

# CHESWICK GREEN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

THURSDAY 4TH NOVEMBER 2021

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

**Committee Attendees:** Greg, Simon, Deb, Becky, Dave, Debbie & Rory

**Apologises:** Helen

### Minutes From Last Meeting

- All agreed

### Presentation of Reports

- As acting Chairman, Greg thanked the Committee for their contributions to the Village and the building of a healthy community spirit. He explained how the role of the Residents Association had changed which was essential in representing the interests of residents. Debbie's efforts to provide floral decorations received a special mention.
- Despite the constraints imposed by the Covid pandemic, activities had been both caring and far reaching, consisting of the distribution of two safety posters, two food parcel collections in conjunction with the Renewal Church, working with SMBC to secure traffic calming measures at the Creynolds Lane/Vicarage Road junction, actions to prevent the expansion of the local school plus the planning of various social activities.
- On behalf of all residents, Greg thanked George Burdett for heading up the Residents Association for many years and all the work he had undertaken to make the Village a great place to live.
- It was noted that the proposal to expand the local school had gone quiet and further communications were awaited. The next issue facing residents was SMBC's proposal to build c1000 homes and a primary school on the old Strawberry Fields/Dog Kennel Lane site.
- For the period under review, the Treasurers report showed an opening balance on £3103 and a closing balance of £2632. The key areas of expenditure were bedding plants for the planters, insurance and funding of the children's Halloween party. It was noted that due to Covid restrictions, the collection of subscriptions had been cancelled.

### Election of Officers

- **Chairman - Simon**, proposed by Greg, seconded by Becky.
- **Vice Chairman - Greg**, proposed by Simon, seconded by Deb.
- **Treasurer - Becky**, proposed by Simon, seconded by Greg.
- **Secretary - Helen**, proposed by Greg, seconded by Becky.
- **Committee Members**, Deb Taylor, Dave Brown, Adam Tullet, Audrey Reynolds, Kirsty Jenkins, Rory Cash, Debbie Bradshaw, Claire O'Reilly, and Lisa Allen.

### General Discussion

- Simon welcomed his new position and underlined the importance of all residents working together. He said that switching on the Christmas lights, a Village football match, New Years Eve party and the children Christmas party all needed urgent attention. It was intended to convene an online meeting to address these events.
- The Parish Council Christmas Event 5<sup>th</sup> December is being arranged. Several residents and committee members agreed to support this where possible.
- Local residents questioned that the VHMC had requested £170 to hire the VH on New Years Eve which would have to be shared between 10-12 families. Greg was asked to question the proposed fee.
- The fee for the RA meetings was also questioned by the new members of the committee. They had not been aware of this before. It was explained that all hirers pay some fee and this includes the PC, despite the fact they own the building.
- Joanne Kitchen presented an idea to the group regarding updating and potentially changing the play equipment in Cheswick Green Rec. ground. Several people supported this and Margaret Gosling suggested putting it to the Parish Council would be good to understand if they could support this.

- Lighting in the park was also discussed, this partially to do with the Firework display happening during the meeting for Charlie Jays memory. MG said some details had been gained on this in the past but suggested the PC could supply more information.

**Meeting finished at 9:45pm**

