

# **MINUTES OF THE CHESWICK GREEN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**

## **WEDNESDAY Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2012**

**Present** George, Phil, Brian, Margaret, Pat, Pete, Barbara and Ian

**Apologies** Jason

### **Minutes from Previous Meeting.**

Brian said that Noel Cook and Andrew Gosling had complained about the state of the two houses that were being built in Saxonwood Road and had now been left unfinished. Brian has spoken with Solihull Council who have been in touch with the developers.

Len said that the PC were looking at the problem of drainage by the swings and a contactor was being called in.

Margaret said she had used the 'Fix My Street' link on the website to report a couple of problems and in both cases there had been an excellent response.

Pat said there were lots of weeds growing through the tarmac footpath in Foxland Close and it was suggested she used Fix My Street to report it.

Also there had been some dumping of rubbish alongside a garage in the Orchards but there was some uncertainty as to who owned the land. Solicitors were involved.

The minutes were approved with no issues.

### **Village Hall.**

Len has emailed George and asked for the external doors in the small hall to have a bit taken off the top of the metal strip which makes the doors difficult to close. Also the fire extinguisher bracket by the door is loose and a roof tile has slipped so it is resting on the gutter. George reported that he had been down and carried out the work on the doors in both halls, refitted the fire extinguisher but had not yet refitted the tile as it was pouring with rain. At this point Phil and Ian went outside and refitted the tile.

Len had also emailed asking why the heating was still on and Ian reported that the heating had been turned off for over a month and was not due to be turned on again until some time in September. Only heating for hot water is set during the summer.

George suggested that a tick list should be produced where by users tick to say they have turned off lights and shut all doors and windows when leaving. It was decided that it would be better to just put up notices asking users to check they have done these things before leaving. Ian said he would put up the notices tomorrow.

Barbara reported that she will be away on holiday for two weeks and there were some private parties booked in the hall during that time. She has asked her daughter to clean the hall during this period but wanted to ask Ruth to let users know that they should ensure that the hall is left as tidy as possible for the next people to use the hall. In the past some private parties had left the hall in a terrible state that had taken a number of hours to clean up.

### **Play Area Shops and Car Park.**

The competition between the shops was ongoing with both shops now having cash dispensers and later opening times. It had been reported on the website that children were now spending more time around the shops in the evening.

### **Planning.**

No new applications but Brian reported that the application for an extended traveller's site in Salter Street had been refused.

### **Magazine and Website.**

Pat said that the article on Party in the Park in the magazine was good and that they had incorporated the photographs as they did not feature children, something to keep in mind for future events.

Would we like an item on the forthcoming trip to Blackpool? Yes and the date set for Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2012.

### **Local Policing.**

Nothing to report.

### **Party In The Park.**

Margaret reported that there had been a loss of £223 on the Jubilee Party. This was put down to it being a special event with more expenditure than normal. It was felt that being a special occasion this was understandable and the event had been very worthwhile. At present the parish council had not decided if they would be giving a donation towards the cost and if so how much it would be.

Pat suggested that next year we should ask for volunteers to help before the event using the magazine and website. Pat also suggested that the BBQ should be fitted with a higher tier platform for slower cooking as some of the sausages got burnt.

Everyone was agreed that they would be happy to have the same band (Mixer) next year as they were so good. George said he would contact them.

A date for next years Party in the Park was set for Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2013.

### **Future Events.**

Coach trip to Blackpool set for Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2012 – Margaret to make the booking with Johnson's Coaches.

### **Any Other Business.**

Margaret said she had contacted Marie Zizzy and had obtained copies of the parish councils income and expenditure for 2011/2012. This was discussed with no major concerns but it was noted there had been a big increase in the cost of grounds maintenance.

Meeting Closed at 9.45pm - Next meeting - Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2012

**There will be no meeting during August.**