

MINUTES OF THE CHESWICK GREEN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

WEDNESDAY 4th April 2012

Present George, Phil, Brian, Jason, Lisa, Pat, Barbara, Ian, Gary and Pete

Guests Chris Burrows.

Apologies Margaret, Pat and Vicki Atkins

Minutes from previous meeting.

George said he had written to SMBC to ask them to consider installing a crossing on Cheswick Way near the school and has received an acknowledgement.

George and Gary commented that the organised litter pick and clean up had been poorly attended but a great deal of organic debris had been cleared from the pub car park adjacent to houses in Coppice Walk. This was bagged and awaiting collection by SMBC. The minutes were approved.

Village Hall.

Ian reported that the problem with the heating reported last month seemed to have been caused by users turning off radiators and throwing system off balance. Heating now seems to be working OK. There was nothing else to report.

Play Area Shops and Car Park.

Litter pick had gone ahead as reported above. George suggested it was time the PC moved the position of the goal posts in order to give the grass a chance to recover.

Removal of trees on the recreation field.

Ian had sent emails to Brian, Margaret, George and Chris Noble saying he thought the residents association had failed in its duty to look after the interests of residents of Cheswick Green on this matter. The plans to remove the trees had not been brought to the attention of the association despite being represented on the pc recreation committee at the time. A meeting with the parish council and residents of Heron Close had also gone ahead with no involvement from the residents association.

Chris Burrows reassured members that there had been no policy of keeping the residents association 'out of the loop' but felt lessons had been learnt and things could have been handled differently. Ian commented that the association no longer had a representative on the parish councils recreation committee and as meeting usually took place on mornings during the week when most members were at work it would be difficult to attend. George suggested an informal meeting with the PC three or four times a year but it was suggested this would not have helped in this situation due to the timescales between planning and work taking place.

Ian said he always read the minutes of parish council meetings that had been published on the pc website but these were some months behind as at this time only the minutes for January had been published and these did not mention a meeting with residents of Herron Close. Ian asked Chris if it would be possible for the parish council to email copies of the future agenda's and minutes of parish council meetings so that we could be represented on issues considered of concern. Chris said he could see no reason why not. Ian said he already sent copies of the residents association agenda and minutes to Len Creswell as PC Village Hall Representative and also Chris Noble as chairman of the PC.

Brain handed out a printout from the pc detailing types and numbers of proposed replacement trees. Members hoped that when replacement trees were planted the area of the recreation field alongside Heron Close would look better. At present it looks a mess. George suggested some sort of official unveiling of the new trees at Party in the Park.

Members Thanked Chris Burrows for attending and he left the meeting at 9.30pm

Subscriptions.

Nothing to report.

Planning.

Brian produced the current list of applications 2012/315, 349,

With regard to application 2012/349 194 Creynolds Lane it had been reported in the press that permission had now been granted for the demolition of the bungalow and construction of two new houses instead of one as was the original plan.

George said it seems the purpose of this application is prevent the original planning application running out of time. Members were all opposed to the addition of a third dwelling as it had been refused by SMBC when plans were first put forward. SMBC now seem to have overturned this and accepted three new houses on the site.

Magazine and Website.

Ian said he had given the website a makeover and added some new features in an attempt to encourage people to use the site.

Local Policing.

Nothing to report.

2012 AGM

Ian and George suggested that public participation in the meeting should be restricted to the first 10 minutes. Ian asked if it was necessary to have the position of Village Hall Chairman as meetings took place as the first item of CGRA business at CGRA monthly meetings. It was agreed that the date of the AGM be Wednesday 2nd May at 8pm in the Village Hall. It was also agreed to hold a pre AGM meeting on Tuesday 24th April in the Saxon.

Future Events.

Party in the Park. George said he has a quantity of frozen burgers purchased from the school PTA that will supplement what has to be purchased. George commented that bun size needs to match burger size which had not always been the case in the past. Drinks and food are to be priced in round figures to cut down on the time spent sorting out change. It was agreed we would use last year's posters with the date changed.

Bunting now needs to be purchased. A budget of £50 was set for bunting and balloons. Suggested we also purchase a selection of hats and flags as it was the Jubilee celebration. George said he would ask Simone Dance and Emma Brown Zumba if they would like to put on a dance display sometime between 5 and 7pm before the band started playing. This was thought to be a good idea by all.

Phil is letting the local police know of our plans and asking them to attend. Brian said he would prepare a risk assessment. George liaising with Saxon pub to keep them informed. Phil said he would have a word with the new owners of the post office and off licence to let them know they could be busy.

It was agreed that raffle tickets have pre allocated prizes and not left for winners to choose. George to ask Pub and restaurant to donate a prize.

George said he had now booked the bouncy castle and children's ride. Phil said he would ask Ian Partridge of the PTA if we could use their outdoor lighting talents.

George asked Ian to make sure he could play the National Anthem music.

Meeting Closed at 10.00pm - Next meeting - AGM Wednesday 2nd May 2012