

MINUTES OF THE CHESWICK GREEN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

WEDNESDAY 7th December 2011

Present Paul, Brian, Jason, Margaret, Pat, Dot, Barbara, Ian, Phil, George and Pete
Apologies Lisa and Garry

Minutes from previous meeting

Ian said he had read a lot about the benefits of solar panels but was far from convinced as to the value for saving money. Pete said that EH Smith were selling a lot of systems and thought they were beneficial. Further discussion deferred until next year.

Traffic Calming. An excessive speed electronic warning display has been installed on Cheswick Way. Everyone was in favour of these and they were thought to be very useful.

Paul suggested that there needs to be a grit box in Knoll Croft during the winter period. George to contact Mathew Gardener at SMBC.

Village Hall

Ian reported that the parish council were looking into changes to the central heating system to overcome any remaining problems with radiators furthest away from the boiler, namely one radiator in the small hall and one in the parish office. Len had had a meeting with a heating engineer who has suggested replacing the existing displacement tank with a larger commercial one and installing a second 'booster' pump to increase the flow to the small hall and parish office. At the same time as servicing the boiler and providing the annual gas safety certificate that is due to expire in February.

Members of the committee said that they would like three estimates one of which should be from a local engineer. Ian was of the opinion that if the parish council were paying for the work again it was unrealistic to insist on three estimates.

The emergency lighting has been upgraded to include two overhead fittings in the large hall plus overhead bulkhead fittings in the toilets and corridor. Denise has been sent an invoice for the work by the electrician.

Play Area Shops and Car Park

It was noted by George that a large puddle forms outside the Indian Restaurant after periods of heavy rain. Not sure if the drains have become blocked or if this has been the case for some time?

Trevor and Leslie will be leaving the post office on Wednesday after many years. The PC and residents Association have clubbed together to purchase a clock as a token of our appreciation for their service to the village. George and Margaret to sign a greeting card. Margaret and Dot will attend the hand over.

Planning

There has been a meeting between the parish council, SMBC and Liberty Properties about a proposed housing development that would adjoin Blythe Valley Business Park and Illshaw Heath/ Kinton Lane. The development mentions 500 new houses.

Whilst development was not seen as a good thing the general feeling was that if development was inevitable this location was the least obtrusive of areas already put forward for future development. Ian raised concerns that the initial proposal of 500 houses should not be increased as has happened in the case of Dickens Heath.

ALL members were adamant that any development should have a high percentage of Intermediate or affordable housing.

Children's Christmas Parties

It was agreed that we should meet at 12.00 midday 15th December to setup for the Children's Party. Pat said that parents who had not read the notice boards were now asking for tickets, and more children have said they are coming than those who have tickets! George said he would do the tickets next year.

Pat is producing a form for parents to sign saying that they have given permission for any photographs taken to be used in the magazine and website.

New years Eve Family Party

Pete doing the balloons, Money from ticket sales to be used for buying party food and decorations. Setup time for new years eve is 3pm.

Party In The Park is set for Saturday 2nd June to coincide with the Golden Jubilee. George to try and book the band 'Crazy Mustang' again.

Magazine and Website

Nothing to report.

Any Other Business

None

Meeting closed at 10.00pm – Next meeting arranged for Wednesday 4th January 2012