

MINUTES OF THE CHESWICK GREEN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION WEDNESDAY 2nd January 2013

Present. Jason, Gary, Brian, Phil, George, Margaret, Pat, Pete and Ian.

Apologies. Barbara and Lisa

Matters Arising

George said that the number of advertising boards around the shops, have now been reduced.

Margaret has heard more local residents complaining about the unfinished houses in Saxonwood Road. Brian has been in contact with SMBC and there still appears little that can be done. Margaret said she thought we should keep writing to the council so they don't forget the problem. George said by next month we should have had a reply from Caroline Spelman and then consider our next step.

Village Hall.

George reported that the new heating system was fitted and working. Both halls are now warming up at the same time. The automatic urinal flush had not yet been fitted but this is in hand and will be done as part of the same job. There is a problem of no hot water in the kitchen to be sorted out as well. Each hall now has a one hour heating override button that turns the heating on for one hour when pressed. This is independent of the timer settings and is easily accessible for hall users to operate. It needs some instructions above each button. Brian proposed a vote of thanks to the parish council for their work in getting the job done. Everyone agreed and thanked the parish council.

Margaret said that with no disrespect to Barbara that the cooker required a professional clean and that there is a company that Pat has used that we should contact. Pat said she would email Ian the contact details and a budget of £50 was agreed to get this done. Brian thanked Barbara and Ian for the clearing up after the Christmas and New Years Eve party's.

George said the sign people are still on holiday so not done yet. He said he is still trying to source the replacement toilet seats of which 5 are required. Pete suggested Edwards or Grahams plumbers merchants may be able to supply seats with the required 23cm fixings.

Play Area Shops and Car Park.

George suggested that come March/April we should once again re-seed the worn areas around the goal posts. A budget of £20 was agreed for grass seed. The number of advertising boards has been reduced after George spoke to the shopkeepers. Brian pointed out the misspelling of 'Off licence' above one of the shops.

Planning.

Brian distributed a list of recent applications. 2012/1910 and 2012/1954 for which there were no comments. George said he had noticed a number of yellow marker discs fixed into the pavement around Willow Drive and Saxonwood Road. It was unclear what these were for? Brian reported that he had had a letter from SMBC to confirm that he was able to represent the views of the Residents Association on the planning enquiry for the proposed Mount Dairy Farm development that is scheduled for 23 January 2013.

Magazine and Website.

Pat read out the forthcoming Residents Association item in the magazine which is about the Children's and New Years party's. There is also a picture of the Christmas tree outside the doctors which everyone agreed looked very impressive this year. Pat said we should put some photos up of the party's on the notice board in the village hall. Phil said he had taken lots of photos.

Local Policing.

Ian said he had had a reply from the beat officer about the small re-sealable plastic discarded around the youth shelter. They were going to keep an eye on what was happening.

Social Events

George said he thought the children's party's had gone very well and that the entertainer had been good. Maybe tickets for the New Years Eve should be sold separately from the Christmas tickets in future.

George confirmed the date of Party in the Park as Saturday 6th July 2013.

Margaret said that the local U3A group that meet in the hall were organising coach trips this year and that she didn't see a need for us to organise trips as well. George suggested meeting the lady that organises the U3A group but it was agreed that Margaret & Pat would be the "Liaison team". Ian asked Margaret if the U3A coach trips were open to none U3A members. Pat said if the trips were organised by U3A they were only insured for U3A members but if just Johnson's organised trips they were open to all.

George said that we should maybe consider a trip to Weston and discuss this in March. Pat asked if an additional daytime event along the lines of a fete could be organised in September. This was thought to be a lot of extra work and George did not want to 'dilute' the Party in the Park event. Margaret said she would be standing down from the residents association and as treasurer in May. Ian said we should consider putting an item in the magazine to try and recruit new members. George said he could get this printed on the subs envelopes and everyone thought this was a very good idea.

Any Other Business.

None

Meeting closed at 9.20pm - Next meeting - Wednesday 6th February 2013