

MINUTES OF THE CHESWICK GREEN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION WEDNESDAY 4th November 2009

Present George, Margaret D, Brian, Pat, Mike, Dot, Garry, Lisa, Ian & Barbara
Apologies Ken & Margaret W, and Pete

Minutes From Previous Meeting

The minutes were approved with no issues. Mike enquired what decision the parish council had come to with regards to the PCSO's employment. Brian said there would be a meeting at the next PC meeting with the police Wednesday 11th November to discuss this further.

Dot has spoken with Leslie at the post office with regards to sharing a waste bin for the Village Hall. Nothing has been decided on this though.

Children's Christmas Party

Provisional date for this years Christmas party is Sunday, 13th. It is hoped that Ken will agree to be Farther Christmas as he was so good last year. Suggested that tubes of sweets would be a suitable present. Margaret is organising the catering. Lisa is contacting the children's entertainer for which we have budgeted £150. Lisa said we should buy some new decorations for the hall. This was agreed and a budget of £20 should be enough. Pat agreed to provide the entertainment for the 3-5's. George to print the tickets, 30 for the 3-5's and 60 for the 5-11's.

Play Area, Shops & Car Park

Mike pointed out that the gate to the play area was broken. Brian to report this to the parish council. It was commented on that the waste bin near the goalposts still has no liner and needs replacing. Mike has contacted SMBC.

The parish council are to discuss moving the goalposts. Grass here badly needs replacing.

Village Hall

The guttering and fascias have now been replaced and looking very good. Some cracked roof tiles were noticed when the work was carried out. These need replacing at some time in the near future. Margaret has been looking into the price of improved loft insulation. George is contacting Barry and Pete for quotes on labour and materials. Pat and other members were unhappy with the amount of equipment being stored in the small hall by Youth Club. Ian to write to Julian so that no more is added and maybe some can be removed?

Proposed Village Hall Management Agreement

Pat and mike raised concerns on possible implications of liability to members in the event of an accident or claim with the draft agreement in its current form. They felt that the ultimate responsibility must lie with the owners of the hall, that being the parish council. Brian distributed some amended drafts that resolve a number of points of concern. George agreed that there needs to be some written agreement but it was thought this should take the form of a guide rather than an obligation.

Planning Applications

Nothing of concern but it was mentioned that work on new houses in Saxonwood Road seemed to have stopped and it looks a mess.

Magazine & Website

Mike and Pat will be away from June to September 2010 so will not be able to work on entries in the magazine during this time. There had been some mention of including minutes from the parish council in the magazine but this was not thought to be a good idea. The parish council website would provide this information when it went live.

Police Matters

George reported that there had been a rise in the numbers of youths on the streets on Friday evenings and that a youth had been attacked on a bus returning to Cheswick Green.

Subscriptions

Margaret has reworded the note to be delivered with envelopes during January. George said he would print 850 copies. There would be no magazines to deliver this year.

Any other matters arising

Garry asked if we would be doing another village 'clean up' in March. It was agreed that we would do this again.

Meeting closed at 10.00pm – Next meeting arranged for Wednesday 2nd December