

# **MINUTES OF THE CHESWICK GREEN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION WEDNESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> December 2010**

**Present** Brian, Paul, Margaret, Dot, Mike, Ian and Barbara

**Apologies** George, Pete and Gary

We were all sad to hear that Georges father had been taken ill so Brian chaired the meeting in Georges absence.

**Minutes from previous meeting**

Brian reported that Christmas lights not going ahead this year. Ian reported leaking radiator had been disconnected and George had asked Barry to repair it.

The minutes were approved.

**Children's Christmas Party**

20 young ones and 50 older children's tickets have been sold. Margaret has purchased the presents, sweets and colouring sets and Dot and Ron have wrapped them.

Food arrangements – sit down at tables, same as last year for little ones and 'buffet' this year for older ones. Cheese, crisps, savouries, mince pies, pizza slices and fruit.

Margaret getting paper tablecloths.

We have arranged to meet at 12.00am on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> to setup.

**New Years Eve Party**

A budget of £80 was agreed for buying party food, sandwiches, pizza slices, cheese pickles, sausage rolls, crisps and savouries. Margaret will be away so suggested we use the money from ticket sales.

Helpers to meet at 3.00pm to setup.

**Play Area, Shops & Car Park**

Paul commented on what a good job had been made of the resurfacing of the approach road to the village hall. Seems to have been a joint effort by SMBC, CGPC and the land owner. Done at last.

Dot reported that ROSPA had carried out an inspection of the play equipment. Some repairs and modifications were needed. Sum of around £1185 mentioned.

Mike reported a number of panels were missing from the youth shelter roof.

**Village Hall**

Margaret confirmed she would represent the management committee in talks of extensions to the hall with the parish council.

Ian reported that £25 was deducted from the deposit from a private party booking that turned out to be a 16<sup>th</sup> birthday and resulted in damage to the toilets.

**Planning Applications**

Applications in Salter Street, 53 Cheswick Way and Cheswick Green School discussed but no action needed on behalf of RA.

**Magazine & Website**

Mike handed out a copy of the item on Solihull's Core Strategy to be printed in the next edition of the magazine. Ian commented on the nicely written item on the Blackpool trip in the last edition.

## **Police Matters**

Dot reported that an ex policeman, Ian Hawkins had spoken to her about coming to one of our meetings and members look forward to meeting him.

## **Christmas 'Get Together'**

A date of Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January at 8pm seemed the best and will take the place of our meeting in the village hall. Brian said he would call into the Bangla Restaurant with a provisional table booking for around 10 people.

Ian to let everyone know by email.

## **Public Meeting to Discuss Solihull's Core Strategy plans**

The UDP is being replaced and consultation on sites put forward for development was taking place between now and January. A number of sites around Cheswick Green have been put forward but currently none are recommended by SMBC.

Chris Nobel has pointed out the increased risk of flooding that would result with some of the sites put forward. Brian has produced a draft copy of a suitable response from the Residents Association that details this and describes village like Cheswick Green as 'Islands in a sea of Green Belt'.

### **Key points being...**

Flooding – Appropriate protection against water run-off must be incorporated within any development.

Green Belt status surrounds Cheswick Green and the neighbouring villages and must be protected. This has been achieved after many years of hard campaigning by residents, Parish Councils and other groups.

The development of any sites within the Green Belt would be inappropriate.

It is essential to maintain the village character of Cheswick Green and its neighbouring villages.

Coalescence with other villages and Shirley must be avoided.

It was decided to make some minor amendments to the draft. Brian would pass on to George to submit or response.

## **AOB**

Margaret is updating the list of subs collections for early next year.

Brian will be attending a meeting organised by CENTRO on behalf of the RA.

Dot had heard that Grosvenor may not continue running the S14 service?

Paul reported missing salt/grit boxes in Knoll Croft and Willow Drive – contacting Highways. Margaret reported that new bags for plastic waste were being delivered to houses in Cheswick Green in March.

Mike thought it would be a good idea to have a litter bin at the top of the green by Spinny Drive. Dot to email Mike Gardner at SMBC. Dot reported that the bench in this area was to be moved by the PC.

## **Meeting closed at 10. pm**

No formal meeting in January but there will be an informal 'get together' in the Bangala restaurant on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2011