

**MINUTES OF THE CHESWICK GREEN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION
WEDNESDAY 8th July 2009**

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

Apologies Gary, Pat & Mike

Minutes From Previous Meeting

The minutes were approved with no issues.

3. Coach Trip To Windsor 13th June 2009

Overall opinion was that Windsor had been a great destination but that the coach supplied by Grosvenor was not as good as Johnsons although it was quite a lot cheaper. Margaret reported that because all the tickets were not sold we made a loss of £93 on the Windsor trip. The last trip to Liverpool had also made a loss. It was however considered worthwhile as it gave older residents the opportunity to get together. Whilst the children's Christmas party caters for the youngsters. For future trips, Ken thought we should keep travelling time down to around two hours and it was decided we would leave it until the Spring before organising another trip. Ian suggested getting the WI and Allotment Groups involved in an attempt to sell more tickets.

3. Party in the Park 4th July 2009

Margaret had emailed everyone a copy of the income and expenditure and we should be in profit after everything is taken into account.

Food wise we sold all 250 burgers and the majority of Jumbo Hotdogs.

We had one box of small sausages left over. It was decided we should not sell crisps next year. All the cans of pop were sold. The Bouncy Castle and Teacups had been very good and both had paid us £50 on the night. Attendance was estimated at just over 500. The Raffle was extremely successful and raised over £216. Margaret was writing to thank Nando's, The Bangla Lounge, and the Saxon for donating the meal vouchers as prizes and we thought it would be a good idea to thank them by name in the next magazine.

Ken said he would write to the Police to thank them for attending and spending so much time with us during the evening. This was very good as we had no 'trouble' and gave people a chance to meet our local police officers – Neil Marsh and Wendy Shale.

George said that the school would be happy to lend us additional lighting next year.

Margaret reported that Chris Noble from the parish council had visited the event and Margaret pointed out how successful it had been in getting the community together. We are still hoping to get some help from the PC to pay for the band and Insurance that is needed to put on such events.

Barbara reported that Simone (dance class) requested more advance notice of dates for next years Party in the Park.

George thought it would be worthwhile enquiring into alternatives to hiring a skip next year which is quite expensive. Maybe wheelie bins supplied by BIFA or VEILOLA waste management?

Ian asked if there were any photos taken during the evening and Lisa said she would drop some round to Georges house for use in the Magazine and website.

It was thought that next year the Band should start earlier as 8.30 was a bit late.

4. Play Area, Shops & Car Park

George asked if the offer of a tree to be planted outside the doctors surgery was still a possibility. It was thought that this would be a nice memorial to Godfrey who sadly died in the spring.

5. Village Hall

Brian reported that councillor Creswell had been appointed as the parish councils representative on the Village Hall Management committee.

Margaret D pointed out the poor state of the soffits and guttering and It was decided that she would obtain quotes to replace damaged guttering and make good and clad the fascia panels.

Brian reported that the flood defence work required for the hall was on the agenda for the coming parish council meeting on the 15th July.

6. Planning Applications

Brian gave details of 3 applications but there was nothing considered to warrant our intervention.

7. Magazine

Mike and Pat have requested photos and a write-up of the Coach Trip and Party in the Park for the next edition of the magazine as we need to fill 4 pages. We need to also mention this years Christmas Party.

8. Tubs Planters

The tubs have been planted by Solihull MBC. Margaret thought the tub at the junction of Saxonwood road was not looking very good this year.

9. Police Matters

Nothing to report

10. Any other matters arising

The possibility of allotments for Cheswick Green have been mentioned in the magazine and on the website. There has been some discussion but so far a suitable location has not been forthcoming. This would be down to the new parish council.

Ken proposed we should arrange a meal for either Christmas or the Autumn and it was decided that committee members get together for a meal at the Bangla Lounge on Tuesday 29th September. This would be for members and their partners.

George closed the meeting at 10.05pm