of Community Reinvestment Fund monies to be bid for. Plan of area to next meeting for further discussion of possibilities.

Action: GA

JJ suggested that the white lines on the tennis courts should be repainted. MB recommended that JJ contacted Fleet Line Markers to discuss the possibility of the KM line marker being used with permanent paint.

Action: JJ

An entry in the current Messenger stated that there was Half Term Tennis Coaching. As this was unknown to JJ he would follow this up with Patrick Parfitt and Ann Kendall.

Action: JJ

KM have new boundary nets to go up and need a 5m scaffold tower. GA to check if she has one available.

Action: GA

Booking Officer:

Darcy Bussell Keep Fit Ballet classes have been booked in November.

GA and VJ met KATS to discuss their use of the Hall during their recent performance. Scratch marks on the floor had been discovered, paint had been chipped on the newly painted Annexe walls and KATS had removed the Cleaner's Cupboard door off in order to install their stage set (with no prior referral to MVH). The door no longer fits properly because, KATS, admitted, they often took this door off. The hinges are loose and the screws were badly put back. Floor covering when the raised seating is being used, needs to be looked at. KATS have promised to cover floor when preparing their stage sets to prevent damage to the newly coated floor. With their production of Singing in the Rain costing £19,000 to stage they are looking at alternative venues for their summer play as they cannot fill enough seats to be able to afford to hire Malborough Village Hall. Their musical will still be held in Malborough. The committee decided that KATS would be asked to pay for damages incurred. Geoff Allen will look at cupboard repair.

VJ suggested that a meeting should also take place with MAD.

VJ suggested that the price for Weddings (currently £300 for Friday lunchtime to Sunday lunchtime could be increased to £360 for 2017). Good idea to have a price organised so that advance bookings would be aware of cost.

The SVRA, WI and Flower Club have all booked for 2017.

Wood:

Picnic bench – has been scorched around the umbrella hole. This needs to be moved near to the bin on the Skateboard Park and should be anchored to prevent it being moved again.

Action: JJ / JT

Bonfire Night:

AM has not yet checked fireworks but will do so and advise expiry date

AM

GA had asked Malborough Garden Services to quote for clearance of fields on Monday 7th which they confirmed they were able to do. MB stated that KM would try to find marshalls to prevent sparklers going onto the field or being used.

In view of the shortage of dedicated Marshalls to cover the Bonfire & Fireworks area plus parking and, because of the large numbers anticipated to attend, the committee decided via a majority vote that it was not possible to stage the event.

MB will contact Paul Booker of Modbury to see if there was any interest in the fireworks

Action: MB

GA to try and locate possible purchaser

Action: GA

Cancellation of event to go on Facebook, Malborough in Touch, Village Voice, Information Centres, Malborough Village website. Field gate to be secured to prevent bonfire dumping.

Action: GA

(MB left the meeting at this point)

Any Other Business:

- Jenny Powsland of Cumber Close has requested that action is taken regarding the overgrown shrubbery on the MVH side of her fence. Malborough Garden Services, Jack Stone and Wild Work to be asked to quote for the clearance work. GA to contact Jenny Powsland to inform her of progress. **Action: GA**

- GA reminded the committee that 60 or so Hall Chairs are being lent to the RNLI Commemoration Service for the 1916 Lifeboat Disaster – 27th October.
- Hall Floor resurfacing. Team to get together on Saturday 22nd to remove most of Hall chairs etc at 1.30pm. GA to send message to committee to get helpers. **Action: GA**
- VJ asked that thanks to GA for the new annexe curtains should be noted.
- Thursday 20th October – Charity event in the Hall – in aid of dementia – with stalls, entertainment.

The meeting closed at 21.08hrs. The next meeting will be on 9th November 2016