

MINUTES OF THE CHESWICK GREEN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION WEDNESDAY 4TH MARCH 2009

Present Mike, Dot, Brian, Marg W, Ken , Marg D, Gary, George, Barbara, Ian
Apologies Pete, Pat

Minutes from last meeting - the new tables have been delivered for the village hall.

Litter Pick Saturday 7th March at 10a.m.

Posters to be renewed on notice boards. Depending on weather and number of volunteers, will do as many areas as possible. Start with car park by village hall. Collection bags, pickers and gloves have been arranged, also removal of rubbish.

Magazine

Mike is preparing copy for the four pages which will be published at the end of the month.

Reminder that the Parish Council will be abolished by end of month with ward councillors holding the fort until new elections, if necessary on 4th June (5 positions to fill, depends on numbers of people who apply). Concern re the dreadful pot holes in roadway entrance to car park by doctor's surgery. Long running saga over who is responsible for the repairs however Solihull Council will make temporary repairs, on this occasion.

Subscriptions

Discussion re the amount of envelopes delivered and only 231 received back to date. Agreed it was better to publish a reminder in the magazine rather than deliver another 600 reminder envelopes. Total received to date £692.30 with 120 at pensioner's rate and 111 at household rate. The donation is entirely voluntary but we may need to spell out that this money is used to run the association, initial funding for the Party in the Park and the Children's Party's. We have now added a coach trip to our community get together.

New Bus Service

Grovenor are trying to fulfil their contract and have said they realised low numbers of passengers at the start-up are perhaps due to the poor weather.

Party in the Park Saturday 4th July

It was agreed to book a group called "Still Waters" by recommendation. A younger pop band called "Soul Matters" will start off the first hour 6.30 - 7.30 and DJ Sill will be available for the breaks and to finish the night. Catering will be beef burgers and hot dogs as these seemed the easiest and most popular. Marg D will write and confirm the band.

Coach Trip

Mike will be stating the 4 suggestions in the magazine. Weston super Mare, City of Oxford, Windsor Castle or RHS Whisley. We will see which proves most popular and aim for Saturday 13th June with a 39 seater coach. We will get estimates of the costs.

Parish Council

The current clerk will be made redundant on the abolition of the current council and an interim clerk will act from 1.4.09 with a new clerk appointed after the elections. There will be 5 seats available on the new Cheswick Green Parish Council, if more than 5 people apply they will have to canvas individually for votes.

Planning

No contentious applications.

AOB

Mike advised that there are 13 illegal gypsy encampments in the ward... The government has asked councils to assess the need and has given 4 year temporary permission.

Solihull has prepared questionnaire re affordable housing to assess this need which will be sent to all households but it was mentioned that some of the questions are asking very personal questions re income etc.

AGM

Wednesday May 6th

Date of next meeting Wednesday 1st April