

MINUTES OF THE CHESWICK GREEN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION
WEDNESDAY 2nd September 2009

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

Apologies Pat & Mike, Pete and Lisa

Minutes From Previous Meeting

The minutes were approved with no issues.

Play Area, Shops & Car Park

There have been a number of complaints about the badly worn / total lack of grass around the goal posts. The general feeling was that this is the responsibility of the parish council. Some animosity remains after their decision to alter the positioning of the goal posts in the spring.

Also a number of people have commented on state of the youth shelter, missing roof panels etc. George and Ian to purchase timber and effect repairs on Sunday 13th September.

Ken reported that the shrub areas previously replaced by Solihull MBC in the spring were badly overgrown and needed tending to. Ken said he would contact Mathew Gardener at Solihull on this issue.

Village Hall

Barbara gave the good news that there have been no problems over the summer period. Kath Harris of the W.I. has requested a locking cupboard for storing coffee cups and also requested some trays. Margaret has purchased two trays but there are no lockable cupboards available as they are all in use by other groups that use the hall on a weekly basis. There would however be no objection to the WI installing a lockable box inside one of the existing lower kitchen cupboards for their own use.

After consultation with Ian, George, Brian and Denise, Margaret D has arranged for local firm, Surelight of Coppice Walk to start work in September on replacing fascia panels and guttering at the village Hall. It was also specified that they would remove rubbish when the job was completed. Payment to be made from VH Management funds.

Flood Prevention.

Plans for flood prevention measures being considered by the parish council were made available by Brian and discussed. It was decided that it was important that there should be removable barriers fitted to all three entrances. These could be slid into place in the event of a risk of flooding. It was thought that airbricks were at a sufficient height above ground to not warrant action, as were proposals for fitments to toilet pans.

Planning Applications

Brian gave details of 3 applications but there was nothing considered to warrant our intervention.

Magazine

Nothing to report

Tubs Planters

The tubs have been planted by Solihull MBC. Once again Margaret thought the tub at the junction of Saxonwood Road had been poor but the ones by the school had been quite good. Ken was going to mention this to Mathew Gardener.

Police Matters

Ken asked everyone to keep an eye open for any suspicious activity that may be connected with the sale of drugs. He would be passing any feedback such as car reg numbers onto the police.

Brian reported that there would be a Police Rural Assembly meeting on the 10th of September at Solihull Civic Suit. Brian would be attending on behalf of the parish council. It was reported that the present contract between the parish council to provide a PCSO for the area would run out in June 2010. It was thought that during the period that Wendy Shale had been the PCSO many problems had been 'nipped in the bud' and that she had got to know the area very well. Ken pointed out that PCSO's did not have the power of arrest that a full time officer would have. Overall opinion seemed to be that having a PCSO was a great benefit.

Any other matters arising

Brian reported that there had been an application for the use of an area of the car park by a mobile fish and chip van This was considered but felt may be detrimental to the business of the Saxon who's new owners were offering a take away service along with potential problems of rubbish. Decision on this to be made by the parish council.

Ken has provisionally booked the bangla Lounge for Tuesday 29th September for our 'social' get together. Wives/Husbands/Partners welcome.

It was commented on how pleasant the drivers were on the new S4 Bus service. Praise all round.

Meeting closed at 9.40pm