

Minutes of an MVA Board Meeting: 10th July 2016

Present: Martin Bentley, Jo Faulkner, John Holton, Simon Wisdom, Colin Balfour, Steve Thorpe, Rob Bailey (directors).
Sandra Fernandes-Neto, Jane Twisleton, Paul Richards

Apologies: Tom Sanders, Bob Littler

Item	Business	Action
1	<p><u>Minutes of Last Meeting/Matters Arising:</u></p> <p><u>Youth Club:</u> There has been little progress on finding a replacement. It was agreed to maintain awareness of the need for a new leader with the expectation that someone will come forward after the summer holidays.</p> <p><u>Defibrillator Update:</u> JF pointed out that anyone providing defibrillator training must be registered. She knows someone who is, and will try to engage her services.</p> <p><u>Posts Around Grasscrete:</u> Completed on Sunday June 5th by a group of volunteers – well done everyone involved and thank you from the MVA. A donation for the work materials was made by the MVA. ST explained that Nick Hughes was owed c£80 for the hire of a hole borer.</p> <p><u>Update on lighting rig:</u> ST has completed the sale of the equipment for £600. This money is now in MVA funds.</p> <p><u>Quotes for extending patio/building path to play area:</u> RB described 3 quotes for this work, prompted by the idea that it would encourage more summer custom and overcome the perennial problem of damage to the ground round the gate area of the children's playground. The proposal was rejected on the grounds of cost. However, ST said he has access to a supply of free block paving, (if needed), and some additional picnic tables. The tarmacking of the path could also be completed on a self-help basis.</p>	
2	<p><u>Information from Treasurer:</u></p> <p><u>Accounts:</u> Current balance is £18,953.74</p> <p><u>MVA Accounts/Lindens:</u> Alanthwaites will maintain oversight of the MVA accounts until its end of year in November. MP will assume responsibility thereafter.</p> <p><u>Snow Ball accounts update:</u> BL has agreed with Vicky Waine that we will apply the standard MVA processes re payments and receipts. SW asked if there were some proposed accounts that the board could look at. RB to follow up with Vicky.</p>	RB
3	<p><u>Newsletter and website:</u></p> <p><u>Update:</u> Congratulations to SFN and Rob Castley for a successful introductory edition. SFN said that the next edition would include a list of regular clubs and activities. PR endorsed the congrats but said that some older readers had had difficulty with the small font size. SFN said extending to 24 pages would facilitate a larger font. The next issue will be in September.</p> <p><u>Advertising:</u> RB said that as only 3 advertisers had subscribed to this edition there would be a net financial loss. However, it was agreed to keep the cost of advertising at the current level as some would eventually come forward. A full page appeal for advertisers could be included in the next edition.</p>	
4	<p><u>Fun Day Review:</u> Congratulations to JT for all the hard work in preparation. RB pointed out the layout was an improvement and there were shorter queues through improved organisation. The PA was a little quiet but this could be overcome in future. There followed some discussion about visitors bringing their own drinks rather than buying at the bars. It was agreed that it would be impossible to enforce a 'bringing your own drinks' ban. Better to make a polite pre-event appeal for bar purchases.</p>	
5	<p><u>Bonfire Night:</u> Projected accounts for this year's Bonfire Night were considered and agreed.</p>	

6	Proposed Outdoor Gym: PR explained that MPC is investing in 6 pieces of outdoor gym equipment to be sited behind the pavilion. The project is part of the youth accommodation initiative within the village and the equipment will attract 14-17 year olds. Illustrations of the proposal were circulated.	
7	MPC Liaison: A meeting was held on 22 nd June to discuss Clare Farthing's ideas re surveying the village on the future of the Centre. SW, (who attended the meeting), explained that this was part of a 'proof of need' exercise which predicated any funding initiative. The date of the next meeting is to be announced.	
8	AOB: CB pointed out that the auction sale of the Pub Site is taking place on 24 th July. He asked if there is any information regarding this as we as villagers are all stakeholders. SW to liaise with BL. SFN announced that the Mawsley WI has been resurrected and there are early indications that this is very welcome. There will be a request for funding on the basis of identified needs.	SW

Date of Next Meeting: **Sunday 4th September 2016 at 5.00pm.**