

**Minutes of MVA Board meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2014**

**Present:****Directors:** Rob Bailey, Vicky Waine, Stephen Farthing**Members:** Bob Littler, Pat Rowley, Hugh Mulligan.**Apologies:** Steve Thorpe, Martin Bentley, John Holton, Simon Wisdom

*As there were so many apologies it was decided to defer non-urgent items.*

Action

1. **Matters arising from last meeting:** Steve Thorpe has yet to be officially confirmed as a bank signatory for the MVA but all other directors are now approved which gives more options for signing cheques. Approved signatories: Vicky Waine, Rob Bailey, Martin Bentley and Bob Littler.

The TCAM Lease has now been signed.

2. **Autumn Ball:** A number of tickets have been reserved but further purchases still being awaited. Arrangements are well in hand.
3. **Information from Treasurer:** Bob had presented accounts prior to the meeting and there was no requirement for further discussion.
4. **Floodlights and Generator storage:** The regrettable theft of the Walgrave Amber FC floodlights was discussed. It was agreed that any insurance would be invalidated because of the unsecured location. It was provisionally agreed that, as a gesture of goodwill, the football club should be given free use of the MVA lighting rig for the immediate future. Rob to contact Kevin Simons to this effect. It was also agreed that our own rig, (and other high cost items), should be insured via Hiscox as a matter of urgency. Vicky to source details and arrange for smart water marking.
5. **Youth Club:** Only two sessions remaining this term and much of the activity can be outside in the good weather. Touch Rugby has been a success. Thanks to Vicky and team for their hard work.
6. **Request for Pond Maintenance Support:** Tom Sanders has asked the MVA for £100 to fund essential maintenance work on the pond and its surroundings. This request was unanimously approved. Bob to facilitate funding.
7. **Fun day - 12<sup>th</sup> July:** All is now in place for next Saturday's event, the Newsletter publicity having gone out. Rachel Kingham has been working with exhibitors on final arrangements and Hugh is to meet with Simon Stockford, ('Just Party'). There were some expressions of disappointment that some community groups have declined to participate. The long range weather forecast is mixed so fingers crossed! Thanks to Hugh for his continuing efforts.
8. **Village asset register:** This item was deferred due to the low attendance but there was some discussion as to the necessity of an Asset Register. It was agreed that it is useful as an accountant's advice suggests that we could be vulnerable without one. Moreover, it becomes important when/if making insurance claims and clarifies who might be responsible for the maintenance and/or repair of any listed items.
9. **Village issues to raise with MPC:** Deferred.
10. **Newsletter/Website:** Pat reported that getting advertising for the Fun Day Flier had not been easy and that the accounting for it has been done via the Newsletter account, rather than separately. The copy date

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for the next full Newsletter is **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July** and there was the usual request for contributions. The timing gives the opportunity to feature Fun Day and our (hopeful) success in the Best Village Contest.

11. **AOB:** Rob has reported back to Heather at Coffee @ No. 9 that the MVA would support any plans for a Christmas Lights event in Barnwell Court. They will present any plans for our consideration in due course.

Pat expressed concern that the gate to the field is not being locked, (it should be locked as a matter of course except in special circumstances), as agreed in a previous meeting. It is currently locked last thing at night and unlocked first thing in the morning. During the day we are therefore vulnerable to abuse: e.g. parking by the skate board area and using illegal substances; dog walkers demanding to park there raising the possibility of unpleasant exchanges with Centre staff; the possibility of traveller infiltration. Hugh explained that he would obviously defer to any decision made by the MVA but that there have already been difficulties with football team reps who arrive early on a Saturday. Signage on the gate describing when it would be closed might help. It was finally agreed to discuss the matter further at the next meeting when there might be fuller representation.

Next Meeting: **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August\*** at 5.00pm

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