



# MARSH GIBBON

— CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL —

## Marsh Gibbon CE Primary School PTA Minutes of the Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> Jan 2018

### In attendance:

Hannah Lyon  
Liz Bruce-Kelly  
Katy Kelly  
Nicola Lawrence

Kelly Cheek  
Verity Davis  
Gareth Owens  
Claire Scott

Andrea Healy  
Karen Barber  
Rebecca Fitzpatrick  
Andy Scott

### Apologies:

Katie Blazdell  
Judy Toes  
Sheila Kronfeld

Phil Blazdell  
Louise Mew

Sarah Reveler

### Matters arising from previous minutes

1. Science After School Club. Jayne Sinclair (JS) confirmed she had passed contact info to Becky Fitzpatrick (BF) for follow up. BF said she was still waiting to hear back from chap and will contact him again.
2. Merry Go Round. JS said sales had stopped since pick up/ drop off arrangements had changed. Verity Davis (VAD) and JS had discussed a possible solution – having regular time with clothes out on display so that parents can browse. Just sorting out which day. Weds AM possible day. After day/s are decided, JS will put info in the newsletter.
3. Future costings. Phil Blazdell (PB) not present so unable to present his 12 month outline of spending commitments. Discussion among room about whether it might be more appropriate for Sarah Reveller (SR) to do this as treasurer.

### Chairperson report

Presented by Liz Bruce-Kelly (LBK) as vice chair in Phil Blazdell's absence. LBK expressed sadness that VAD is leaving the school and wished her good luck with her next endeavours. LBK also thanks to the other teachers for doing so much to make Marsh Gibbon CE such a welcoming and productive school. LBK also raised the possibility of the PTA funding the coaches for the PGL trip for the Eagles year. Last year the PTA paid half. The full cost this year is £1150. Discussion re: the cost of the trip, duration of the trip and how parents would benefit. LBK proposed a vote for the PTA to fund the entire cost at 1150. Motion passed unanimously.

### Headteacher report

Presented by VAD in Julie Hickey's absence. VAD focussed on the newly purchased IT equipment, funded by the PTA. VAD said how much use the new kit has already had and how much enjoyment the children were getting from the laptops and iPads.

### Treasurer report

Presented by LBK in Sarah Reveler's absence.

Current balance: £15430.67 (but £7k for school IT kit still to be deducted). JS made point that some funding has been earmarked for specific activities (art show and library funding) so we need to make sure these amounts raised are only spent on those activities.

### Laptops/tablets

Gareth Owens (GO) gave an update on the new IT kit funded by the PTA including how the new kit is helping the children fulfil the national curriculum (specifically digital literacy, coding, digital citizenship). GO said the new kit has had a very positive impact on the school.

### DataLoggers

BF presented case for purchasing dataloggers, including a hand out and video. Discussion followed about how this new kit might be used and what benefit it would bring to classrooms. BF confirmed that the Ewelme Trust has agreed to fund a certain number of dataloggers, and she asked the PTA to fund additional dataloggers to make sure the school had enough kit to make an impact. Discussion followed about whether funding a c£500 bundle or c£1000 bundle is best. Consensus reached among the room that in principle the PTA would agree to fund dataloggers but unsure yet as to whether the c£500 or c£1000 bundle is the smartest purchase. Decision reached to wait until the dataloggers purchased by the Ewelme Trust are in use, then reassess with input from BF about how the new kit is being used, and how a PTA funded purchase could complement. Agreement to review data loggers in circa 6 months.

### Future events

#### **1. School Disco**

Discussion about feasibility of running school disco during winter term, given numbers and possible inability to go outside if weather is bad. Cost of preferred school disco supplier is £140. Also need volunteers to run tuck shop, and a nominated paediatric first aider. Discussion about possible dates. Consensus among room to run a school disco on May 10<sup>th</sup>. No organiser yet identified. Volunteers needed.

#### **2. Film night**

After discussion, Claire Scott (CS) volunteered to run the next film night on March 16<sup>th</sup> (3.15-5.15pm). But Claire will need at least 8 volunteers and child first aider to assist, particularly as there will be two films running. £5 each child, or £8 for 2, or 3 for £10.

#### **3. Easter egg tombola – cup tombola**

Agreed to hold this again. No-one assigned.

#### **4. Pig Roast - 6<sup>th</sup> July**

Karen Barber gave update including: pig booked, DJ booked, inflatables booked, plan underway to cater for vegetarians. Only odds and ends left to do.

### AOB

#### **1. Footy after school club**

Nicola Lawrence (NL) brought up issue of availability of places in football afterschool club after one Butterfly pupil was unable to get place. Though the child in question has now got a place. VAD said she didn't think there was an issue as (at time of meeting) there was 1 boy on the waiting list for KS1 football club and 4 places on KS2 club.

#### **2. Sponsored read**

GO mentioned that the School Council will soon launch its 'Read for Good' sponsored read to go towards books at children's hospital. With 20% going towards school books.

#### **3. Dogs during pick up**

LBK raised point from concerned Marsh Gibbon resident about a dog being tethered to bench, some distance from school. Resident was worried that the (very friendly) dog might be at risk of being stolen. Discussion of school policy about not allowing dogs to be tethered directly outside school. Consensus among room to take no action as with plenty of people around, the risk of dog-napping deemed minimal.

#### **4. Christmas cards**

NL mentioned possibility of doing school charity Christmas cards. Broad support in room but many had past experience of issues with printers. Agreed to raise at later date, closer to Christmas.

#### **5. Library**

KB opened discussion about future plans for a library at Marsh Gibbon School, given the very generous offer of Derek Mills that donations made at Trudi Prewett's funeral should go towards the PTA, and more specifically, towards the establishment of a library in her memory. KB said that during conversations with Derek, he has confirmed that setting up a library would be a wonderful tribute to his partner who had so much involvement in the school. Broad and overwhelming support among room for this to happen. Discussion followed about work that has already been done into shelves and kit needed for the library. Consensus among the room that the library should be completed as soon as possible.

#### **6. Dance competition costumes**

Katy Kelly gave information about upcoming dance competitions and asked for contribution of £120 towards costumes. LBK proposed vote to spend £120 on costumes. Passed unanimously.

Meeting closed: 9.40pm.

THE NEXT PTA MEETING IS on **March 21st, 2018**

7.45 FOR 8.00PM AT THE SCHOOL

EVERYONE IS INVITED SO PLEASE COME ALONG!