

Mawsley Villagers Association

Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting, 8.00 pm 4th January at The Centre, Mawsley

Present: Victoria Bell, Mary Rose Dolan-Holland, Stephen Farthing, Richard Hoy, Bob Littler (Chair), Graham Leah, Allan MacDonald, Victoria Perry (guest), Aidan Piper, Lizzie Souter (Sec.), Laura Sturland

1. Apologies

John Holton, Ali Williams and Jim Playle.

2. Fund Raising - Victoria Perry

There will be a meeting on Wednesday 10th January open to any group in the village who would like funding, assistance and/or equipment for setting up. The Council will help run groups for an initial 12 week period to get them going. This is a fantastic offer and we hope that the meeting will be well attended.

Victoria has found out that there are several bodies who will donate funds without lengthy application forms to fill in. For example the County Council will fund outdoor storage. The storage units will require hard standing which will need to be paid for as well as the storage units themselves.

Action Ref.	Subject	Status	Responsibility
01/0107	Investigate costs of storage units		SF
02/0107	Investigate cost of hard standing		BL
03/0107	Apply for funding for outside storage		VP

Youth facilities were also discussed. The first facilities to be provided should be a Youth Shelter, a tarmac area with kick wall and a skate park / half pipe, which could be used by boarders and bikers. These will be investigated in turn.

Action Ref.	Subject	Status	Responsibility
04/0107	Investigate costs of Youth Shelter		AP
05/0107	Apply for funding for a Youth Shelter		VP

3. Minutes of last meeting

These were approved as a true representation of meetings held on 28th November 2006 and 18th December 2006.

4. Actions arising

Action Ref.	Subject	Status	Responsibility
01/0206	Consider short-term interest earning charity bond	Application to be completed upon receipt of new Charity Number. Ongoing.	LS
06/0206	100 Club - Cheques returned	Completed. Closed	VB
02/0706	Close the current Nationwide account	Completed. Closed.	CW/LS
01/0906	Register MVA Ltd as a Charity with CC	CC confirmed paperwork received and in order. Ongoing.	LS
06/0906	Gain permission from Wimpey to restore the pond.	Permission given. The work will be carried out in March in accordance with current best practice. Closed.	RH
08/0906	Complete Annual Return & submit to CC	Completed. Closed.	LS
01/1106	TCAM License	Circulated. Free legal advice to be sought including policy approvals by MVA? Ongoing	VB
02/1106	Lease from MPC	Circulate copy of Heads of Terms	CW
03/1106	Indemnity issue re the pond	OK to proceed. Closed.	SF
04/1106	Welcome Packs update	Tim B to be advised	BL

5. Youth Group Report

The Youth Group would like to thank Jim Hakewill for the £100 donation to their funds.

The Youth Group have now booked two rooms in The Centre every Wednesday night, commencing 31 January. These are the Main Hall and one of the meeting rooms. There will be opportunities for Table Tennis, Badminton, and Computer Club amongst others. The group will be looking to purchase Badminton equipment worth £500. There is an opportunity for a full set of Basketball equipment and coaching, however there is nowhere yet to hold the training - the main hall being unsuitable for sport.

There will be a disco held on the evening of 20 January in The Centre.

There will be a register for the Youth Group and it is hoped to collect mobile numbers so that members can be contacted via text message, as this is the best method of letting people know what is going on.

The Youth Group asked why under 18's are not allowed in the bar after 9pm. Graham explained that many adults wish to come into the bar knowing that there will be no children there but also that it is a legal requirement of the Licence. It was felt that this reason could be better publicised.

The Youth Group also raised the issue of parked cars being hazards in the village and missing footpaths. They were advised to take these issues to the Parish Council.

6. Treasurers Report

Noted. See attached.

Lizzie check with Chris about ring-fenced funds for the U5's and the 100 Club administration fee.

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06/0107	Check about ring fenced funds for U5's and 100 Club Administration Fee.		LS

7. TCAM Report

TCAM thanked the many volunteers who have helped out so far in getting The Centre up and running. However, they desperately need more volunteers if The Centre is to be a success. This is regular volunteers but also 'Event Volunteers'.

The Centre would ideally like to hold one event during the week, every week - such as a quiz night, darts or Dad Rock! As well as parties on Fridays and Saturdays.

The Parish Council have agreed a further donation of £51,850 from the Community Fund. This will require matched funding of £9,150 over the next six months. The MVA has already donated £5,000, so a further £4,150 funds are required.

Takings so far have been above forecast, however caution is maintained as the time of year has probably been a contributing factor to the initial success.

The Centre is now open every night from 6 - 11pm (10pm Sundays). The Committee were asked to spread the word and encourage the use of the bar.

8. Events Team Report

The next meeting for the Events Team will be on Wednesday 24 January, 8pm at The Centre.

There will be a quiz night, the last Thursday of every month, first prize being £20 to spend in the bar!

9. Under 5's Group Report

Tickets are selling well for the Children's party on 20 January. There has been £250 donated by Wimpey to the group.

Under 5 group start again for this year on Thursday 25 January at The Centre but have a committee meeting prior to that on Thursday 11th.

10. Items for the Newsletter

Richard Hoy offered to write an article about the village pond and he is starting a column about local restaurants and pubs. He hopes that this will be supported by an advertisement by each establishment featured.

11. Any Other Business

The issue of the village Website was raised again, pointing out that we need to make more use of it. It was felt that we should employ Duncan to look after the Website on a professional basis, if possible, as all his work so far has been voluntary. Costs could then be split between MPC, MVA and TCAM as appropriate.

12. Date and Time for next meeting

The next MVAC meeting will take place on Thursday 15th February, 8pm at The Centre. Future meetings will be held on the third Thursday of each month.