

MINUTES OF THE CHESWICK GREEN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION WEDNESDAY 6th February 2013

Present. Jason, Lisa, Phil, George, Pat, Barbara, Ian and Chris Burrows.

Apologies. Brian, Pete and Margaret.

Members sent their regards to Brian who has broken his leg, they wished him a speedy recovery.

Matters Arising

George has arranged for the village hall sign to be fitted. This will be happening soon.

Ian said he had spoken with Len Cresswell who had offered the details of the company used by the PC for the notice boards. George has however used a company he knows and has obtained a very good price.

Pat said that U3A know they have to start paying for the use of the hall from this month on Chris Burrows reported that the PC have been in contact with Caroline Spellman over the ownership of unfinished and derelict properties in Saxonwood Road and Creynolds Lane. However the situation remains ongoing with no real progress. George said he was very much in favour of a compulsory purchase order being placed on the houses in Saxonwood Road. Item deferred to next meeting.

Village Hall.

Ian reported that he had spoken to Len Cresswell and that the PIR sensor for the men's urinals was being fitted in the next week. This would be mains operated as opposed to a cheaper battery powered unit.

Ian suggested that their needs to be a system of petty cash for small purchases related to the running of the village hall. Currently the clock in the large hall needed replacing along with a number of florescent tubes and Salt/Grit for the outside of the hall.

George and Ian to raise the matter of petty cash with Denise.

George said the outside door to the Large Hall was in need of painting. Paint needs to be Satin finish metal paint to match. This would be best done when the weather improves in the spring so deferred to next meeting.

Chris Burrows said that a working group looking at an extension to the village hall has been setup aided by a local surveyor who has offered his assistance.

Ian said that during the heavy snow the gutters had froze and a large amount of water had run down the outside wall and into the letterbox. This accumulated to 10 inches of water in the box on two occasions even after to letterbox had been jammed shut so nothing could be put into it. He suggested a small plastic or metal flap or canopy maybe 2 inches wide be fitted over the letterbox to prevent this happening in future.

George and Phil said they would look for something suitable.

Ian asked when would be the best time to switch from the winter to summer heating settings. Phil said the school do this on the 1st May. It was agreed this would be suitable.

Play Area Shops and Car Park.

George suggested there should be a grit bin placed by the slope and pathway outside the shops as many people including Brian have slipped here. Chris Burrows said that the PC have written to Mr Carver with regard to a handrail being fitted alongside the steps.

George said he would contact Mat Gardner at SMBC about a grit bin.

George asked who should be contacted about the railing outside the doctor's surgery. Pat gave the name of the practice manager.

Planning.

Brian had emailed a list of planning applications just one this month, 2013/110 which raised no concerns. Members were however concerned about cameras that had appeared in the

village. Some people believed that these were something to do with the proposed development of Mount Dairy Farm. Chris B said the PC had written to SMBC as to why they had not been consulted about the cameras? Brian had emailed his report on behalf of the CGRA given at the planning inquiry in at the end of January. There has been no further news since the inquiry. Everyone present was opposed to the development.

George was concerned and said he would consider standing as a parish councillor at the next election.

Chris Burrows said that there had been an application for a music licence at the 'Stables' next to the Bulls Head in Salter Street but members thought this should be left to the PC. Chris also referred to a possible extension to the traveller's site in Salter Street and reported that the PC was objecting to this.

Chris Burrows left the meeting at 9.05pm

Magazine and Website.

Pat asked for suggestions as to what could go into the next edition of the magazine? It was thought an item informing residents of the proposed development of Mount Dairy Farm would be useful. Also the date for this years Party in the Park – July 6th.

Subscriptions

Subscriptions deferred to the next meeting when Margaret will be present.

Local Policing.

Nothing to report.

Social Events

Pat talked about the U3A organised trips but these did not yet include coach trips. It was decided to defer any discussion on future coach trips to next moths meeting. With regard to the AGM in May, George said we should once again have a pre AGM meet to get ourselves organised. Pat said we need to encourage new members to join the committee, everyone agreed. Brian had forwarded an email from the PC requesting a risk assessment for the next Party In the Park event. There did not seem to be a problem with this as it would be along the same lines as previous years. Ian said that Barbara and he would not be available for Party in the Park this year as they would be in London.

Any Other Business.

Ian said he had been contacted by a resident in Coppice Walk who thought that members full names should be included in the minutes and that we should consider putting members details on the website. This was discussed but the general feeling was that full names were unnecessary and members were not keen on having their details on the website.

Meeting closed at 9.20pm - Next meeting - Wednesday 6th March 2013