

Minutes of the Cheswick Green Residents Association Meeting

Wednesday 4th February in the Village Hall

Present - George Ian, Barbara, Brian, Ken, Lisa, Mike, Pat, Dot, Margaret and Gary

Apologies - Margaret W

LITTER ON CAR PARK

Litter has accumulated on the edges of the car park behind the shops and beside the village hall. After discussion of who was responsible for the removal it was agreed that on this occasion the residents would clear the area and ask that this area was added to the Parish Council contract of litter picking with the playing field. Gary can arrange for tabards, litter picking sticks and for Enterprise to clear the collected rubbish at the end of the day.

It was agreed to do this on Saturday 10th March. George will prepare posters asking for volunteers to help. Ian will place the bollards to keep cars from parking too near to the hedge. Key arrears to be cleaned - the car park, walkway between Spinney Drive and Fox lands also areas along Cheswick Way. George will contact Solihull Council re finishing off the work on the planted areas outside the shops.

POT HOLES ON ACCESS ROAD ALONGSIDE DOCTORS

The Parish Council are still trying to move things along, meanwhile beware of deep ruts in the roadway.

MOTORWAY SERVICE STATION

This has finally been refused to our relief.

VILLAGE HALL

Six large tables have been ordered at a cost of £610 and will be delivered Friday 6th February. PAT testing has been arranged. It was considered unlikely that the Parish Council would be requesting funds from the Village Hall Account, realising that we have to have a contingency fund to be viable. The problems had occurred with another hall but we had passed the audit inspection.

MAGAZINE

The next issue will be 4 pages, suggestions for content included:-

1. Ideas for a future coach trip i.e. Whisley Gardens, Weston super Mare, London, or York which would be arranged for June.
2. The litter issue
3. An article on the aims and objectives of the Residents Group to be written by George
4. Party in the park 4th July 2009. A young band called Soul to Soul to be booked and Gary will investigate a further band who would appeal to all age ranges.
5. We were advised of the death of Godfrey Nall a local resident who has been a great supporter of Cheswick Green in various ways. Mike will speak with his brother Desmond to prepare an obituary for the magazine Lisa will arrange for a card and donation on behalf of the Residents group.
6. We wished to have a section called "claim to fame" as there must be local residents who have had interesting lives or brushes with fame which would make interesting reading.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

All magazines and envelopes should have been delivered by now, a total 837, there had been 140 returned by 3rd February and £450 paid into the bank. 67 were at the senior citizen rate of £2.50 and 73 at the full rate of £3.50. It was hoped many more will be returned as this money asks as the basis for all our community activities including articles in the Cheswick News.

BUS CHANGES

There have been teething troubles at first. Brian has contacted the bus company and David Strange of Solihull Council as the integrated plan is not working with the No5 running minutes before the S4 through Monkspath consequently picking up most of the passengers, reducing the revenue of the S4 and maybe its demise. Many buses are running through the village empty during the day. George will speak with local councillor Len Creswell to see if there can be a better integrated system.

FUTURE EVENTS

Litter pick 7/3/09

Coach Trip early June

Party in the Park 4/7/09

Lisa is interested in holding a Junior Prom on 18th July in Village Hall.

POLICE ISSUES

Bogus water board officials targeted a house on Cheswick Way and stole money and wallet.

GAZEBO IN PARK

Still in relatively good condition.

PLANNING

Extension to car park at Mar City next to Harvester on Stratford Road.

AOB

A local resident and former member of the committee has a serious illness and we will send a card and flowers. Margaret and Ian will deliver.

Date of next meeting Wednesday 4th March