

Minutes of MVA Board meeting held on 8th June 2014

Present:

Directors:, John Holton, Rob Bailey, Vicky Waine, Simon Wisdom, Martin Bentley

Members: Bob Littler, Pat Rowley, Hugh Mulligan.

Guests: Kate Baxter, Lisa ?

Apologies: Steve Thorpe, Stephen Farthing

Action

1. **Matters arising from last meeting:** The fence has now been straightened and re-secured. The depression in the area in the in front of the main access gate to the play area has been filled but has not set properly and Vic Cope may address this.
Steve Thorpe has yet to be officially confirmed as a bank signatory but all other directors are now approved which gives more options for signing cheques.
It was felt that to do a major repair on the grass damaged on Bonfire Night would not be cost effective given that the next one is five months away. The grass is recovering naturally. There was some discussion about establishing a concrete base with a plastic Astroturf cover.
2. **Autumn Ball:** Kate Baxter and Lisa presented comprehensive plans for a Mawsley Autumn Ball to be held on 4th October 2014. The projected cost for this MVA event would be around 2.5k and 50 ticket sales would create a break even account. (It was anticipated that this should be exceeded.) Further details will come via the marketing of the event which was unanimously approved by the board. Kate and Lisa were thanked for their input.

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VW
3. **Information from Treasurer:** Bob had presented accounts prior to the meeting showing a current balance of £21658.33
4. **Floodlights and Generator storage:** Rob reported a suggestion from Nick Hughes that the unused Walgrave Amber lights could be removed from the container and stored temporarily under a tarpaulin in the access area behind the Centre. This would facilitate the storage of the MVA lights. Kevin Simons to be asked to move the lights by the end of the month. *(Since the meeting it has been arranged to repack the container this weekend.)*

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5. **Youth Club:** Vicky reported that the Youth Club was thriving with plenty of support and many activities planned for the summer. 38 had attended the last session.
6. **Fun day - 12th July:** Hugh presented an updated progress sheet revealing that most aspects of the event are now in place. A chiller facility will be available and Vicky is still working on establishing Cream Tea provision. Rachel Kingham has also volunteered to liaise with exhibitors.
Hugh also reported that the recent Bank Holiday Fun Day overcame the inclement weather by moving indoors and that the first of the Fun Friday evenings with BBQ and Bouncy Castle had been a great success.

HM + MVA
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7. **Village asset register:** Still being drawn up by MPC but progress stalled by Richard Barnwell's illness, (Bob is currently chairing).

MPC
8. **Village issues to raise with MPC:** Bob reported that the village has now been partially adopted by the County Council. Full adoption by Anglia Water is ongoing.
In response to a resident's concern about the Pub Site, Bob explained

that there are 3 options on the long term future: 1) to buy at a cost £130k + VAT. 2) To approve pub development, (not practical). 3) To develop as a site for dwellings for more elderly residents. Pat explained that a covenant on the land, (currently owned by Mawsley Taverns) has now been lifted and there are ongoing negotiations with KBC legal department regarding future development. In the shorter term it may be possible for MPC to pressurise TW for a tidy up and removal of any unused plant.

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9. **Newsletter/Website:** Vicky and Pat continue to work together to sort out the website. A Fun Day Flier will be circulated around the 27th June.

PR
VW

10. **The lease for TCAM:** This will be (finally) signed at the MPC meeting on behalf of the MVA on 16th June

RB/BL

11. **AOB:** Rob reported that Heather at Coffee @ No. 9 had mooted the idea of a Mawsley Christmas Lights event. Provisional suggestions include a celebrity switch on in Barnwell Court, (with lights strung around the perimeter), mulled wine and minced pies with perhaps a Christmassy contribution from the choir. It could also be tied in with the Santa sleigh ride. It was agreed that the café could develop the idea – perhaps by consulting with Keith Wrigley. Simon added that the One Stop (Tesco) could perhaps be invited to make a more significant contribution to village events.

RB

Next Meeting: **Sunday 6th July** at 5.00pm