

# **MINUTES OF THE CHESWICK GREEN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**

## **WEDNESDAY 1<sup>st</sup> February 2012**

**Present** Jason, Brian, Pete, Phil, George, Lisa, Margaret, Pat, Barbara, Ian, Garry and Paul.

**Guest** Rev Vicky Atkins

**Apologies** Dot

### **Minutes from previous meeting**

Minutes were approved only issue being two typing errors.

### **Village Hall**

Margaret thanked those that came along to repaint the large and small halls. The radiators still need to be painted. Ian was not keen on the dark green used on the radiators in the small hall so a vote was held and dark green was the most popular choice. It was agreed to meet on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February and finish painting the radiators.

Ian reported that a second meeting had taken place between Ian, Margaret, George and Len regarding work on the heating system. It was decided that we needed a second estimate that was for the same work (like for like) as the original estimate obtained by Len. This was arranged by George and this second estimate turned out to be more expensive than the original one. It was therefore decided that the work should be done by City UK Services Ltd which was the first quote. Margaret stressed that it was always important to obtain more than one quote especially when costs were reasonably high as in this case. Also approval of the management committee should be obtained before any work is ordered.

Ian reported that the work is due to be commenced on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March which is during half term and the hall should be unused. However Simone has now posted a notice that she is holding dance exams on this date although Ruth was unaware of this. George said he would contact City UK and ask if work could start on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> instead. If not Simone would not be able to use the hall on the 14<sup>th</sup>.

Pat said she had been approached by Cheswick Green PTA to ask if they could use the hall on the evening of 30<sup>th</sup> March for a fund raising bingo evening. This would normally be held at the school but as there was major building work taking place the school could not be used. It was agreed that the PTA could use the hall and in view of all the help received from the PTA with party in the park there would be no charge for the use of the hall.

This was on the understanding that the PTA cleared it with Youth Club who would normally be using the hall. Pat reported that this had been arranged with Youth Club. Brian reported that he had been asked by John Wood if he could use the hall for a family 18<sup>th</sup> birthday party. Ian commented that the hall was not hired out for teenage parties in view of all the problems with this type of party in the past. It was however felt that in the light of the long years of service to the hall provided by John we were willing to make an exception to this rule as long as adequate adult supervision was provided.

### **Play Area Shops and Car Park**

The litter situation seems to be currently under control with no large areas of litter to be cleared. As there is usually an annual litter pick in the spring it was suggested that this year it would be a good idea to have a 'Stream Clean' instead. Ian said it would good to clear the debris that has accumulated in the river and the stream that feeds into it. This idea was approved and a spring date to be set at our next meeting.

George has arranged with Trish at SMBC for Solihull to collect some bags of leaves from the land at the corner of Saxonwood Road and Cheswick Way.

Paul reported that further to Georges request to Mathew Gardener a winter grit box is being delivered to Knoll Croft. George reported that the electronic speed indicator sign has been removed from Cheswick Way. We felt this was a pity but understand they are moved around the locality.

George suggested asking the doctors surgery if they would like us to try and straighten the railings outside the surgery using a car jack. George said he would ask. Paul said he felt the lighting was very poor in the ally between the doctors and the chemist. No action was thought warranted at this time.

### **Planning**

Brian reported that the application for 194 Creynolds lane had now been changed to include an additional house bringing it up to the original application that was refused. Members agreed that this was a very poor way of going about things and George is writing on the associations behalf to object to the change. Brian reported that the PC will also be objecting.

Solihull has now published the LDF future planning for Solihull which includes a site alongside Willow Drive and Saxonwood road known as 'site 17' . Members were unanimously against development of this site at any time in the near future, especially in view of plans put forward for housing near to Blythe Valley Business Park. Whilst this was not particularly welcomed it was seen as a lesser evil. However the majority of members where very much against any road linking this development with Cheswick Green.

### **Future Events**

George said he has not been able to make contact with the group 'Crazy Mustang' and has had no reply to a letter he sent them. We agreed to look for other bands and Ian, Pete Phil and George all said they would be willing to go along and view bands so as to decide on one. It was thought that as this years party coincided with the diamond jubilee we should buy some bunting. Rev Vick Atkins said she would like to be involved in the daytime events. Ian suggested that as it was such a special occasion maybe we could have a daytime band as well as an evening band. Maybe a Steel Band?

Margaret said it was to early to book a coach trip, maybe we can talk more of this at the next meeting.

### **Magazine and Website**

Pat and Mike have prepared the next edition and it was confirmed that from now on we will be just having the free entry only. A separate flyer had gone out with the last magazine including photographs of the children's party.

### **Subscriptions**

Margaret reported that 885 envelopes had been delivered by Barry and herself and that so far £764 had been banked. Money was still coming in.

### **Policing**

Garry reported that there had been some thefts of motor vehicles and that crime figures were being reported online at police.uk. Ian was asked if a link could be put on the website and Ian said he would do this. The possibility of producing an anti crime leaflet was discussed was discussed. To be raised again at our next meeting.

Meeting closed at 10.00pm – Next meeting arranged for Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2012