

# Minutes of the Cheswick Green Residents Association

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2012

**Apologies** Ian Sill Jason

**Present** George Gary Pat Barbara Pete Margaret Brian

## **Matters arising**

Concerns about the unfinished houses in Saxonwood Road.

Numbers are declining at the "over 50" exercise classes held in the village hall.

## **Village Hall**

It had been noted that the clock needed a new battery. This was replaced immediately.

The toilets are now in need of repainting, emulsion the walls and paint the woodwork. It was agreed to spend up to £250, however it would need to be done on a Sunday in view of hall use. Also agreed to replace all the toilet seats ( 6 ) to a value of £100. Decorator will be approached without need for further discussion in committee.

Cllr Chris Burrows had been to meeting re energy conservation for village halls. Discussion re replacement of our ageing and inefficient boiler. We have already obtained estimates for replacement at the last repair. Agreed to replace at the next breakdown, unless we lose a grant opportunity which may be available. George to speak with Chris.

Downpipe near doorway needs rodding to stop leak.

Discussion re new modern sign for Hall. Examples, estimates of cost etc for next meeting.

## **Play area and shops**

Pat concerned re water quality in the Blythe, particularly the area where children play, she will contact Environmental agency.

Land drain by swings has not been cleared, has been a swamp for large parts of this year. Brian to raise at Parish meeting. **Jubilee garden** looks a disgrace with 11 dead trees. Tree roots are waterlogged and choked by weeds; it appears no proper preparation was taken when planting these new saplings. Ian to attend Parish meeting to voice our concerns.

## **Planning applications**

2012/1314 Land at Salter St Earlswood, erection of stable building and retention of all weather riding area. Discussion followed and agreed that this application being dealt with by Solihull Council.

## **Magazine**

Nothing to report, just reminders of forthcoming events.

## **Subscriptions**

We have been lucky to have had printing for envelopes provided free by George, for several years. This year we have to pay for 900 printed envelopes. George will obtain price, ready for January distribution.

## **Blackpool Trip**

There are 4 seats left at the moment (40 sold). Revised departure time of 10.00 am. We may end up with a slight loss, which was felt acceptable in view of the community aspect of the trip.

## **AOB**

Pat not available for younger children's party in December

Date of parties 16<sup>th</sup> December times 2.30 – 3.30 ages 2 – 5  
4.00 – 6.00 ages 5 – 11

Lisa to find entertainer (magician) who could provide entertainment for both age groups.

Party in the park 2013 Mixer Band are confirmed Saturday July 6<sup>th</sup>.

Tipper trucks are using Tanworth Lane to remove spoil from Shirley rebuilding, possibly using Sat navs for direction to M42 via Becketts Island.

**Next Meeting Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2012**