MINUTES OF THE CHESWICK GREEN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 1ST APRIL 2009

PRESENT George, Margaret, Pat, Dot, Pete, Lisa, Brian, Dot, Ian, Barbara and Gary

APOLOGIES Mike, Ken, and Margaret

LITTER PICK

Very successful with a good turnout of helpers, approx 30 parents and children came to help. We need to ascertain who will be responsible for future removal of accumulated litter when new Parish Council in place June 2009.

MAGAZINE

We now have a new publisher with a new format. The publisher is a local resident and we will submit 4 pages for publication in the June issue.

VILLAGE HALL

The funds held in the Village Hall account will be retained in trust for the ongoing expenditure of the venue. There had been burn damage on the kitchen worktops but unsure which of the weekend bookings were responsible. Discussed the inevitability of wear and tear on a multi used facility. There had been problems with people tying to make a booking during the daytime, whilst booking clerk was at work, it was agreed to advise potential hirers to ring after 6.30pm or use the web site facility. Ian will prepare a new notice to put up outside hall. A quote has been received for flood defence work on the hall; this will go forward to the new Parish council after June.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

We have now banked £778.50 from 258 returned envelopes. This represents 30% of the envelopes delivered. The response from households is pretty evenly matched between under 60's and pensioners. There are still a few late envelopes still arriving.

PARTY IN THE PARK 4th JULY

The band Still Waters has been booked and a confirmation letter sent. Gary will follow up the booking of the opening band Soul Matters. DJ has been booked. Catering issues discussed, need more burgers and small sized sausages also some vegetarian burgers to be bought. Margaret will order from previous supplier, local resident Vesty Food. Agreed to purchase a further party sized gazebo whilst at discounted price.

ELECTIONS FOR NEW PARISH COUNCELLORS

Brian advised us of the timetable of proceedings prior to Election Day 4th June. Candidates will have a certain budget to promote themselves locally. It is hoped that the Residents group would probably work closer with a dedicated local parish council. We would be able to apply to the Election Officer after the 7th May to see who had applied.

COACH TRIP 13th JUNE

After general discussion it was agreed that the next trip would be to Windsor. To leave at 8am and return by 8pm. Margaret to get quotations as to cost from Johnson's and Grovener Coaches.

AGM 6th JUNE

To provide tea, coffee and limited refreshments. We need to elect Chairperson, Treasurer and hopefully Secretary. George agreed to put up notices on the 3 boards. A representative of the new bus company had asked to attend.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

An application has been made for a two story extension to the Premier Inn at the Plough Hotel. There were no objections.

POLICE MATTERS

Nothing to report

AOB

There will be an end of year junior prom for local year 6 children in the Village Hall 18th July. The residents group agreed £50 for decorations which will be used at future events.

Date of next meeting Wednesday 6th May AGM