

MINUTES OF THE CHESWICK GREEN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION WEDNESDAY 2nd JUNE 2010

Present Brian, Paul, Ken, George, Margaret W, Dot, Margaret D, Garry, Barbara & Ian

Guests Phil Partridge, Chris Nobel

Apologies Pat and Mike.

Chris Nobel thanked members for helping deliver the Paris Council Newsletter. There had been 100 replies to the questionnaire. Hopefully there will be more. Would it be possible to include an item on the Shirley or Cheswick Green postal address issue on the CGRA website? Ian said yes and Chris said he would email some text for the item. Currently Cheswick Green is listed as 'Shirley' on the Royal Mail postcode system and this has resulted in some annoyance and even confusion with deliveries and even Ambulances looking for addresses in Shirley and not Cheswick Green.

Margaret said she would be asking the Parish Council for financial help towards Decembers Children's Party and next years Party in the Park.

George questioned the whereabouts of the other goalpost that was removed by contractors for the Parish Council as the 'uprights' are missing.

It was reported that a litter pick arranged by the school had been very successful and that photographs had appeared in the local newspaper.

Chris commented on the damaged fence at the end of the recreation field and that the Parish Council was asking Arden Housing to make repairs. The police have been keeping an eye on the area. Chris informed us of the folders containing minutes of the Residents Association meetings from a number of years ago that had been stored in the Parish Office. These need to be kept safe and are currently in the cleaner's cupboard.

Minutes from previous meeting

The minutes were approved without any issues.

Play Area, Shops & Car Park

George commented on the very poor state of the grass on the recreation field. The areas damaged in front of the original goal post positions have still not been re-seeded or re turfed and now just a bed of weeds. Still no development on the state of the pot holed approach road to the Village Hall, but PC in discussions over ownership and responsibilities.

Village Hall

It was noted that the screens had just arrived that were ordered to hide the Youth Club equipment in the small hall. This had made a big improvement and were thought to be a very worthwhile purchase. The repainting of the outside metal doors to the large hall was discussed and Paul volunteered to paint them and the hand rail by the main entrance. Margaret D said she would obtain an up to date quote for replacing the damaged polycarbonate in the windows around the hall as the previous quote may now be outdated. Barbara reported that the Youth Club were now much less active. Ian said he would have a word to Julian R to find out what the situation was as we would like to continue our support. Barbara also reported that the Parish Council have arranged for the collection of rubbish from the Village Hall on a Tuesday morning when the waste bins are emptied. This was brilliant news and the association thanked the parish council for arranging this as it solved a big problem.

There was some discussion about the possibility of an extension to the village hall for storage space and Ian said he would talk to Len about this. George would speak to Geoff Storer to get a rough of idea of what could be done.

Proposed Village Hall Management Agreement

No developments as to the proposed agreement at this time.

Subscriptions

Margaret D reported subs still trickling in Pete requested a few more envelopes as he was short.

Planning Applications

Some trees being cropped in Snowhill and Saxonwood and the Residents Association had objected to the planning application for 194 Creynolds Lane on the grounds that it was over development of the site.

Magazine & Website

Mike has submitted the item for June's edition. Ian to cover for him whilst he and Pat are away until September.

Police Matters

There had been some issues with police attending a disturbance above the shops and the new landlord of the Saxon was concerned that a few people may have thought this was linked to the running of the pub which it was not. George reported that NO residents had contacted the Residents Association regarding the Saxon.

Coach Trip

Margaret reported that the Bristol trip had made a profit of £72.50 with 42 seats occupied on the coach. It was thought that we should organise another trip later in the year – possibly to Blackpool.

Party In The Park

Brian to carry out a Risk Assessment. Ken booking a mid skip for rubbish removal, George to put up posters. Ken, Paul and George asking local restaurants and pubs for raffle prizes, Margaret and Dot to sell the tickets, George has the BBQ from Mike and Pat, Lisa providing the Gas BBQ. Margaret D and Margaret W cooking onions. Prices for food to be unchanged from last year - £2 a Burger, £1 a Hotdog and 50p for a small Hotdog. Ken had informed police of the party but not had a reply. Phil Partridge offered to provide extra lighting – gratefully accepted. Paul arranging children's treasure Hunt from 5pm onwards.

AOB

George is keen to arrange World Cup evenings with a projector to show matches and maybe provide 'fish & chip's'.

A dog waste bin has been requested on Creynolds Lane near the junction with Watery Lane. Dot reported amounts of dog faeces in the gully's and George is to speak to Mathew Gardner from Solihull about the problem.

Meeting closed at 10.05pm – Next meeting in the SAXON - Wednesday 7th July