

MINUTES OF THE CHESWICK GREEN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Friday 3rd March 2017

Attendees: George, Phil, Greg, Barbara, Ian, Becky, Debbie, Deb, Martin, Mark, Mr Arnold

Apologies: Helen, Lisa, Dot, Bob, Pete

Village Hall Management.

- **Safe & Secure:**
 - Decision made to move the safety checks at the end of the evening.
 - Boiler service; Contact made with City Heating to arrange annual inspection
 - **Financials and Bookings:**
 - Noting to report
 - **Meeting with PC**
 - Representatives agreed to meet with PC, GB to give dates, Discuss in greater detail with CGRA in next meeting.
 - The £47,000 cost for roof repairs considered to be extremely high, breakdown should be requested.
 - **Other Business**
 - Toilets blocked following Boys Brigade meeting, P&R builders attended at a cost of £150, cause established as multiple hand towels flushed down toilet. Booking clerk has advised Brigade that repetition may lead to loss of the hire facility. All paper towels have been removed from toilets.
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Residents Association

- **Minutes from February meeting**
 - Approved, subject to minor amends, for publication.
- **Parish Council:**
 - Debated whether or not it is in the interest of the community for the CGRA to work with the PC; Agreed that it was.
 - To avoid unnecessary duplication and delay it was considered appropriate that the “pre-meeting” with the PC should cover cooperation with both the CGVHMC and the CGRA
 - The meeting should agree an agenda for a future, joint, meeting, thus ensuring that such meeting would have a structure conducive to cooperation and that both parties would have time to review their stance on the agreed agenda items before meeting.
 - The points that the **CGVHMC** would want on an agenda would be
 - Reporting structure
 - Long term plans for the Hall
 - Benefits of PC involvement
 - Breakdown of Roof expenditure



- The points that the **CGRA** would want on an agenda would be
 - Open and honest discussion regarding the actions by and reaction to the Councillor who put forward sites to SMBC without the authority to do so.
 - Reason(s) why the CGRA comments regarding the Blyth Valley development were ignored.
 - Reason(s) why the PC decided to hijack our February meeting despite repeated communication advising against.
 - Full disclosure of minutes
 - Benefits of having a Parish Council
 - The 41% increase in precept
 - Date for the Joint meeting
 - GB to put forward dates to the PC,
 - Noted that Wednesday is least favoured, and that small hall is available on Fridays
 - Our representatives would be Mark, Martin and Gregg
 - It would be inappropriate for Cllr Creswell to attend
 - The **phenomenal** increase in Precept was universally condemned, it has been brought to the attention of SMBC and local ratepayers attention, though, whilst all are shocked by the level, it seems that there is little that can be done to curb the excess.
 - It is felt that residents would nonetheless wish to both register their discontent and point out that once reserves had been recouped the precept must be reduced, GA to draft letter to PC and also for circulation to residents.
- **People**
 - No new news.
- **Pennies**
 - Handover of books complete
 - Subs update; upward of 160 envelopes returned, still more envelopes to be delivered.
- **Planning.**
 - Blythe & Bloor
 - No new actions
 - New Planning
 - PL/2017/00255/DIS7: 1036 Stratford Rd, Garden and car park landscaping; No objection
 - PL2017/00213/MINFHO; 15 Glenwood Drive, single story extension to rear; No objection
 - PL2017/00413/MINFHO; 40 Creynolds Lane, single story extension to rear; No objection
 - PL2017/00385/MINFHO; 36 Boscobel Road, single story extension to side; No objection



- **Party in the Park:**
 - Two bands contacted via Lady Lane Wharf, as yet no reply
 - GB to contact Mixer regarding availability or recommendation

- **Community Events**
 - Christmas Lights; Advent theme suggested by Rev V. Atkinson; Agreed that it should be supported and that Rev Atkinson would be welcomed to our next meeting.
 - Litter picking ... Keep Cheswick Clean, proposed for May 6th
 - Local groups such as Brownies and Boys Brigade to be invited to join in, further discussion at April Meeting.
 - New Houses; Welcome pack proposed
 - MW to draft and present to April Meeting

- **Website & Community Communication:** No concerns or comments

- **Police:** No concerns or comments

- **Pub**
 - Current Landlord leaving in the 19th, Pub apparently to close for six weeks for (long overdue) refurb, possible as a “Sports Bar”
 - During period of closure it could be a community event to organise a “pub night” in the village Hall, possibly involving skittles and the like
 - GB to contact Enterprise to see if support available
 - GB to pencil in a date (9th April) in Hall diary

- **Any Other Business**
 - The Christmas Panto raised £542 for the Charity “Matthews Mission” thanks were given to the CGRA and CGVHMC for help in facilitating the event.

- **CGVHMC;** safety checklist completed by Phil and Debbie
 - Agreed to have fire alarm system checked by “Monument” >> Phil to arrange.

Meeting Finished 9:45 pm
 Next meeting 7th April 2017

