

MINUTES OF THE CHESWICK GREEN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Thursday 12th May 2011

Present George, Dot, Barbara, Ian, Brian, Phil R, Pete, Jason, Margaret and Lisa.
Apologies Pat, Paul

Minutes from previous meeting

The minutes were approved. As some decisions on the future management of the Village Hall were not made at the AGM this meeting was called to discuss the matter and also Party in the Park.

Item 1: CGRA Constitution

We now have a copy of our constitution that was not available at last weeks AGM. It does not contain anything that says that there should be separate meetings for items of Village Hall management. It does however require separate accounts and this has always been so. We have always kept and produced separate accounts for Village Hall management and Residents Association.

This being the case, the committee see no reason to alter the way the Residents Association meet to manage the Village Hall as part of its monthly meetings.

Each item of the 1979 Constitution were discussed in detail to determine if we are fulfilling our duties and to update where needed.

Items that merited attention were...

Hockley Heath parish council no longer covers the area of Cheswick Green following the outcome of a community governance review which was carried out by the Borough Council. On 31st March 2009 the former Hockley Heath Parish Council was abolished and on 1st April 2009 four new parish councils were created.

Cheswick Green now has its own parish council and so references to 'Hockley Heath Parish Council' should be taken to read Cheswick Green Parish Council.

It was agreed that an appendix to the 1979 Constitution should be made to detail this but the original wording should not be altered at this time.

Item 6 The Committee

"The affairs of the Association shall (except as provided Clause 15 hereof) be administered in conformity with the objects of the Association by a Committee which shall consist of 10 elected members excluding officers."

This item was discussed as non of the committee can remember a time when the committee had enough members to not include 10 elected members and that this item should be amended.

Elected Members

At future AGM's Half the committee should retire and may stand for re-election.

Jason said he wished to become a committee member and was proposed and seconded. Jason was elected onto the committee.

7 PROCEEDINGS

Proceedings of the Committee shall not be invalidated by any failure to appoint or any defect in the appointment election or qualification of any member.

Wording of this item was discussed and thought by all to be badly written and difficult to understand.

8. *DECLARATION*

No Person shall be entitled to act as a member of the Committee, whether on a first or any subsequent entry into office, until after signing in the minute book of the Committee a declaration of acceptance and of willingness to act in the Trusts hereof.

Ian collected signatures of all elected members

9. *SELF-INTERESTS*

Except in special circumstances with the approval in writing the Charity Commissioners or the Secretary of State, no member of the Committee shall take or hold any interest in any property belonging to the Association otherwise than as Trustee for the purposes thereof, or receive any remuneration, or be interested in the supply of work or goods, at the cost of the Association.

George to write to the Charity Commissioners with respect to Barbara who is employed as a cleaner at the Village Hall.

15. *ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING*

Fifteen members of the Association in addition to six members of the combined Committee and Officers shall constitute a quorum for the Annual General Meeting. It was discussed that at recent AGM's it would be unusual for more than 21 members to attend and this item may require amendment.

Summary

In general it was concluded that as a whole the Association were meeting the terms of the 1979 constitution to the best of its abilities.

Item 2: Party in the Park

George Confirmed that the band had been booked and Margaret asked for details for the accounts.

Not been able to contact the children's rides people (tea cups) – Pete to chase.

Margaret has asked for a contribution from the parish council as in previous years.

Brian to produce a risk assessment. Dot to enquire about hire of a midi skip.

Raffle prizes to be restaurant vouchers for meals at the Bangla Lounge, Nando's and the Saxon along with two tickets on our next coach trip.

Margaret agreed to sell the raffle tickets, Ian and Pete agreed to do the Disco.

Minutes recorded by Ian Sill (Secretary)

Meeting closed at 10.10pm – Next meeting - Wednesday 1st June.