

MINUTES OF THE CHESWICK GREEN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

WEDNESDAY 7th September 2011

Present George, Margaret, Lisa, Dot, Brian, Pete, Gary, Jason, Ian and Barbara.

Apologies Pat & Mike

Minutes from previous meeting

The minutes were approved. Members were pleased to hear that an application by Shirley Golf Club to build around 100 houses on land off Creynolds Lane had been withdrawn. However members were still concerned that such an application may re-appear in the future. It was also noted that an application for business use at a property in Creynolds Lane had been rejected.

Village Hall

During the summer holidays one of the radiators in the small hall had developed a leak and as a result an area of laminate flooring has suffered water ingress raising the surface around a number of joints. The leak was repaired by Ian when it was discovered but the damage remains to the floor. It was not however considered bad enough to warrant replacement of the laminate flooring. It was decided to fit a bracket of some kind over the repaired radiator pipe to protect it from future damage as a result of youth club equipment being banged against it. Ian and George to sort out a suitable bracket. Brian, Ian and George exchanged contact telephone numbers for issues relating to the hall. It was reported that the annual allotments fundraiser in the village hall was well attended.

Play Area Shops and Car Park

Solihull MBC have carried out some work tidying outside the shops and it looks good. Councillor Creswell has asked Dot if the Residents Association would be willing to plant winter bedding plants in the tubs around the village?

It was agreed that the association would do this and a budget of £70 was agreed.

Summer plants were discussed and the point was raised by a number of members that these needed regular watering and four of the five tubs had no regular volunteers that could commit to this through the summer. Dot asked for feedback from the RA about the parish council fitting hanging baskets to lampposts along Cheswick Way. Ian said he was concerned that these would need watering every day or the plants would die and look worse than having no plants at all. Members said they would have to be watered by a vehicle fitted with a water tank and a pole/hose. Were the parish council going to arrange this? There had been a question from the PC as to the whereabouts of one of the goalpost nets. It was reported that this had been set on fire some months ago and there were no plans to replace it at this stage. The grass around the goalposts with missing net was far less worn and the goal was still being used.

Planning

There were no issues with any current applications.

Coach Trip

Margaret said she had had to cancel the Cambridge trip as there had not been enough interest. No deposit was lost however. It was felt that the September 10th date had been too early as many people were still on holiday or just returning from holidays. Some people had said they would have preferred a 'seaside' destination. Pete suggested a trip to Lincoln Christmas market or maybe the Christmas market at Bath.

It was however decided to leave the next trip until the Spring.

Christmas Party

This is booked for Sunday 11th December. Budget for the entertainer set at £150. George is printing the tickets and these will be available for collection on a first come first served basis. Tickets can be collected from the Village Hall on Sunday 6th November at 10am. At the same time tickets will also be available for the Family New Years Eve Party.

Lisa suggested it would be nice to send some flowers to Leslie from the post office as she has not been well. Everyone thought this was a good idea. Being done.

Magazine and Website

Difficult to come up with anything for the magazine. Ian has renewed website for the next 12 months. Cost £20.88.

Any Other Business

Nothing to add.

Meeting closed at 10.00pm – Next meeting arranged for Wednesday 5th October 2011