



Mawsley Villagers Association Ltd
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The Mawsley Villagers Association Annual General Meeting 2024

February 28th 2024

Present:

Trustees: Steve Thorpe, Paul Howells, John Holton, Chris Waine, Martin Bentley

Registered Members: Alan Moore, Jenny Clucas **Apologies:** Laura Cross

Village members: Nicola Bosworth, Laura Cave, Sue Moore, Pat Downing, Christine Hamilton, Nicki Hobbs, Sandra Mortimore, Gareth Norris, Paul Richards, Eve Richards, Pat Rowley, Tom Sanders, Kevin White, Nicola Wisdom

1. Chairmans Report – Steve Thorpe

Welcome to all directors, members of the MVA and the wider based Mawsley residents.

I begin with praising MVA members Chris Waine and Martin Bentley for yet another successful fireworks event and in the past 2 years a MVA income generator. The time and effort they put in is invaluable.

Looking back over the past 12 months – the MVA has organised and run the fireworks night and the village newsletter which is proving to be a hit with the local residents. We supported the Toddlers Group through a difficult period with some short term funding.

During this financial year the MVA and Mawsley Parish Council worked together to formalise the lease between the MVA and MPC and then the MVA signed an agreement with TCAM to allow TCAM to operate the Centre for Mawsley village.

The previous lease ended July 2023 and for good practice a new lease was drafted and signed. This formalised the relationship so that both parties were aware of their commitments, legal obligations and to ensure a sustainable future for this vital village asset.

The MVA operates the lease through its trading company, a Community Interest Company, TCAM who are bound by the obligations within the lease.

I said last year that I would be standing down as Chair, however I seem to still be here. That said - this will be my final report as Chair. I have been with the MVA and TCAM for 12 years now and due to work commitments, I am having to stand down from both MVA and TCAM. I remain enthusiastic and will support the village and the Centre ,however I cannot commit to these roles any further.

2. Directors and Registered Members

There are no officers up for election this year and the current board of directors stand as: Steve Thorpe, Chris Waine, John Holton, Paul Howells, Alan Moore and Martin Bentley.



Retirements: Duncan Webster left the village and stood down as a director/trustee. Steve Thorpe thanked him for his support over many years, including setting up and maintaining the website. Duncan has agreed to continue to provide technical support for the website.

Laura Cross is standing down as an active MVA member. She is no longer available to come along to the meetings, however she will continue to support the MVA in any way she can depending on her new job commitments; Steve thanked her for her long standing support.

Steve asked if there was a volunteer willing to take on the role of MVA Chair and Jenny Clucas agreed to volunteer to take on this role. This offer was supported by the Directors and members present.

John gave a big thanks to Steve for his enthusiastic support and hard work over many years to MVA, TCAM and with projects/events especially Fireworks.

2. Accounts 2023/24 - John Holton

The MVA is a charity and company limited by guarantee, registered with the Charity Commission, with the Directors/trustees registered at Companies House. All villagers are members, and those who choose to become active members (registered) have a vote on the actions.

The MVA holds the lease for the Centre with MPC; this has been reviewed and renewed in the past year. The new lease runs to 2034, with a break clauses in 2027 and 2032. As the leaseholder, MVA pays the rates for the Centre and is responsible for the general upkeep. As part of the lease renewal, it was agreed that TCAM would become responsible for the area immediately surrounding the Centre.

The MVA financial year runs from December to end November. At the end of the last financial year the accounts showed funds carried forward of £15,166, down on the previous year (£17,658). The main transactions during the year were:

- payment of the rates £1,476
- registration of the new lease £592
- newsletter costs £1,145
- preparation of the end of year accounts £613
- and firework night,

The firework display cost £6,210, ticket sales and grant were £7,545, giving a profit of £1,335 - an excellent result.

Four editions of the newsletter were circulated in the year and printing costs were £2,125, this was off-set by advertisement income of £980. The December 2023 newsletter cost £550 to print and generated advertising income of £720, giving a profit of £170.

Since the end of the financial year the MVA has supported the Toddler Group with a 3 month grant up to £300 to help them through a difficult period.

Currently there is £15,893 in the bank.

The MVA remains in a strong financial position for the size and extent of its activities.



3. Q&A

- Tom Sanders had produced a paper summarising the various volunteer projects undertaken in the village over the past 15 years. It was made available for anyone to view.

John thanked Tom for his summary and noted that the work of the MVA relied exclusively on volunteers. Recently there have been a number of the registered members either leaving the village or standing down due to other commitments. The Charity now needs new active members going forward to help continue the good work of the MVA.

- Paul: volunteered himself and Eve to help with Newsletter delivery
- Steve Thorpe: asked that if the two people who contacted the MVA via Facebook were present, would they please contact him.
- Gareth Norris: thanked all of the MVA Committee for their efforts.
- Paul Howells: following on from the strong volunteering work in the past and the grant applications, the MVA should be the central conduit/focal point for grant applications and coordinate activity. As a charity the MVA is well place to seek grant funding.

Steve Thorpe - past Chair

Jenny Clucas - Chair