

## **MINUTES OF THE CHESWICK GREEN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION WEDNESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2010**

**Present** George, Dot, Pat, Pete Carr, Ken and Margaret W, Ian, Barbara, Garry, Paul Brown, Brian, Pete

**Apologies** Lisa, Margaret D and Mike.

### **Minutes from previous meeting**

Garry confirmed Litter Pick planned for Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> March commencing at 10.00am in the car park. Mathew Gardner from SMBC is to provide equipment and arrange for disposal of rubbish. For publicity, Pat will include an item in the next magazine and George is to put up notices.

A letter has been received from Tim Hodgson asking for a representative from the residents association at a meeting of the Public Spaces Advisory Group. Focus on Playing Fields, Shrub Beds, Mount etc. Date of meeting as yet unknown.

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

George reported that the gate to the children's play area has not been repaired.

### **Village Hall**

George reported that the contractor has inspected the insulation in the roof space and reported that it is sufficient and does not require additional insulation.

Paul and Ken have fitted metal strips to the external doors in both large and small halls. This is to prevent any further attempt to set fire to the curtains from outside as reported at last months meeting.

Brian requested that yellow & black hazard warning tape be attached to the tops of the removable flood barriers to warn of a tripping hazard. Paul said he would obtain some tape.

Ian has contacted the environment agency and is now on the list for flood warnings.

Pat raised the subject of the amount of Youth Club equipment being stored in the small hall. The possibility of screens, cupboard space, use of parish office were discussed but the conclusion was that although a problem the options are very limited and there seemed no practical solution. Screens would take up further room. All cupboard space was allocated and George had previously requested use of the parish office and this was refused.

Ian commented on the number of chairs having to be stored in the large hall that are used once a year for the party in the park. Pat suggested that someone with an unused garage may be able to store some and would put an item in the magazine asking for storage space.

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

No further developments but Pat and Ian voiced concerns about signing such a document as it appeared in the original draft.

### **Subscriptions**

Margaret D is on holiday but Dot has already received a number of returned envelopes. More can be reported next month.

### **Planning Applications**

Nothing of concern

### **Magazine & Website**

The next magazine will be four pages and Pat and Mike need some copy to fill this space. Can anyone provide some ideas? Forthcoming litter pick and coach trip to be included but more ideas still needed.

Problems with the website appear to have been resolved and Ian has replaced the deleted information relating to the village hall.

### **Coach Trip**

A few concerns over Oxford as a destination. Pat suggested something that would appeal more to families with younger children, maybe Lego Land, George was thinking of the balance in providing something for older residents as the Children's Christmas party and Party in the park were geared more to the younger residents. George suggested that Ironbridge and Blist Hill Museum would be a good destination and this was well received.

### **Police Matters**

Ken had telephoned the police requesting information as to why a marked police car had been parked in Coppice walk for the last 3 days. No explanation was given. Ian reported there had been a recent break in at Briarwood.

### **S4 Bus Service**

Latest news is that the S4 service is safe until 24<sup>th</sup> April when it goes out to tender. The service is currently under review. Brian reported that Chris Nobel had met with CENTRO to discuss the situation.

George obtained a lot of useful information that greatly strengthens the case for providing a decent bus service. Notably that an estimated £94,000 of CENTRO's funding came from residents of Cheswick Green. That Cheswick Green has the third highest distance by road from a food store with only Hampton in Arden and Chadwick End having greater distances. Cheswick Green has 540 residents of pension age many of whom would be dependent on the bus service, not to mention bus's with easy access. There are currently three No 5 bus's per hour between Monkspath and Solihull – How do CENTRO justify this?

### **AOB**

It was decided that in order to avoid crossing with World Cup matches a suitable date for this years Party In The Park would be Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> July.

Barbara to contact Ruth to book the hall for this date.

George asked for thoughts on having a large screen TV/ Projector setup in the Village Hall for Dads and Kids to watch the England matches together. George could obtain a projector. Ian pointed out the need for a TV Licence. This could still be a option though. Discuss further next meeting.

Paul suggested other regular events in the village hall such as a quiz night.

Some enthusiasm for resurrecting the New Years Eve party was shown. Barbara to book the hall with Ruth just in case.

Paul suggested running a treasure hunt but George had concerns over responsibility of children.

Ken was concerned over the security of the front door of the Village Hall. Members inspected the door and discussed fitting an internal bolt and external 'star lock'

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