

MINUTES OF THE CHESWICK GREEN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

WEDNESDAY 3rd October 2012

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

Apologies Lisa

Minutes from Previous Meeting.

Pat and Ian did not attend the parish councils meeting regarding the jubilee garden. The keep fit classes in the village hall have seen a drop in attendance and the number of classes is to be reduced.

Village Hall.

The heating has failed a number of times due to the pilot light going out. Dave Arm has been called to advise and repair. Margaret said we should liaise with the parish council if the boiler needs replacing and also that she thought we should try to use a local company if this is the case. It was noted that the pilot light was out again.

The toilets have now been painted and are looking much better. George was going to replace the toilet seats but they are not the standard fitting as sold by B&Q so the ones he purchased have been returned. George to source correct type. George said he had not yet obtained a quote for a replacement village hall sign. It was also noted that the down pipe from the guttering near the boiler room was blocked again and needed 'rodding'. George to ask Barry to have a look at it.

Play Area Shops and Car Park.

It was mentioned that the gate to the children's play area was still not working properly. Also the area around the swings and footpath was still flooding after heavy rain. Brian said it had been raised at the last parish council meeting and they were waiting for consent for work on the drainage system from the Environment Agency. Members queried why consent was needed to unblock a drain?

George raised the issue of the large number of advertising 'A' boards outside the shops and said there are now 13 different notice boards! Brian reported SMBC were to install hand rails at the side of the steps.

Planning.

An application for a large extension in the Dingle 2012/1346 was discussed as there have been concerns regarding land ownership and the positioning of underground cables supplying a nearby street light. It was decided to leave this with the parish council.

The concept and cost of a 'local neighbourhood plan' was discussed and a cost of between twenty to eighty thousand pounds was considered way beyond the realms of reason. Members generally agreed this would be a total waste of money. Still no progress with the two half built houses in Saxonwood Road.

Magazine and Website.

It was reported that Desmond Nall had recently died and that this should be an item in the next magazine article. Margaret reported that the website hosting had been renewed for another year

Local Policing.

There had been some reports of thefts from motor vehicles in the area. George reported there was to be a meeting about plans for policing Halloween.

Coach Trip and Future Events.

Margaret reported that the Blackpool trip had made a loss of £122 as there were a number of unsold seats. Those that did go all seemed to have had a great time and the trip was still considered a worthwhile running. George suggested that the next trip should be to London sometime in April 2013.

Tickets for the Children's Christmas Party will be made available on a first come first served basis on Sunday 11th November at 2pm in the village Hall. George said he would put up some posters.

Tickets for the family New Years Eve Party will also be on sale for £5 per family to cover costs of buffet.

Any Other Business.

None.

Meeting Closed at 9.45pm - Next meeting - Wednesday 7th November 2012