

PA AGM 2024 Minutes
Monday 30th September 2024

Present: H Crispin, J Cole, AB, SG, KP, NJ, TW, NN, JM, LM and C Darnton

Apologies; P Townsend (chair)

Chair Report – Provided by H Crispin in Chair’s absence

It has been so much fun this year. We have found our feet as a new committee and welcomed new parents.

Due to various circumstances, we saw our highly anticipated Quiz rescheduled to November, which unfortunately impacted our fundraising potential for 2023/24. However, its now something we can look forward to and it will kick start our fundraising for 2024/25.

The Summer BBQ proved a huge success, and we saw a record number of attendees. The event was open to all years as usual and was once again a glorious, relaxed summer evening where parents congregated with a drink from and a Burger or Hot Dog from our local Machins Butchers.

The investment the PA made this year in building our PA website has had a positive impact on how we communicate with the school community; how we advertise events and important dates, and how we process easier payment/ordering of tickets. The online booking function allows us to manage our costs more efficiently as we have greater accuracy and visibility of numbers.

The second-hand uniform sales continue to be popular. Thank you to everyone who has generously donated this year. Given the sales popularity, we will be increasing the number of sales from 4 to 6 this year.

Our ongoing thanks go to our wonderful parent volunteers who give their time to staff the bars, organize the uniform sales and support the event management.

Treasurer Update – J Cole

The PTA year runs 1 Aug 23 to 31 July 24. Our Bank balance at 31 July24 was 14.5k. Below is our financial summary: Bank balance at 31 July24: 14.5k
Projected 20k (with +5.5k cycle ride fund matching)

Event	Value Raised
Opening Balance	
Uniform Sales	1.6k
Refreshments at School Events	0.5k
Summer BBQ	2.6k
Donations	0.4k
Cycle to Paris	5.6k
Investment in website	-0.6k
2023/24 Fundraising Total	10.1k

Donations to School	
Green Flag Status/ Flag Pole	0.3k
Closing Balance at 31 st July 2024	14.5k

There is a further 5.5k from the cycle ride in the form of fund matching to come.

With the successful fundraising of 2023/24 and the generous donation we received from the Cycle to Paris team, we are in a position to donate the following to the school this month;

- 4 x Table Tennis Tables for a new indoor Table Tennis club (£625 each/ Total £2.5k)
- New Long Jump (Quotes being reviewed – Approx 12k)

We will also purchase additional Benches for around the school as requested by the school council.

All projects and spending are discussed and agreed with the school.

Election of Officers

Each year, the committee steps down. The positions are open to anyone who has an interest in getting involved and helping to raise additional funds which go on to enrich our children's school environment.

For the PA to remain viable as a charity we require a Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. For 2024/25 these positions will be filled as follows:

Chair	Hannah Crispin
Treasurer	Jo Cole
Deputy Treasurer	Kimon Paraschos
Secretary	Sarah Gilbert

We would love to hear from you if you would like to be involved as Deputy Chair/Co Chair. This is a really great way to see what the role entails without the pressure of doing it on your own.

Everyone is welcome to join the committee meetings where we get together to discuss/ organize upcoming events. Do come along and meet the team. Meetings are a mix of online and face to face.

Closing Comments

Catharine Darnton expressed the school's gratitude, and explained how the new Long Jump benefits the school and the students. As one, of the most inclusive sports on the Athletics timetable, it will widen participation and access to Athletics as its used by every student in the school. Its engaging nature will provide opportunities for students to enjoy a positive experience with sport.

The school hope to refurbish the existing Long Jump to provide 2 tracks. This will support the schools desire to then host local athletic events and allow the Gillotts Athletics team to practice ahead of the South Oxfordshire District competitions.

With the outdoor Table Tennis tables in constant use, the school would like to increase the access to these with the additional 4 Table Tennis Tables. These will be indoor to provide Students the ability to play all year round whatever the weather.

Catharine Darnton will now liaise with teachers and the school council to confirm projects for 2024/25.

Key Dates for 2024/25

Quiz Night	16 th November 2024 (TICKETS ON SALE NOW!)
Summer BBQ	27 th June 2025
Uniform Sales	18 th October 2024, 13 th December 2024 and 7 th February 2025