

MINUTES OF THE CHESWICK GREEN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION WEDNESDAY 7th April 2010

Present Pete, Margaret W, Pat, Margaret D, Dot, Brian, Ian, Barbara, Lisa and George

Guest Chris Noble

Apologies Garry, Mike, Paul

S4 Bus Service Update by Chris Nobel

Chris Nobel gave an update of the S4 bus situation the contract for which finishes in June. Currently there appear to be two options available as the current service cannot continue.

Option 1. A 'shuttle' bus to Shirley running every half hour through Stretton Road to the Church/Post Office

Option 2. An hourly service to Shirley and Solihull via Stretton Road, Solihull Road (Iceland) then onto Solihull.

Neither option would serve the Sixth Form College. Overall feeling was that Option 2 was preferable and more likely to succeed.

A public meeting with Centro has been arranged for Wednesday 28th April at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Chris Nobel requested help delivering flyers to advertise this meeting. This was agreed.

Chris Informed the committee that there will be a Parish Council AGM held on Wednesday 21st April at 7.00pm in the Village Hall. Chris left the meeting.

Minutes from previous meeting

The minutes were approved without any issues.

Subscriptions

Margaret D gave an update of the subs received, now totalling £891.90 although the accounts will show £937.70 as some money had arrived late from last years subs.

Subs for 2010 are £159.20 above those collected in 2009 and the committee were very pleased with this news.

Play Area, Shops & Car Park

Pat raised the issue of the poor ground state at the entrance to the enclosed play area. The ground has sunken and much mud collects after wet weather. Ground needs raising and slabbing with suitable material. Pat said she would email the parish council to get this matter looked at.

The litter pick in March was attended by around 15-20 people and George commended the work of Patricia Willets from Solihull Council who provided equipment, graffiti removal wipes and even tea and coffee. George has emailed to express our thanks.

Brian reported that an order had been placed by the parish council to re-turf or seed the missing grass by the goal posts.

Margaret D was very concerned that still nothing has been done with the pot holes in the approach road to the village hall. Most of the committee shared her concern. This seems to have been a talking point for many years but as yet there has been little or no action taken to resolve the matter and get the job done. Margaret is to raise this matter at the forthcoming parish council AGM.

It was noted that Glenwood Drive has been re-surfaced by Solihull MBC to a high standard.

Village Hall

Barbara received a telephone call to say that Chris Kenyon had passed away and could the Village Hall be used for the wake. It was agreed that there would be no charge for the

use of the hall as Chris had done so much for the community over the years. A card would be sent from the Association. Barbara to arrange.

Pat suggested some sort of curtain/frame to hide the youth club equipment in the small hall. It was agreed that we should purchase some movable 'office dividers' and that George would obtain prices for reclaimed units and Margaret D would look at prices of new ones.

Ian reported that there had been a request from the parish council to alter the wording on the fire exit plan for the village hall on the website that refers to the parish office as an office used by the village hall management committee. This raised a few smiles but no decision was reached. Passed onto next meeting.

Proposed Village Hall Management Agreement

No developments.

Planning Applications

194 Creynolds Lane – application to demolish and replace with two detached dwellings. All plans and details are on the website. There were no objections to this application.

Magazine & Website

Ian reported the website had been added to and improved. George said it was looking good. Pat C reminded the committee that she and Mike will be away from June to September and asked if Ian would cover for Mike during this period. Ian said that he would try and asked for help in doing so. Mike would supply the necessary information.

Police Matters

Margaret W reported that Wendy Shale no longer covers Cheswick Green. Cheswick Green policing is now covered by the same area that includes Dickens Heath and Monkspath. Arron Beck is the Sergeant in charge of our area. Ken will ask them if they will attend 'Party In The Park' in July.

Coach Trip

So far 23 people have shown an interest in tickets for the trip to Bristol on 15th May. The coach has 37 seats so we still need to sell more tickets. Margaret W said she would ask if anyone from the WI would like to come.

Party In The Park

George has booked the band 'Crazy Mustang' who are a 5 piece that have played at the Bulls Head. Mainly rock covers with a female singer. They agreed to start at 8pm and perform two one hour sessions. Nandos will offer a meal for two as part of the raffle prizes and the Nando's promotional chicken would like to attend. Pat and Mike will be away but if someone collects their BBQ we are welcome to use it as per last year.

Margaret D has obtained a donation of £300 from the parish council towards the cost of entertainment.

AOB

George is to gauge interest in viewing the world cup matches on a large screen in the Village Hall. Our next meeting is also the **AGM** and it was agreed that it would be publicised on the notice boards and occupy **the first half hour of our regular meeting on Wednesday 5th May.**

Meeting closed at 10.20pm