

Minutes from the MVA meeting held on Thursday 15th April 2010 at The Centre at Mawsley.

Present: Marie-Rose Dolan-Holland, Martin Bentley, Gil Van de Wall, Tony Bagshaw, Bob Littler, Graham Leah, Stephen Farthing, Chris Winter, Sarah Hart

Apologies: Duncan Webster

Youth Group report

Allan was not present at the meeting. There were 45 children at the meeting before Easter.

Treasurer's report

£20,994.14 in the bank account at the present time. Marie-Rose went through the accounts and highlighted certain areas.

A discussion took place about items we could spend the money on. Graham suggested improving facilities at The Centre by looking at the possibility of adding a conservatory. **Martin** to go to the Coffee Club to offer the use of The Centre for their meetings and to offer BOGOF offer on coffees to maximise the use of the new coffee machine. **Graham** to order 4 more picnic benches for the rear of the patio the same ones as we already have there. It was agreed to target groups within the village and ask if they needed anything to help them continue/start up. A £200 grant is to be given to the gardening club to do the flowers and buy tubs for the patio area at the rear of The Centre - **Martin to advise club of this.**

TCAM report

Michael Thomas has met with Bob and Jane to discuss offering food at The Centre. Michael said there was no money in offering beans on toast for children. Mawsley is an affluent place and people expect a reasonable standard. The kitchen will always be fairly basic. If food is going to be produced there will initially be wastage. People are going to expect good quality food which costs extra but can be frozen to cut down on wastage - this will allow The Centre to charge a reasonable amount for food. Relatively low risk and low cost. Jane has had the environmental health inspector in and it would not cost that much to achieve a 4 star rating for food which could be displayed on the door. The Parish Council have agreed in principle to fund the work needed. **Graham** has a contact at Howdens who will supply the kitchen at no cost (but probably not fit it FOC) - he will chase this up.

The Centre needs a new coffee machine. Discussion took place about the old machine - it is broken and will cost £600 to repair. (*Subsequent to meeting established that cost will be much less – c. £60*). The Directors have looked into the best type of machine and come to the conclusion that the Bean to Cup machine will work well at The Centre. They had a demonstration of one today which will cost £3400. Work needs to be done deciding if it will pay for itself and therefore if this is a viable option - if we do 20 coffees a day the machine will pay for itself.

Parish Council have been looking at storage. Mezzanine floor being looked at for the cupboard - Vic Cope putting a proposal to the Parish Council asking them to pay for it. Vic Cope, Allan Macdonald and Bob Holland have been to a company based in Southend to see what can be done with reference to lighting for the main hall which

will also help the MAD group.

The Centre now has an Annual Maintenance contract for tills and they now work properly enabling the stock take to be done. Maureen the stock taker comes in quarterly to do a check. At the last check 97% of stock bought in is sold. The GP is up on the bar.

The car park at The Centre needs sorting - **Tony** to look at this.

Events Team

Fun Day - Amanda has met with Jane. Meetings are now once a fortnight.

Under 5's

The Bumps and Buggies group wished the MVA to know how grateful they were for their offer of help with the room hire costs.

Both groups are well supported and **Sarah** to do an advert in the next newsletter with details of both groups, meeting times etc.

Play area and fence

Tony has booked a slot at the Parish Council meeting on Monday 10th May to explain the situation and try to secure funding for these projects. **Tony** and **Sarah** to prepare information to present.

Play area for older children

This needs sorting and will cost approx £35,000 for 6 pieces of equipment. Time needs to be found to fill in grant forms. **Bob** will restart project. The Parish Council invited a lady in to speak - Bob can get a list from her detailing where we can get grant info from.

Newsletter and website

Tony to do article on the work of the MVA for the newsletter.

Sarah to do an article about constant contact asking people for their e-mail addresses.

Policies

Allan to sort one for child protection.

AOB

Gil asked if chips could be served at quiz nights - **Bob** to pass info to Jane.

Next meeting will be **Thursday 20th May at 8pm at The Centre.**