

## Minutes of MVA Board meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2014

**Present:**

**Directors:** Rob Bailey, Martin Bentley, John Holton, Steve Thorpe, Vicky Waine.

**Members:** Bob Littler, Hugh Mulligan, Pat Rowley

**Apologies:** Simon Wisdom

**Guest:** Vic Cope (part)

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Stephen Farthing has kindly agreed to stay on as a director until a replacement can be found.	
<p>1. <b>Matters arising from last meeting:</b> <u>Autumn Ball feedback:</u> Vicky reported that the event had been a sell-out success and thanked Kate Baxter for her preparatory work. It will be repeated (as an MVA event) and there is a margin for charging slightly more for tickets next year.</p> <p><u>Asset Register update:</u> Rob reported that MVA, TCAM and MPC Asset Registers are near to completion and Hugh added that TCAM building/contents insurance is now in place with renewal dates for each brought into line so that they coincide.</p> <p><u>Stage Blocks:</u> Vic reported that since the last meeting, the timber has been delivered and work started on the reconstruction.</p> <p><u>Communication Devices:</u> Steve reported that he is pursuing the purchase of 10 two-way radio units for £115 which will enhance communication between staff and key-helpers at large village events.</p> <p><u>Electrical saving:</u> Vic and Bob clarified the situation from the MPC perspective, i.e. that this initiative was endorsed by MVA/TCAM but that it would be MPC who would generate any funding. Bob explained that there was currently no MPC funding available for this work but that it could be added to the MPC's Capex List for future consideration. (This a matter for MPC.)</p> <p><i>Vic Cope left the meeting for another commitment at this point.</i></p>	<p>VC</p> <p>ST</p>
2. <b>Stolen Floodlights and Generator:</b> Rob reported that Walgrave Amber FC have declined the offer of an ex-gratia payment of £250. Rob to meet with Kevin Simons on his return from holiday to discuss alleged inaccuracies in the MVA perspective on the matter.	RB
3. <b>Letter to Newsletter:</b> A villager has written to the Newsletter asking for the publication of a letter which constitutes a critique of MVA/TCAM. As editor, it was agreed that Pat would invite him, (via a detailed email), to a meeting with her before the next TCAM/MVA meeting so that the board could consider his concerns in more detail and with a view to addressing any legitimate concerns.	PR
4. <b>Information from Treasurer:</b> There was no further discussion on Bob's pre-circulated balance spreadsheet, which was accepted. (£5032.11 profit on activities for August/September) Steve reported that he and Simon were about to receive quotes for a replacement PA system, (as agreed at the last meeting). More information at the next meeting but unfortunately a new system will not be in place for Bonfire Night.	SW ST
5. <b>Bonfire Night:</b> Martin reported that preparations were well on track.	
6. <b>Issues for MPC:</b> Rob tabled Bob's timeline document which alerted the meeting for the need to engage in preliminary discussion in early November to discuss budgetary requirements for 2015/2016. Rob raised the perennial issue of dog excrement around the village,	

<p>which has been particularly highlighted on social media. Bob said that the matter is under consideration by MPC. The matter of some street lights not being switched on was also raised, but this is part of KBC's energy saving initiative.</p>	
<p>7. <b>Newsletter and Website:</b> Pat reported that the copy date for the next Newsletter is 7<sup>th</sup> November. There was nothing to report on the development of the website, except that villagers tend to use Facebook for exchanges rather than the website.</p>	
<p>8. <b>AOB:</b> Bob reminded the meeting that an MVA AGM is due soon. (Rob to detail in next Newsletter.) He also suggested that if the village is to be rated highly in any future Northamptonshire Best Village competition, a Welcome Pack for new residents would be a good idea. (This to be further discussed at the next meeting.)</p>	<p>RB</p>

Next Meeting: **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November** at 5.00pm