

MINUTES OF THE CHESWICK GREEN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

WEDNESDAY 1st Oct 2014. 8.00pm. Village Hall

Present.

Jason, Brian, Greg, Dave H, Paul, Gary, Len

1) Apologises. Phil, Helen, Jane, Pete

2) Minutes from previous meeting.

Revision 2 of the September minutes was approved. JT to send to Ian for addition to the website

3) Village Hall.

Since George is the chair of the CGRA & village hall it was agreed that Brian should also take on the temporary role of the village hall chair. Brian agreed to this short term measure. Len pointed out that ridge tiles are missing on the main roof. Brian will contact P&R builders. Len suggested that the village hall should have a management committee. Could this be looked into again in view of the current situation? Len also suggested we revisit the decision to charge £160 for the use of the hall for voting. We need to keep the hall as the polling station as it is deemed as the centre of the village activities and the school could take over as a polling station since it is free for use. The aim is to keep the hall as the polling station venue.

4) Play Area, Shops and Car Park.

Brian has sent an email to the managing agents regarding the state of the area around the shops. The email was read out to the group. Len added that he had spoken to the Post Office about the area outside the shop and received an unenthusiastic response. A litter pick has been offered by the school to the council's recreation committee. The current plan is carry this out around the playing field. A discussion took place over whether it should also encompass the area around the shops. It was felt this would set a bad precedent so it was agreed to carry on with just the playing field.

5) Planning.

No new plans to discuss. Representatives from Dickens Heath and Cheswick Green parish council have met regarding the Birmingham Council housing plan. CG PC will consider their plan, especially regarding their shortfall on providing housing and likely requests for support from the surrounding boroughs. Greg asked if there were any developments regarding Shirley golf club. Gary Palmer has now received further information from the club. The planning committee hearing for the golf club will most likely be on 29th Oct. It is being considered with the view of allowing development under special circumstance for building on the green belt. No 25 Saxonwood wants No 27 to cut down the oak tree within the boundary of their property. Bloor Homes have not withdrawn the appeal. It is on hold. Bloor Homes may be interested in adding the memorial column into their site. However, Brian showed the details of the current plans for a new memorial garden at the junction of Cheswick and Saxonwood Road. It is looking more likely that a local property company will be purchasing the Blythe Valley site.

6) Website/Media.

Paul is to add a comment onto Facebook regarding the expected planning committee meeting for Shirley Golf Club.

JT is to draft a statement about 2015 Party in the Park and the New Years Eve Party. It will then be circulated for feedback and then added to the website.

7) Local Policing.

Halloween is coming up. Can the police be more visible in the village on the night this year? It was suggested this was discussed with the local community police support officer. Brian will contact them for advice/support.

8) Social Events.

It was reiterated that the New Years Eve party will not be staged by CGRA this year. Website/Facebook need to be updated. Further discussion is required at next meeting to decide if we do a significantly reduced children's event linked to the turning on of the Christmas tree lights.

9) Any Other Business.

George. Thank you for your dedication to the chairmanship over many years. We look forward to you returning in spring 2015.

Meeting closed 9.15pm

Next meeting. Wednesday, Nov 5th 8.00pm in the Village Hall