

Mawsley Villagers Association

Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting, 8.00 pm 26th September 2006 at 12 Loddington Way, Mawsley

Present: Roland Bell (Representing U5 Group), Cheryl Buckle, Stephen Farthing, Bob Littler (Chair), Graham Leah, Aidan Piper, Lizzie Souter, Chris Winter

1. Apologies

John Holton, Allan MacDonald, Victoria Bell, Ali Williams and Jim Playle.

2. Minutes of last meeting

These were approved as a true representation of the meeting.

3. Actions arising

Action Ref.	Subject	Status	Responsibility
04/0705	Terms of Reference for each Sub-Group	MYG Constitution was approved subject to the removal of reference to a bank account. LS to amend and send back to AP.	LS/AP
03/1005	Fill in forms to incorporate the Charity and set up CIC.	See agenda item below.	LS/CW
03/0106	List of requirements requiring grants & donations	Ongoing - meeting later in the month (Tuesday). Ongoing.	Events Team
01/0206	Consider short-term interest earning charity bond	MHBS pay 3.3% Application to be completed upon receipt of new Charity Number.	CW/LS
06/0206	Renew 100 Club subs.	VB to return cheques. 100 club on hold until Opening of Centre.	VB
08/0206	Review insurance prior to moving into The Centre	Postponed until date for Centre known.	CW
02/0306	Investigate the possibilities of a buggy park for The Centre.	Ongoing.	PF / TCAM
03/0306	MVA Annual Newsletter & Membership form for AGM mailing.	Completed.	SF/LS/MVAC

04/0606	Prepare wording for proposal to incorporate the Charity.	Completed.	VB
05/0606	Visit Co-op travel in Market Harborough to collect raffle prize	Completed.	LS
07/0606	Find alternative providers of Preschool for the village	Daisy Day Care expressed interest. Agreed to spend £230 on advert for ET for alternative suppliers.	AW
01/0706	Open a short-term interest bond	See 01/0206. Closed.	CW/LS
02/0706	Close the current Nationwide account	Refer to 01/0206	CW
03/0706	Organise delivery of SGM papers	Completed.	BL
04/0706	Advise Tracey Carter re advertising plans	Completed.	AW

4. Youth Group Report

The Youth Group has received confirmation from Mawsley WI that funding is now in place for a new Table Tennis Table.

Saturday Football has a new organiser - Phil Shaw and the support of several other parents. The Committee agreed the expenditure of £182.50 for kit required by the group (to include bibs and balls etc.). 5 - 12 year olds largely attend this group.

Girl Guides group has been established and currently has c. 25 attending. The Scouts group is also up and running and there are plans for Beavers and Cubs groups to start after Christmas.

Next event should be a Ghost walk, which proved very popular and very scary last year!

The Youth Group is looking forward to the opening of The Centre so that more activities can take place.

5. Treasurers Report

Noted. See attached.

6. Incorporation of the MVA

The required resolutions were approved at the SGM held in August. The new MVA Ltd Company has been registered with Companies House (No. 05895508).

Documents now need to be sent to the Charities Commission in order to register this company as a Charity. LS has filled in the relevant forms and is just waiting for signatures from John Holton and then Bob Littler, once complete.

Action Ref.	Subject	Status	Responsibility
01/0906	Register MVA Ltd as a Charity with CC		LS

7. Community Centre Steering Group Report

The MVAC has already agreed a financial commitment to The Centre in order to get it up and running - this was made along side a commitment from the Parish Council committing funds from the Community Fund. This commitment consists of a £13,000 donation from the MVAC which is a matched funding contribution agreed unanimously by the committee at our June meeting. The matched element from the Community Fund is £67,000, however this element will be delayed until the opening of the Centre and this means that TCAM Ltd will need an initial cash injection so that it can organise the resources required to open. TCAM requested an initial transfer of funds - £5,000 for this purpose; this is £5,000 out of the £13,000 already agreed. The committee agreed this transfer unanimously. The Treasurer will organise the donation.

Action Ref.	Subject	Status	Responsibility
02/0906	Raise cheque and transfer £5k to TCAM		CW

Work is still going on in the background to enable The Centre to open as soon after the legal process is complete. However, very little can actually happen until the transfer is done. We are advised that the legal process is very near completion!

8. Events Team Report

It is likely that Bonfire night will now take place on the Laing open space (where it was held last year). The fireworks have been purchased and we now have sufficient volunteers to run the event. Bob will speak to Penny about using her licence for the Bar.

Action Ref.	Subject	Status	Responsibility
03/0906	Speak to Penny about the bar for Bonfire night.		BL

Village deliveries - Steve Buckle has handed over the responsibility for the Village Connect to Amanda Cameron. Wimpey have requested the delivery of some literature, which they will make a financial contribution to the village for.

The Harvest Ball has been booked for next year, Recipe books are going steadily and the Mega Raffle is on hold.

Action Ref.	Subject	Status	Responsibility
04/0906	Inform 100 Club members of postponement of draws.		VB / Events Team

The Events Team are seriously down on numbers, however very little can be organised until The Centre opens, so it is thought that more volunteers will come forward when that happens.

9. Under 5's Group Report

Unfortunately no parents have come forward to take over the running of the U5 group, so this will be on hold until The Centre opens at least. Other children's groups continue to operate in the village including a new Christian group.

The Christmas party will still take place if there is sufficient interest. Although initial plans were to hold this in the Centre the committee thought that it would be advisable to plan the event at Desborough Farm, where it proved extremely popular and successful last year.

10. Items for the Newsletter

Richard Hoy offered to write an article about the village pond.

11. Village Pond

Richard has sought professional advice as to how to reinvigorate the village pond. This has included contacting numerous organisations including government agencies and charities specialising in nature and ponds specifically! The outcome of this correspondence is that the pond can be easily 'fixed'. However, as well as making the pond an extremely pleasant and appealing feature of the village a risk, not currently existing, would be reinstated. Prior to any work being carried out on the pond it is necessary to establish any liability caused by reinstating the pond. Stephen Farthing offered to speak to the local council and other developers, who have similar issues.

Action Ref.	Subject	Status	Responsibility
05/0906	Understand what liabilities would exist and where they would sit should the pond be restored.		SF

The second consideration is that the land currently belongs to Wimpey and their permission would be required prior to any work being carried out. Richard offered to follow this up.

Action Ref.	Subject	Status	Responsibility
06/0906	Gain permission from Wimpey to restore the pond.		RH

12. Sponsorship for Dr Oliver

We have received a request from Dr Oliver to sponsor him in The Great North Run. He is raising funds for The British Heart Foundation (who donated £1,000 in order to buy a defibrillator for the village). The Committee agreed that we would donate £50.

Action Ref.	Subject	Status	Responsibility
07/0906	Arrange cheque for Dr. Oliver		LS

13. Annual Return for MVA Charity

The Charity has received the forms to complete from the Charity Commission. These must be completed and submitted along with the Annual Report and Accounts.

Action Ref.	Subject	Status	Responsibility
08/0906	Complete Annual Return & submit to CC		LS

14. Updating the Website

Discussion ensued about who should be responsible for keeping the village website updated with current news and issues. It was agreed that it would be up to each interest group to submit their relevant information as this is too large a task to be the responsibility of one person alone. Lizzie Souter will add Duncan to the circulation list for MVAC Agendas and Minutes so that these can then be published.

Action Ref.	Subject	Status	Responsibility
09/0906	Village Interest Groups to Notify the Webmaster of news and issues, including MVAC Minutes.		LS

15. Membership List

Lizzie raised concerns that the MVA membership list was not being kept up to date and thought it may be advantageous to have an individual who could take responsibility for this. Graham suggested that this could be done by staff at The Centre, once it opens.

16. Any Other Business

There were general enquiries if anyone knew of any developments regarding the pub and employment units. It appears that no one is aware of any further developments regarding the pub and that there are new plans due to be submitted shortly for the employment units, slightly amended from the first ones. It was also noted that work has finally commenced on the playing fields, which have now been levelled.

17. Date and Time for next meeting

The next MVAC meeting will take place on Tuesday 31st October; venue TBA.