

MINUTES OF THE CHESWICK GREEN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

WEDNESDAY 5th Feb 2014. 8.00pm.

Present.

George, Brian, Phil R, Pete, Jason, Greg, Dave, Helen, Gary, Paul, Lisa, Denise.

- **Apologises.** Jane, Greg, Phil H
- **Minutes from previous meeting.**

The minutes from January 2014 were approved. JT is to send them to Ian for publishing on the website.
- **Village Hall.**

Boiler service needs to be arranged. George reiterated that he is the main point of contact for the Parish Council (PC) to raise issues with the village hall. George is to source fluorescent light tubes. The flood defence procedure was discussed. In the past Ian has been the main contact and received the automated phone alerts. Brian does keep up to date with the flood levels but George is to contact Ian to see if he still gets the phone alerts. All agreed that whenever the flood level reached 1.4m all the barriers should be fitted. Brian and George are to do a test fitting of the barriers to ensure they are happy with fitment process. The work on the drain pipe and bollards to the front of the hall is still in the hands of the PC. A front door key has been lost by one of the hall users. The issue was brought to light when the individual posted on Facebook that it was missing. Security for the hall was now at risk. The group discussed that the locks should be replaced if the key was not found. Letters covering the terms of use will be circulated to all the regular hall users. The current and proposed rates for using the hall were reviewed by the group. (The rates have been frozen for 2 years). A range of 5%-10% increase was proposed with figures round up the nearest 50p denomination. It was agreed to increase the wages paid to the cleaner. Currently there is circa £11,000 balance in the village hall bank account,
- **Play Area, Shops and Car Park.**

Grass seed needs to be sown around the football goal post area during March. Pete is going to find out if EH Smith sell grass seed within a maximum budget of £20. The flower beds in front of the shops were vastly improved after the area was covered in bark. However, when dogs are tied to the posts whilst their owners are in the shops they crawl under the rails and dig the bark. The plan is to attach wire underneath the prevent them getting to the bark.
- **Planning.**
 - 5.1) Golf Club.** No new news on the application for houses but the PC will be discussing the issue of the earth works (bund) adjacent to the Stratford Road at the next PC meeting.
 - 5.2) Mount Dairy Farm.** Great result at the planning committee meeting. Very good turn out from the residents. We will adopt the same approach as/when the golf club application goes in.
 - 5.3) Other.** 4 new applications. 3 not contentious.

Additionally a previous application to convert a detached into two semi's has been revised into just an extension. The group queried that the plans appeared to show it being extended onto public land. GB to query with SMBC then we can decide whether to object.
- **Magazine & Website.**

The magazine item is to be removed from the future agendas. It was commented on how good the website was looking. The website also been updated to highlight that the funeral of Janet Leese will take place on 19th Feb. Donations are requested in lieu of flowers. The

donations are to be split between four charities.

- **Local Policing.**

No announcements

- **Social Events.**

The committee agreed to Tim Kindred's request to have two slots for his bands to perform at party in the park. He would be given the two earliest slots. (Hashtag and Mixer have the later slots). Brian is to request permission from the PC to use the park for the event. The group agreed to look into arranging an evening event at Hall Green Dog track. The target would be for mid April. Phil R to gets costs for next meeting.

- **Any Other Business.**

Subs. Currently standing at £525 with 174 returned envelopes

CGRA Bank Account. We are still waiting news from the TSB regarding the account. They have requested more forms of identification. These have been submitted and we are now waiting on them.

Meeting Closed at 9.30pm

Next meeting. Meeting 8.00pm Wed 5th March 2014

Venue . Village Hall