

MINUTES OF THE CHESWICK GREEN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION WEDNESDAY 3rd March 2010

Present Brian, Paul, Ken, George, Margaret W, Dot, Margaret D, Barbara & Ian

Guest Chris Nobel

Apologies Lisa, Garry, Pete, Pat and Mike.

Chris Nobel introduced himself as Chairman of Cheswick Green Parish Council.

Chris informed us that the council is expected to appoint a Parish Clerk in very near future who will be present in the parish office two days a week to give residents an opportunity to discuss matters relating to the parish. There will also be contact by telephone, post and the PC website. Chris informed us that priority is being given to getting repairs/resurfacing of the approach road to the village hall and this was warmly welcomed by all. There have been problems with the introduction of a new management agreement for the village hall as there are ongoing legal questions that have to be resolved. A meeting was recently held relating to Public Open Spaces which Dot attended on behalf of the Residents Association. The grass cutting contract has been put out to tender.

On the subject of bus's and the S4 Chris informed us that he had attended a meeting with CENTRO for which he had prepared a report and it seems likely that some of his suggestions would be accepted. CENTRO is currently subsidising the S4 service and Chris stressed the need for residents to use the service if they wish it to continue. It is also important that drivers record all passengers using their bus pass as they can go un-recorded, giving the impression that the service is used less than it actually is.

Chris informed the meeting that the parish council would like to produce a magazine or newsletter for distribution 2-4 times a year and offered space for items of news from the residents association at no cost but in return for assistance in delivery.

Chris also wanted to promote the idea of the tradition of 'Beating The Parish Bounds' which would be a community walk around the boundary of the parish of Cheswick Green. This would take in Watery Lane, Tanworth Lane, Dog Kennel Lane, Blythe Valley, Kinton Lane, Illshaw Heath and passing The Blue Bell and Bulls Head pubs along with St Patricks Church. Chris hoped this would take place on a day with good weather and involve families, and hopefully the school. The walk would be approximately 5 miles and would be well planned and marshalled.

Minutes from previous meeting

The minutes were approved without any issues.

Play Area, Shops & Car Park

It was confirmed that the annual litter pick would take place this Saturday morning however a number of members had commitments and would be unavailable.

This event has been publicised on the notice boards but some posters have been taken down and had to be replaced.

Village Hall

Barbara informed the committee that the boiler had been given its annual service and that work had been done to rectify problems with some radiators that were not working. A request had been made by the Parish Council to get the radiator in the parish office working and it was felt that a 'chemical flush' was required to solve the problem of inadequate heating in some parts of the hall. This was agreed by the committee.

The parish council is undertaking work on the parish office including additional CCTV.

Proposed Village Hall Management Agreement

Legal issues have led to no developments as to the proposed agreement at this time.

Subscriptions

Margaret D produced a handout detailing subscriptions received for 2010, 2009 and 2008. So far 837 envelopes have been delivered of which 272 have been returned. This equates to 32% of which 136 are from seniors and 136 from families.

In total £817.10 has been banked. This compares with previous years 2009 £778.50 and 2008 £793.80. George suggested we should ask Mike to place a reminder in the next magazine. And to thank those who had contributed, and Margaret thanked everyone who delivered the envelopes.

Planning Applications

Nothing of concern

Magazine & Website

Item requested to remind people to pay subs and to thank those who already returned envelopes.

Police Matters

We have been informed the Wendy Shale, our much respected PCSO is leaving Cheswick Green. This news was sadly received as she has got to know the area and those within it. George suggested we invite her replacement to one of her meetings. Ken will try and find out whom her replacement will be.

Coach Trip

Margaret suggested Bristol Docks as a destination for the next coach trip. Ironbridge was considered but thought to be expensive as the cost of admission to the museum was quite high and not a lot to do other than the museum. Bristol Docks was agreed as the destination and Margaret to arrange with Johnson's Coaches. The date would be **Saturday 15th May**, leaving from outside the village hall.

Party In The Park

This years Party in the Park is on **Saturday July 17th** and we need to book a band. The Garage Band were suggested. They would need to start at 8pm and no later. Maybe sessions of 8-9pm and 9.30-11pm / 10-11pm. George is to ask the man that provided the 'Tea Cup Ride' and also John and Rochel for the 'Bouncy Castles'. Need to confirm that the event is OK'd with the parish council and the hall booked. Barbara has to let Simone know that the hall will be in use on the Saturday. Paul is keen to arrange a 'Treasure Hunt' for families with children on the Saturday of Party in The Park. This will take the form of a Gnome Hunt. Paul and Ken suggested names for the Gnomes. Ken has a wicked sense of humour in relation to names.

AOB

George is keen to arrange World Cup evenings with a projector to show matches and maybe provide 'fish & chip's'.

A dog waste bin has been requested on Creynolds Lane near the junction with Watery Lane. Dot reported amounts of dog faeces in the gully's and George is to speak to Mathew Gardner from Solihull about the problem.

Meeting closed at 10.20pm – Next meeting arranged for Wednesday 7th April