

Minutes of MVA Board meeting held on 7th June 2015

Present:

Directors: Rob Bailey, Martin Bentley, Steve Thorpe, Simon Wisdom.

Members: Hugh Mulligan, Paul Richards (MPC), Pat Rowley.

Apologies: Karen Cox, Jo Faulkner, John Holton, Bob Littler

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<p>1. Matters arising from last meeting: <u>Welcome Pack for new residents:</u> The copy at the Centre has been issued. Emma Jacobs, (Horts), has requested copies for new house buyers. It was agreed that these should be issued on request and that the same opportunity should be afforded to other regular estate agents. The monitoring of copies issued, (inc. addresses), will be undertaken at the Centre. The newsletter will also alert people to their availability. <u>Walgrave Amber Lighting Rig:</u> RB reported that confirmation that this matter is now closed has been received from Walgrave Amber FC and that the cheque will be processed. <u>Letter to Villagers:</u> These have now been delivered. One expression of interest in becoming involved with MVA/TCAM has been received. <u>Youth Club:</u> Its continuation has been secured to the end of this school year and there have been a number of offers of future support. ST suggested we need to see how firm these turn out to be. Our Youth Club is affiliated to the Northants Association of Youth Clubs.</p>	HM/DR
<p>2. Information from Treasurer: Balance is £25,023.27. <u>Public Liability Insurance:</u> RB reported that payment, (£197.81), had to be authorised as it was due. This covers us for up to 5 major village events a year. ST asked how other incidents are covered through PLI. (Report back at next meeting.) <u>Use of funds:</u> Cheque for £500 has now been received by Mothers and Toddlers and they were extremely grateful.</p>	ST
<p>3. Fund Raising: <u>Suggestions:</u> PR offered that there are funds for sports initiatives through the Sports Council. There are some high level young sports people in the village, (e.g. kick boxing, karting), but there was a feeling that funding was more directed at teams and organisations rather than individuals. Nick Hughes and Bob Littler, (Sports Council affiliates), to be asked about funding opportunities.</p>	RB
<p>4. Issues for MPC: <u>Audit:</u> RB reported that some observations had been made by the auditor regarding the relative roles and responsibilities of MPC, MVA and TCAM. A meeting between representatives of the three parties involved has been arranged for Wednesday 17th June at 7.00pm. Inquiry to be made as to whether the audit is now a closed matter.</p>	RB
<p>5. TCAM Matters: <u>Defibrillator bid:</u> Villagers Mark and Nicola Cook would like to raise funds for the purchase of a defibrillator, (to be kept at the Centre), on Family Fun Day. Additional funds can be accessed through the British Heart Foundation. If monies raised could be matched by MVA/TCAM purchase would be possible, (c. £1k.) It was agreed that the raising of the initial funds should be supported. Once an amount has been secured, the next stage will be considered and discussed with all parties involved. <u>Funding of Centre Signage:</u> MPC has agreed to fund the purchase of a lockable double-case sign/notice board outside the Centre. Their grant would need to be supplemented to the sum of either 20% (£254) or 25% (£318) by TCAM. This purchase has now been authorised.</p>	HM (to monitor)

<p>6. Newsletter and Website: <u>Update</u>: PR reported that Peter Reed, a 17 year-old 'A' level student from the village, has agreed to edit the September/October edition of 'News and Views', (and possibly further editions thereafter). Peter attends Bishop Stopford school, and is seeking a career in journalism after university. SW suggested that he be invited to our next meeting.</p>	RB
<p>7. Any Other Business: Purchase of new mower: ST reported that the purchase of a new mower is necessary as the existing one is on its last legs. The cost would be around £20k but half of this could come from the Sports Council. The issues of storage and maintenance were raised but are resolvable. SW offered that there may be able to investigate pursuable replacement options. <u>Open Gardens</u>: PR reported that the Mawsley Open Gardens event is fixed for Sunday 21st June from 12.00 to 5.00pm. There will also be 10 stalls and Cream Teas on offer. <u>Best Village Competition</u>: RB reported that our entry appeared to be very well received by the judging panel and we await the results towards the end of July.</p>	SW

Next Meeting: **Sunday 12th July 2015 at 5.00pm**