

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

Present George, Margaret, Brian, Pat, Dot, Lisa, Paul, Pete, Ian & Barbara

Also present for the PC consultation Chris Noble, Margaret Pettinger and Len Creswell

Apologies Gary

The first part of November's meeting was with parish councillors to discuss the idea of an illuminated Christmas tree vicinity of the shops and doctors surgery.

It was reported that the PC's Recreation Sub Committee had recommended the annual installation of an illuminated tree. It was suggested a tree be placed in the large concrete flower tub by the bus stop and that power be run from nearby street lighting to a permanent ground mounted outlet box.

The parish council wished to gauge support for this by getting the views of the residents association. Chris, Margaret and Len left the meeting at 8.30pm.

Proposed Christmas Tree

This was discussed at length and the view of the association was that in the present financial climate the one off cost of installing up an electrical connection by SMBC at around £2300 was too excessive. A show of hands recorded 1 vote for and 9 against going ahead at this time. The association liked the idea of a tree but not the high cost.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes were approved with no issues.

Village Hall

The parish council have drawn up an example plan for extending the village hall to provide additional storage space, freeing up existing storage space for the creation of a small meeting room. The parish council are looking at funding the work and would like to setup a working group with the halls management committee.

Margaret volunteered to be the management committee's representative on this and it was recommended that members were in favour of taking things forward.

Repairs to the boiler have been carried out but there is still a problem with radiators in the small hall and parish office not getting warm. Dave Arm, the heating engineer has recommended a new boiler, system flush and replacement valves and provided a written estimate to the management committee. This has been forwarded to the parish council.

There is a leaking radiator in the small hall. Ian will contact Dave Arm to get this repaired.

Barbara reported that a recent booking described as a 'family party' was in fact a 16th birthday party and resulted in damage to the men's toilets and other problems.

£25 was stopped from the deposit to cover the cost of repairs. Booking conditions clearly say that parties for under 21's are not permitted in the hall.

Play Area, Shops & Car Park

The play area is pending a ROSPA report. The news that the access road to the village hall by the doctors surgery is to be dug up and re-surfaced in the coming days was received with much joy. Members would like to thank the parish council for getting this sorted and Ian said he would write/email the parish council to thank them.

Planning Applications

Nothing to report.

Magazine & Website

Pat reported that there will be two pages this month as agreed and that there will be a write-up and photograph of the Blackpool trip.

Police Matters

Nothing to report.

Blackpool Trip

Margaret reported that the cost of October's Blackpool trip using 2 coaches was £1090. Ticket sales bought in £1055 so there was a loss of £35. Members considered the trip a great success and had no problem subsidising to this amount. Everyone seemed to have a great time and people were looking forward to the next trip. There was one minor complaint about seating next to the toilet on one coach.

Children's Christmas and Family New Years Eve Party

Phil Radford has agreed to be Santa for this year's children's party. Phil works at the school and has a current CRV check. Tickets will be available for collection by parents on Sunday 28th November from 11am till 12.00am. Barbara and Margaret will hand out the tickets on a first come first served basis. There are 20 tickets for 2-5's and 60 tickets for 5-11's. Tickets are free of charge. Lisa will book the entertainer with a budget of around £150. Barbara purchase additional hall decorations up to £30 if required. Margaret to buy presents and Dot and Ron have agreed to wrap them.

Tickets will also be available for the 'Family New Years Eve Party' in the village hall. Tickets for this event will be charged at £5.00 per family ticket (2 adults and up to 2 children). This party is aimed at family's that would not normally attend the party in the Saxon as we do not wish to take away trade from them. A light buffet and music will be provided.

George will put up posters on the notice boards to promote both parties and Ian to advertise them on the website.

Any other matters arising

None

Meeting closed at 10.00pm – Next meeting arranged for Wednesday 1st December