

MINUTES OF THE CHESWICK GREEN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

WEDNESDAY 2nd November 2011

Present George, Margaret, Brian, Jason, Pete, Pat, Dot, Barbara, Lisa, Gary and Ian.

Apologies Paul

Minutes from previous meeting

The minutes were approved without issues.

Village Hall

Brian reported there was no news from the PC re extension.

George had arranged to meet a local painter and decorator at the hall for an estimate but he did not turn up. Margaret proposed that we decorate the hall ourselves after the New Year. Sunday 8th January. We will invoice Denise for the cost of materials. It was agreed to use the existing colours of cool mint/menthol mint purchased from B&Q.

Barbara reported that Craft Club would like more tables. This was discussed but it was not felt there was sufficient room for storage. Old outdated and inappropriate notices to be removed from notice boards at close of meeting. Brian asked if we should have an Asbestos Inspection carried out but Ian said this had already been done 4 or 5 years previously.

Play Area Shops and Car Park

Dot has liaised with the parish council who have decided to take over responsibility for the goal posts and nets.

Dot reported that the bus drivers were not happy with proposed changes to the service and that the Post Office will be changing hands in December when Leslie and Trevor retire.

Dot reported that the PC working with Solihull council have arranged to illuminate with Christmas lights the large conifer in front of the post office. This was thought to be an great idea in an ideal location.

Planning

There was some concern over application 2011/1647 and the term 'Soil Screeding' it was unclear as to what this involved so Margaret and George will visit the site to find out more and Brian will make further enquiry's.

With regard to future planning developments around Cheswick Green everyone was agreed that we should strive to maintain our 'island status' and not become joined up with other developments. The need for future affordable and intermediate housing was discussed.

There was a discussion on the pros and cons of solar panels and it was thought it would be worthwhile to provide some information and links on the website. George and Ian to liaise by email.

Members were concerned that work had now stopped on the two houses being built in Saxonwood Road. They looked a mess and could affect property values in the vicinity. Brian will make further enquiry's.

Possible 20 mph Speed Restrictions

It was reported that the parish council had been looking into the imposing of a 20mph speed restriction along Cheswick Way. There was some discussion on this with 10 out of 12 members against measures to restrict speeds to 20 mph. The use of speed humps was not a popular solution.

Future Events

George has had the tickets for the Children's Christmas and Family New Years Eve Parties printed and has put up notices to publicise the events. Barbara and Dot to distribute on Sunday at the Village Hall. It was thought a buffet for the junior party and a set table for the older ones would be best. Margaret is buying the food. There are to be 24 family tickets for the New Years Eve Party which should result in around 80 – 100 when members are included.

With the Queens Golden Jubilee in the first week of June 2012 and Tuesday 5th June being declared a public bank holiday it was thought it may be a good idea to bring forward the date of next years Party In The Park forward to Saturday 2nd June?
Discuss this further at next months meeting.

Magazine and Website

Nothing to report.

Any Other Business

December's meeting will be in the Village Hall with a get-together in the Saxon afterwards.

Meeting closed at 10.00pm – Next meeting arranged for Wednesday 7th December 2011