

Minutes of MVA Board meeting held on 1st February 2015

Present:

Directors: Rob Bailey, Stephen Farthing, John Holton, Steve Thorpe, Vicky Waine, Duncan Webster, Simon Wisdom.

Members: Hugh Mulligan, Pat Rowley

Apologies: Martin Bentley, Karen Cox, Bob Littler

The meeting began with the presentation of a Dartington Crystal vase and wine glasses with an engraving: 'To Pat Rowley from the villagers of Mawsley' as recognition and a thank you for all her work over many years as editor of 'News and Views'. Pat also received a bouquet of flowers and garden centre gift vouchers.

	Action
<p>1. Matters arising from last meeting: <u>Martin Bentley:</u> RB apologised for omitting Martin's name from the list of apologies for the January meeting. <u>Welcome Pack for new residents:</u> There was an update of contributions so far but a question as to whether the opticians, (as a business), should be included. DW suggested the inclusion of pictures of the village under construction and ST will provide details of our local police officer. All Welcome Pack items to be brought to next meeting for collation and consideration. <u>Youth Club Portakabin:</u> RB reported that a working group comprised of 2 Parish Councillors, Allan MacDonald and 3 or 4 teenagers had been convened to develop this and other ideas around the accommodation of the youth of Mawsley. RB to join this group to support positive ideas but to reinforce the MVA position opposing self-governance and any building installation undertaken without due consultation with all stakeholders.</p>	RB + others
<p>2. Information from Treasurer: Balance remains healthy at £26,898. VW reported that the Youth Club is due to receive £300 from Cliff Martin of KBC. HM reported that Kate Baxter, Cheryl and Steve Buckle had made early overtures regarding the Autumn Ball and a Food and Drink Street Market. RB reported that Christa from Mums and Tots is likely to request funding for more play and learn materials.</p>	
<p>3. Communications: VW presented a draft for a letter to all villagers regarding the MVA/TCAM; how events might be supported; how to become involved. VW was thanked for her efforts after some debate concerning the wording re financial support and the term 'director'. She will circulate a redraft via email. Trish Cottington has been informed of distribution requirements and the distribution team has already been alerted for a March delivery.</p>	VW
<p>4. Issues for MPC: <u>Wind Turbine:</u> BL has emailed a summary of the MPC position to the MVA which suggested that DDC and KBC have not acted illegally by not consulting Mawsley residents. The meeting felt, however, that it was incumbent upon DDC to consult at the planning application stage and that this failure rendered them culpable. SF has followed the development closely and expressed concern that no proper consideration of environmental impact has been made and that a further wind turbine was planned near Broughton. He added that the dwellings served by the turbine belong to a collective in Warwickshire and are therefore not local stakeholders. It was noted that the turbine has so far remained unused. If this situation prevails for 12 months its dismantling can apparently be requested. DW commented that Mawsley has already successfully resisted wind turbine planning applications. SW</p>	

<p>asked if this matter was relevant to the MVA but given the considerable village interest at the MPC meeting and at this meeting it is important for all representatives to at least keep abreast of developments. <u>Signs at the Village entrance</u>: VW raised a concern that the signage at the village entrance has been removed. BL has explained to the MVA that this was done at the request of MPC as much of the content on the signs was obsolete. VW suggested a Design Competition targeted at the younger generation to generate new signs, which would perhaps particularly impress a Northamptonshire Best Village judging panel. RB to write to MPC regarding this, the implications for planning permission and the MVA wind turbine position.</p>	<p>RB</p>
<p>5. Newsletter and website: SW reported that he has a contact in the village who could construct a newsletter layout but would not be involved in editing. PR knows a lady who is good at IT and would be happy to be part of a team. SW and HM said that TCAM could pick up the advertising side. It was agreed that VW, RB and HM will work alongside PR for the publication of the March newsletter with a view to forming an extended editorial team, perhaps also involving SW's and PR's contacts. There was some debate about remunerating an editor-in-chief and it was agreed to review this once/if a team is in place. It was agreed that the Letter to Villagers could also include a further request for help with 'News and Views'.</p>	<p>PR VW HM RB + +? VW</p>
<p>6. Any Other Business: SW circulated cartoon drawings which in the right form could be used to describe how the village functions, covering the Centre, TCAM, MVA, activities etc. This could be displayed at the Centre, be incorporated into the websites and perhaps in the Letter to Villagers. The group agreed that this should be pursued as long as costs do not exceed c. £200.</p>	<p>SW</p>

Next Meeting: **Sunday 1st March 2015 at 5.00pm**