

MINUTES OF THE CHESWICK GREEN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

WEDNESDAY Tuesday 5th June 2012

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

Apologies Margaret and Pat

Minutes from previous meeting.

The minutes were approved with no issues.

Village Hall.

Barbara reported that the fire extinguishers had been tested.

Ian suggested that a meeting with Denise should be arranged before the autumn to discuss the increase in heating costs reported at this years AGM.

Play Area Shops and Car Park.

Members were delighted to see that the parish council had organised the prompt repair to the youth shelter and it was thought what a good job had been done.

George commented on the problems of poor drainage in the area between the swings and fenced playground. This does not seem to have been such a problem in previous years and members wondered if the underground drainage had become blocked where it empties into the river?

It was discussed how since the post office had changed hands there seemed to be a strong sense of competition between the local shops. There have been refits including frontages being replaced and a wider range of goods were available.

Planning.

Brian produced the current list of applications 2012/536, 597, 598 and 853

None of these were deemed to be a problem. With regard to application 194

Creynolds and construction of two additional new houses instead of one as was the original plan, members were unhappy that this decision seemed to set a precedent that planning could be easily overturned. Two new-build properties in Saxonwood Road remained unfinished and all work has now stopped. Ian was surprised that local residents were not voicing their concerns to the Residents association or the parish council. Gary wanted to know how this has come about and what measures exist to stop this type of thing happening in the future. Was there any option for SMBC to make a compulsory purchase order? Likewise for the derelict property at 30 Creynolds Lane, SMBC seemed powerless to force the owners to make good the property or sell it to someone who would. Member would like to see the property flattened or rebuilt. George said he would write to SMBC planning department voicing our concerns over both issues.

Magazine and Website.

Ian reported that he emailed a write-up of the Jubilee Party along with some photographs to Solihull Village Life for inclusion in the next edition of the magazine.

Party In The Park.

Margaret was not present so there were exact details of profit/loss but it seemed a small loss could be expected. Everyone thought that the event had gone really well. The band being one of the best we have had and we would use them again.

Ian suggested that the Association should make a payment to the young members of 'Voltage' to show our appreciation and help towards their costs. This was agreed and the sum of £50 seemed appropriate.

Future Events.

Members were all in favour of a coach trip to Blackpool in early October. George and Ian would try and gauge the level of interest from posters and the website. In future any bookings would need full payment at the time of booking.

Meeting Closed at 9.05pm - Next meeting - Wednesday 4th July 2012