

MINUTES OF THE CHESWICK GREEN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Friday 1st April 2016

Present.

CGRA. George, Brian, Phil, Greg, Helen, Colin, Deb, Debbie, Denise
Apologises. Lisa, Paul, Martin, Mark, Pete, Becky

Village Hall Management

Safe, Secure & Financially Sound.

We have four new regular bookings which now all our regular bookings are full. There is a 30%. Increase.

Agreed increase the standard rate to hire the Village Hall.

Agreed that we need CCTV for the back of building by the back of the park. Cost around £80.00.

Decorating has been cancelled for 17th April, discussed possible dates but will confirm next meeting.

Toilet seats need to be replaced A.S.A.P – Deb to sort.

Light Bulbs need to be replace in the Hall – George to sort.

Received a letter from Miss Mason at Cheswick Green School regarding the evacuation procedure and was agreed. George to reply that all agreed and to advise about a Risk Assessment needed. Capacity of Village Hall 150 people which will be put on display board and also on booking form

Minutes from previous meeting.

Nothing to add / content: ready to publish on the website.

People

Greg to sort an arrangement of flowers for Rita Harrison ex Pharmacy employee, who's husband has passed away.

Parish Council

The 10% increase in precept has been commented upon by many residents, the response given by the Parish Council was that the increase, although ten times that imposed by

SMBC, was only "slight". Brian, on behalf of the PC, explained that the increase was necessary for the purchase of a laptop and also to provide for the professional help with provision of the Neighbourhood plan, both George and Gregg pointed out that the need for professional advice, with its inherent cost, had, surprisingly, not been mentioned at the presentation to villagers, and that following the debacle of Mount Dairy Farm it may not be in the best interest of residents to spend more money.

The Debate regarding the Parish Council and the Neighbourhood Plan continued, questions being raised about the plans suggested by the PC to move the Doctors surgery to the site of the village Hall, the Village Hall to the fields behind the school along with a drop off point and a number of additional houses and also to position an access road to the Blythe development on Illshaw Heath Rd; It was felt that these plans did not reflect the views of the majority of Cheswick Green Residents, and also paved the way for the future surrounding and swallowing of the village as we know and love it. Given the concerns regarding the precept and plans for the future shape of the village; George questioned both the leadership of the Parish Council and the very need for its existence. It was generally agreed that there is a need for the Parish Council though it does need to consult and communicate better. The current situation regarding vacancies on the PC was discussed, with suggestions that members of the CGRA would make themselves available for election if deemed helpful.

Pennies

Subs money still being returned, 906 envelopes delivered – 224 returned so far.

Discuss for next year possible number the envelopes as Paul did this year.

Party in the Park

Discuss next meeting.

Reply to Parish Council reference donation

Community Events

Cost for St John's Ambulance training Adults £55hr Children £35hr, a minimum of 6 people. Over 2 months 1-2 evenings – discuss next meeting.

Children's entertainer needed for Children's Christmas Party

Membership

Nothing to add

Shops and Open spaces

Work has eventually started outside the shops around the flower beds.

Website & Community Communication

Nothing to discuss

Police

Nothing to discuss.

Planning.

Discuss next meeting IM Properties.

11 Waterdale – 2nd Storey rear extension and partial ground floor reconstruction – No Objections.

Land Adjacent to Mount Farm, Tanworth Lane – Display of 1no triangular advertisement sign (comprising 3no signs) 3no flag pole signs, 8no single sided advertisement and directional signs, 1no double sided advertisement sign and 2no wall mounted signs (externally illuminated) – No Objections.

Amenity Building Blythe Gate, Shirley – erect new amenity building for restaurant/café/drinking establishment/hot food takeaway (Use Class A3/A4/A5) with associated external works and car parking. – No Objections

37 Willow Drive – Two storey extension of side property – No Objections

Any Other Business

George to ask The Saxon to provide Buffett for the AGM for 20 people

Meeting Closed 22:50pm
Next meeting Friday 6th April 2016