

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

## **WEDNESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> January 2010**

**Present** George, Margaret D, Brian, Ken & Margaret W, Dot, Garry, Lisa, Ian, Barbara and guest Paul Brown.

**Apologies** Lisa, Pete, Pat and Mike.

### **Minutes From Previous Meeting**

#### **Children's Christmas Party**

This years Christmas party was declared a complete success with 136 children attending in total. It was thought there was no need to change the format next year. All the tickets went within a week of the posters going up.

#### **Play Area, Shops & Car Park**

George reported gate to play area broken and turf replaced around goal posts but now all under snow. George to write and remind parish council. The approach road to Village Hall is still badly potholed. However the parish council does not accept full ownership or responsibility for its upkeep as it is shared with the doctor's surgery and the shopkeepers who are tenants of Mr Carver. Paul commented on the overhanging conifers that run along the length of the car park but these are privately owned. It is believed the last estimate for resurfacing was around £3000. If this work is to be carried out then March would be a good time due to frost and ice at this time of year. Gary confirmed there would be another litter pick in March and that Solihull MBC would provide equipment and take away what was collected.

#### **Village Hall**

Work to improve loft insulation is due to be carried out, George to chase up.

Brian reported that the flood protection barriers have been fitted to all three entrances and waterproof sealant applied to lower brickwork but that some fluid has been left by the contractors for us to apply to the wall behind the pyracantha bushes.

Barriers have to be slotted into place in the event of a flood warning. There are two internal barriers and one external one on the main entrance. This also requires a metal plate to be unscrewed and removed before the barrier can be slotted into place. Brian also thought it would be a good idea to secure the barrier with a padlock to stop it being lifted by unauthorised persons.

Ian has still to contact the environment agency to get Brian, George and Ian added to advance warning list.

The draft insulation and paintwork on the external doors off the large hall have been burnt it what seems like an attempt to set fire to the curtains from outside. Paul offered to manufacture some metal strips and attach them to the door to prevent this from happening.

#### **Proposed Village Hall Management Agreement**

No further developments

#### **Planning Applications**

Nothing of concern

### **Magazine & Website**

Photos of the children's party have been sent to Mike in time for inclusion in the next magazine. Ian reported that the CGRA website was no longer listed as a source of 'malware' by Google and could now be updated again.

### **Police Matters**

Nothing to report.

### **Subscriptions**

George has printed the envelopes to be used to collect subscriptions. Margaret has produced lists of the subs rounds and distributed the envelopes to be delivered. Like last year there was no need to knock on doors but just to deliver the envelopes.

### **AOB**

#### **S4 Bus Service**

There has been much concern and anger over proposals to reduce the bus service for Cheswick Green. Paul was very concerned and angry that there had been no feedback from Grosvenor, Centro or the council. He considered it unsafe for elderly people to have to walk the length of Creynolds Lane which is poorly lit. Maybe Johnsons could provide a minibus service?

Overall consensus of opinion was that it was Centros fault for allowing the no5 service to run along the same route into Solihull through Monkspath making it difficult for Grosvenor to compete. Dot Barbara and Brian are to attend a meeting at Solihull council on the subject. George to contact Solihull MBC requesting more information and to write to Marrie Zizzy at the PC.

It was thought that maybe Oxford would be a suitable destination for a coach trip in the spring/summer 2010 – possibly May?

Meeting closed at 9.45pm – Next meeting arranged for Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February