

Minutes of MVA Board meeting held on 7th December 2014

Present:

Directors: Rob Bailey, Martin Bentley, John Holton, Simon Wisdom.

Members: Bob Littler, Hugh Mulligan, Pat Rowley

Apologies: Stephen Farthing, Steve Thorpe, Vicky Waine

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<p>1. Matters arising from last meeting: <u>Asset Register update:</u> MVA and TCAM Asset Registers to be circulated. <i>(done)</i> <u>MVA AGM 2014 feedback:</u> In anticipation of searching questions and perhaps some criticism, the preparation for the meeting was extremely thorough, (as it should be in future years). Unfortunately, the anticipated interest in MVA matters and the future of TCAM did not materialise, (apart from one villager). <u>Welcome Pack for New Residents:</u> Unfortunately, Mary-Rose Dolan Holland was unable to make the meeting. RB to enquire about previous Welcome Packs. It was agreed that the new pack should be kept up to date and include KBC leaflets, bus timetables and free drinks vouchers. RB to enquire from local estate agents how we might keep abreast of who is moving into the village. <u>Portakabin installation:</u> Vic was unable to attend, (at the pantomime), but concerns were raised regarding health and safety, (unsupervised youngsters in a separate building which would require planning permission).</p>	<p>HM</p> <p>BL RB</p>
<p>2. Stolen Floodlights and Generator: Walgrave Amber FC have declined the offer of £250. Concerns were raised over any payment to an organisation that no longer exists. (Although the club hopes to reform.) It was suggested that this matter should no longer be pursued.</p>	
<p>3. Letter to Newsletter: Another letter is anticipated but it remains to be seen whether or not it will materialise.</p>	
<p>4. Information from Treasurer: A discussion developing from the AGM ensued regarding the future investment of MVA funds. The following areas were identified: a new Public Address system; Welcome Packs; youth facilities; Centre kitchen enlargement; more regular large scale village events. The planned Letter to Villagers will hopefully establish a forum in which more ideas can be generated.</p>	
<p>5. Communications: Following on from the previous item, it was agreed that the MVA should find a means of enquiring of villagers what they think are the issues facing the Mawsley. (A questionnaire has previously been used.) In addition, potential user groups could be encouraged by making them aware that there are MVA funds that can be used to 'kick start' new groups and initiatives. A successful event like the recent Food and Drink afternoon could be used as an example. A form of words to be determined. (A Fashion Show and an Art Exhibition were also mentioned.) The issue of the tone of MVA/TCAM communications was also raised. Simon Wisdom has a marketing contact who could support us.</p>	<p>RB</p>
<p>6. Issues for MPC: MPC will establish its own Facebook page on which minutes will be published. Given the ideas under discussion, it was suggested that a cross-group task force should be established to drive developments forward, i.e. representatives from MPC, MVA, TCAM, user groups and villagers.</p>	

<p>7. Newsletter and Website: <u>'News and Views'</u>: It was agreed that Pat Rowley's comprehensive analysis of the requirements for the development of the Newsletter should be discussed at the next meeting. Meanwhile Rob Bailey to draft an article on Pat's retirement for publication in the January/February newsletter. (MVA members welcome to contribute.)</p>	<p>RB</p>
<p>8. AOB: <u>Gardening For All</u>: Pat Rowley announced plans for an 'Open Garden' event in the summer. There will also be a garden themed event at the Centre running in parallel. <u>Mums and Tots</u>: Pat also reported that the leader of the group had expressed how grateful she was that the MVA had said how much the group was valued in the village. <u>Visit of the University of Northampton</u>: Rob Bailey reported that up to 30 geography students would be descending on the village on the 15th December to conduct their usual survey of a large village development. They will be here from 12 until 2.00pm and anyone wishing to be involved in a Q and A session from 1.00pm is more than welcome to come along to the Centre.</p>	

Next Meeting: **Sunday 11th January 2015** at 5.00pm