

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

Middleton and Aislaby Village Hall

November 2023

Date: 13th November 2023 at 6.45pm

Venue: Middleton and Aislaby Village Hall

This report is to be presented to the Trustees of Middleton and Aislaby Village Hall (Charity No 509800) Annual General Meeting held on the 13th November 2023.

Lifetime Honorary President: John Harrison

Trustees: Pamela Russell, Helen Trebilco, Simon Wrench, Philip Davies, Richard Chambers, Stuart Plant

MAVH Committee Members: Pamela Russell, Helen Trebilco, Denise Wood, Jane Buxton, David Swain, Oliver Strickson, Simon Wrench, Richard Chambers, Howard Ella and Stuart Plant

REPORT

Governance: Recent updates to The Charity Commission on line services make it possible for us to submit our annual return, report changes to our details, amend our governing document, change our financial year and change our name or working name. MAVH entries to relevant sections are current and comply with all legal requirements.

National and Local Support: ACRE (Action with Communities in Rural Areas) are England's largest rural grouping of community support charities. They are also one of thirteen major organisation which make up the Rural Coalition who subscribe to a vision for a living and working countryside in England. The Rural Coalition believes that no-one should be unfairly disadvantaged simply because of geography and that every rural resident should have fair access to jobs, to housing and to basic services, whilst every rural business should have the opportunity to grow and prosper. This includes being able to share in the opportunities that arise from the transition to net zero.

ACRE provide publications, advice and resources that inform the framing of our own governance procedures, policies and contractual considerations with user groups who hire our facilities.

We continue to be a paid member of the Community Yorkshire First, a rural community council for North, South and West Yorkshire who provide advocacy for rural communities and parish councils. They also provide practical support to voluntary and community organisations, and social enterprises in North Yorkshire (except in York) through their networks, projects, training and services, including information about funding opportunities.

Strategic Plan 2023-2028

At a previous Trustee Meeting it was agreed that the Final Strategic Report 2023-2028 be presented at the November AGM for approval. The report in graphic form was included in a centre spread of the July 2023 issue of 'What's Happening'.

The five objectives within the strategic document were:

- To maintain and improve the income stream and seek out relevant grant funding where appropriate and ensure that the hall's finances are managed effectively and used for the purposes agreed
- To work towards achieving the most sustainable energy efficient village hall and aim to reduce the carbon footprint by exploring all options promoting events that will support this objective
- To encourage and facilitate the growth of activities and events which meet the needs and aspirations of the residents; to promote cultural events and individual learning for people of all ages within the villages
- To make the Village Hall, including the Village Green and Town End Pond, accessible to all through a wide range of activities for the benefit of all users and develop an eco wildlife area as a focal point for the village
- To plan for future governance of all the current and any future assets

Recommendation: That the five strategic objectives be adopted to underpin and support the Middleton and Aislaby Village Hall Committee to achieve its objectives described in the mission statement:

MISSION STATEMENT

The Trustees and Committee members of the MAVHC aim to provide a first class, safe, accessible, well-maintained and well-presented village hall and green, to be used for social, recreational, educational and leisure activities with facilities which will be of benefit to and meet the needs and desires of Middleton and Aislaby residents.

The Trustees and Committee members of the MAVHC will endeavour to meet the hall's running costs from the income derived from activities, including private or commercial events, provided this is in keeping with the interests of the local

community. The Trustees and Committee Members of the MAVHC will seek funds from donations, fund raising and grants to cover the cost of major capital projects to ensure the village asset is maintained and well presented.

MANAGEMENT

The Village Hall – There remains a need for constant vigilance regarding the external and internal fabric of both buildings. However, it is pleasing to report that currently the village hall is in good condition both internally and externally. Over the next twelve months we will monitor the brickwork on the allotment side of the building between the kitchen and the rear door with a view to considering re-pointing work.

In 2022 the Main Hall was redecorated and the wooden floor was completely refurbished. The work has been very positively received and appreciated by residents and user groups. It has been agreed that a programme of work be introduced to ensure that the appearance of the hall maintains its high standards.

Hall Usage – Both halls continue to be booked on a regular basis by charity groups, keep fit classes, yoga groups, children's groups, the MAW Women's Institute, church groups, Childrens Birthday Party's, training and education classes supplemented by private 'one-off' events from religious groups to HGV Driver Training Courses.

The Village Green, Middleton 2023 - Transfer of Ownership

On the 23rd June 2023 the completion of the transfer of the ownership of the Village Green, Middleton passed from Middleton, Aislaby and Wrelton Parish Council (Land Registry Reference - NYK376592) to Middleton and Aislaby Village Hall with a valuation of £2,000.

Title number: NYK376592

A. Property Register: 15.03.2010 – The freehold land shown edged in red on the plan (Appendix 1) of the above title filed at the Registry and being Middleton Village Green, Middleton

B. Proprietorship Register (specifying the class and title identifies the owner. It contains any entries that affect the right of disposal) Title absolute:

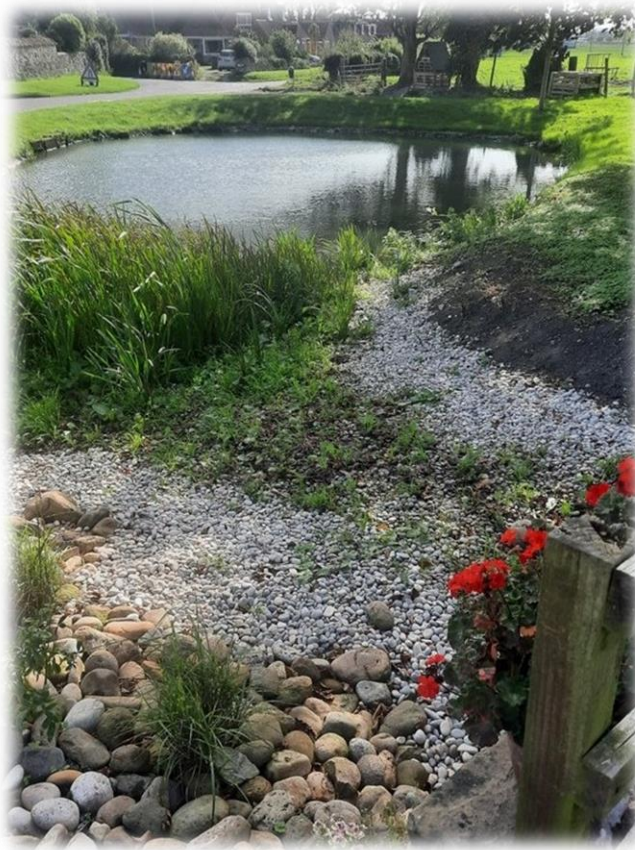
1. (09.12.2022) PROPRIETOR; MIDDLETON AND AISLABY VILLAGE HALL of The Flat, Middleton House, Middleton, Pickering YO18 8PA

2. (09.12.2022) The value stated as at 9 December 2022 was £2,000

3. (28.06.2023) The proprietor's address for service has been changed.

C. Charges Register (15.03.2010) This register contains any charges and other matters that affect the land. The land is subject to such restrictive covenants as may have been imposed thereon before March 15 2010 and are still subsisting and capable of being enforced. **Refer to Appendix A**

The Village Green and Town End Pond Project



Between the 28th January 2023 and today significant work has been undertaken through the MAVH Pond Sub-Committee and a number of volunteers that has completely altered the appearance of the site now referred to as The Village Green and Town End Pond.

Whilst this work was being undertaken a dialogue with North Yorkshire Council was imperative if a long-term solution to mitigate the problem of toxic water, debris and silt being directed in to the pond was to be agreed. The indications in January 2023 were that a lack of Council resources would prevent any meaningful action being taken. Strategically it was important that we continued to impress the Council that the underlying problem would only be resolved with their intervention.

On the 11th October MAVH received a plan and correspondence outlining a proposed engineering solution which would involve installing a new catch pit between the pond and the A170 to catch the debris and silt that otherwise goes direct into the pond. It will also involve installing a new 150mm diameter pipe, new catch pit into a new concrete soakaway along Carr Lane.

The work is scheduled to begin on site on the 6th November 2023 and will last for three weeks. **Refer to Appendix B**

BT Telephone Kiosk/ Defibrillator at the Village Hall

An opportunity to provide the village with a second defibrillator presented itself when BT informed the MAVH Parish Council that they were intending to remove the kiosk. The kiosk was available to purchase for £1.00 and our ownership of the land meant that our application to purchase it could not be denied. The Department of Health and Social Care in partnership with 'London Hearts' were offering matched funding grants. BT would cover the electricity supply to the kiosk. London Hearts is the leading heart defibrillator charity in the UK, aiming to help and support communities with the provision of life saving heart defibrillators and to teach CPR/Defibrillator skills. MAVH successfully applied for a match funding grant of £750 and on the 24th October 2023, were notified that the Defibrillator and External Heated Cabinet with a keypad lock were dispatched.

The defibrillator will need to be registered with THE CIRCUIT, the national defibrillator network that links to every ambulance service in the UK.

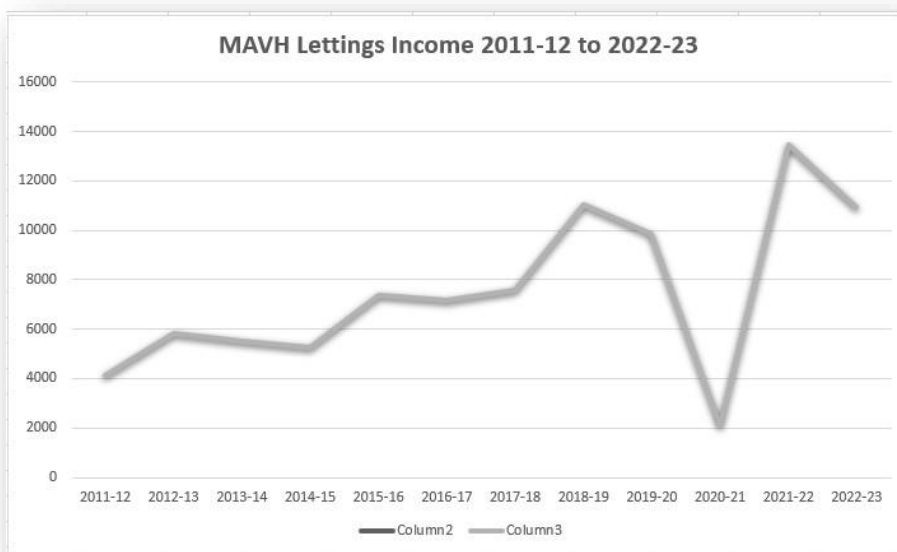
Asset Register

An asset register is being developed that will enable MAVH to track the service history, value, location and condition of our equipment to keep you in control of costs and minimise risk of their loss or failure. It will enable us to make important decisions around maintenance and compliance.

The asset register will be maintained as a spreadsheet.

Financial Report

A full financial report will be presented by the Treasurer. The table below indicates the level of income achieved from lettings over the past 10-11 years, with the dramatic effects of COVID illustrated in 2020-21



Communications

'WHAT'S HAPPENING' – Monthly Newsletter and Web Site. The monthly newspaper continues to be received by every household in both Middleton and Aislaby – a print run of 210.

The e-version is sent as a blind copy pdf file to 199 e mail addresses.

The December 2023 newsletter will be the 108th consecutive issue (9 years)

There is a Middleton and Aislaby Village Facebook page

Our website www.middletonandaislabyvillagehall.weebly.com continues to develop offering booking information, details on current and forthcoming events, project development and progress, a platform for user groups to promote their activities and services as well as detailed advice on governance, health and

safety and procedural matters. The inbuilt but limited statistical data shows that between Sept 26th and October 25th we had 138 unique visits, 411 page views with an average 2.58 pages been accessed per visit.

A previous upgrade to the service provider 'Weebly' was not renewed.

A web site with an unlimited bandwidth and storage capacity, a customised domain name, a video and audio capacity and a shopping basket, amongst many other features would cost \$12 per month, an annual cost of \$144 (£118.50p).

Projects delivered in 2022-23 (to 13th November 2023)

- Afternoon Tea – Platinum Jubilee Event
- Coronation of King Charles III Tea Party
- 13th Annual Village Show
- 'Bygone Reflections' publication and associated events
- Christmas Light 'Switch On' Event
- Village Meal Programme
- Village Christmas Quiz
- 14th Annual Village Show
- Village Green and Town End Pond Renovation
- Refurbishment of Main Hall including floor

Objectives for 2023-2024

In partnership with Parish Council to finalise the outcomes relating to the land, pond and village green has been completed.

To maintain incremental growth in the number of bookings attracting locally based organisations and individuals remains an annual objective

To build on previous events and promote the village hall and its resources and benefits of Middleton and Aislaby and the wider community is an annual objective

Present a programme of events for delivery in 2024/2025 that would include:

- Village Meals 2023 -2024 will re-commence in December with the Christmas meal on the 13th December and thereafter in January, February and March 2024. The concept of a contribution rather than a donation will remain in place as we continually review the costs of delivery to our residents.
- Christmas Lights 2023 will take on a slightly different and expanded dimension because of the opportunities offered through the acquisition of The Village Green and Town End Pond. Keeping the lighting and associated electrical installation costs under review will affect plans on an annual basis.

- Annual Village Show 2024 – plans for the 2024 Annual Show are being reviewed with the possibility of some significant changes to the content and order of the day.
- Christmas Quiz 2024 will be scheduled in as soon as possible.
- Coffee Mornings 2024 – a review of the monthly Coffee Morning will be completed in time for the first 2024 event scheduled for the 13th January.

Chairman’s Comment:

The Chair would like to thank all Trustees and members of the Committee for their continued support and contributions through what has been an extremely challenging period. Thank you also to the organisations and individuals who use our village hall to provide activities and services to the local and wider community.

The contribution made by Paul Marks to the successful completion of the Village Green and Town End Pond should be acknowledged.

The future success of the Village Hall is a constant challenge as the Committee identify opportunities to promote activities related to the physical, mental health and general well-being of our residents.

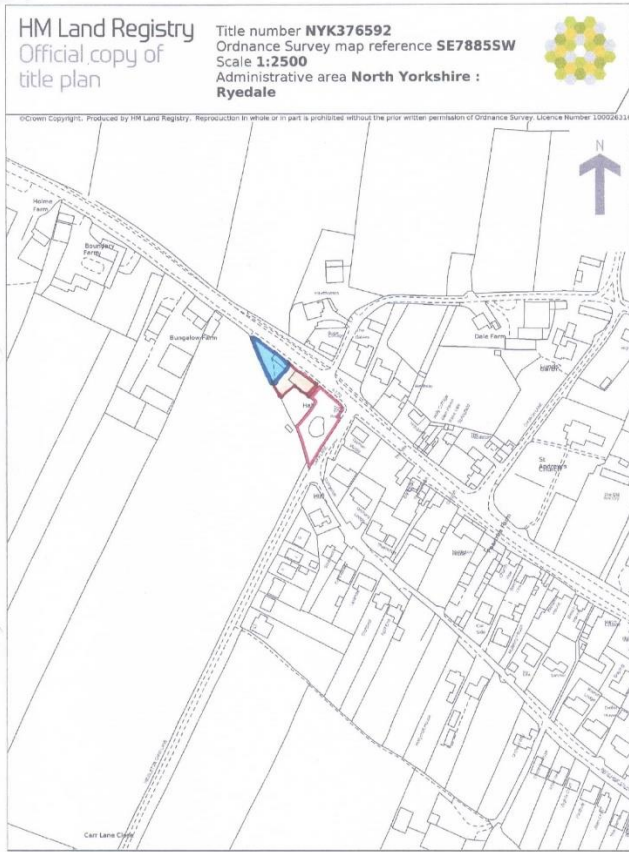
We have to embrace change and create experiences that are relevant to current and new residents of Middleton and Aislaby where everyone can play a full part in their community and are well served by our vibrant village hall. We also need to be sure that people receive the care they need, whatever their circumstances.

Stuart Plant – Chair MAVH Committee November 2023

Signed.....MAVH Trustee

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Appendix A



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