

MINUTES OF THE CHESWICK GREEN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

WEDNESDAY 4th Sept 2013

Present . CGRA. George, Brian, Phil, Pete, Gary.

Residents. Greg, David, Philip, Lucie, Paul, Helen.

1) Apologises. Lisa,

2) Minutes from previous meeting.

- Minutes were approved without comment. To be sent to Ian to add to website. Agreed to add new attendees to the circulation list.

3) Village Hall.

- Brian to talk to Ian re locksmith. Parish council (PC) are aware and chasing the repairs to the manhole cover at the back of hall. George raised the work to repair the bollards is a long standing issue that has not been addressed.

4) Play Area, Shops and Car Park.

- Flower beds outside the shops have not improved. Still plan to tidy up in October. Letter to be sent to Matthew Gardner (SMBC). Suggestion of getting a sponsor to cover the costs. Carvers to be contacted to check.

5) Planning.

- A new planning application was shown. Nothing contentious.
- No new news on the golf course development. No sign of the planning committee date.
- Solihull Observer has asked for comments regarding our position on affordable housing. No response made to them yet. But GB will respond along the lines of we recognise the need but along national % guidelines. Also looking forward to helping locals getting on the ladder. GB will run the response past the group before submitting.
- GB also requested how we can find out how many objections were lodged to SMBC. So we can learn from where we may have gone wrong and where we can improve.
- Also agreed that we should consider hiring a coach for the Mount Dairy Farm planning committee meeting. Open discussion took place over who should present at the committee meeting and who would be best placed.
- Noted that a major development (Mount Dairy Farm) has a longer consultation period and it would likely be circa 12 weeks.
- Saxonwood Unfinished Houses. Likely going to open market auction.
- Question raised over who is liable if the flood defences fail and damage occurs to current houses. Is SMBC, Environment Agency.....etc.
- Planning consultant has been approached by PC
- Village Hall is booked by PC for a public meeting on Mount Dairy. Likely date Wed 16th October as it is expected that the planning application has been submitted prior to event. Need to establish how we work with PC so

we have a single meeting. No meeting overload or we will lose the residents attention.

6) Magazine and Website.

- Residents highlighting the poor parking around the village. Will keep an eye on it but could consider adding pixelated images of cars on the website.

7) Local Policing.

No issues.

8) Social Events.

- Band is booked for 2014 Party in the Park
- Contact needs to be made with Lisa for children's entertainer for Christmas.
- Jason to contact Amanda? (from Brownies) to discuss previous offer to help out at the under 5's Christmas party.
- Original idea of Blackpool coach trip has been dropped. Decision is we will drop the coach trips in general but will consider doing some more events in the hall.

9) Any Other Business.

- Request to add specific agenda items for each of the planning issues.
- Overgrown bushes at junction of Tanworth Lane/Watery Lane. GB to add to SMBC letter to Matthew Gardner

**Meeting Closed at 9.35pm –
Next meeting - Wednesday 2nd Oct 2013.
Venue . Village Hall 8.00pm**