

MINUTES OF THE CHESWICK GREEN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

WEDNESDAY 7th November 2012

Present Brian, Jason, George, Phil, Margaret, Pat, Pete, Dot, Barbara, Ian, Lisa, Gary, Chris Burrows and Len Creswell.

Apologies None

Village Hall.

It has been pointed out that a considerable amount of our metered water supply is being wasted by the system used to frequently flush the men's urinals whether or not the hall is in use. A smart sensor could be fitted that would deliver a flush for a period of time after a person entered the toilets but not when the hall was empty. Pat wanted to know what activated the sensor? Everyone was in favour of such a system being installed.

Installing secondary double glazing was also discussed and Ian said there were a lot of draughts around the window frames and doors. Also discussed the idea of cavity wall insulation. Ian said he had heard of problems that could result in damp in areas where walls were subject to higher than normal amounts of surface water. How would flooding affect things? Brian reminded members that the waterproofing sealant applied to the lower level brickwork had not been completed on the wall facing the Blythe because the Pyrocanthia bushes prevented this being done. A tin of solution had been supplied so that this could be done at some point, possibly with a lance and pump. George pointed out that the halogen down lights in the small hall and spots in the large hall were inefficient and fitting modern LED lights in the future should be considered. It was agreed that there should be a 'green review' of the village hall.

Ian reported that the boiler was again failing to ignite on a regular basis now and that there had been a number telephone calls from users complaining about the lack of heating. Also that when the heating was working the large hall was cold whilst the small hall was hot as the secondary pump fitted to solve the problem of insufficient heat in the small hall and parish office was depriving the large hall of heat.

Dave Arm had recently fitted a new thermocouple and City UK had been called in both for help and advice on replacing the boiler.

It was agreed that the time for patching up the current boiler had passed and that a replacement more efficient boiler having an increased capacity in view of any further expansion of the hall be installed at the earliest opportunity. Len said the parish council would be prepared to pay for this but would require that they manage the procedure and have the final say as to who did the work and what work was done. It may be that the management committee would make a contribution to the cost but this was not discussed any further.

It was however agreed that there should be three quotes sort for the same specifications of work and that if possible a local firm should be sort.

Chris Burrows knows of as Gas Safe company in Braggs Farm, Len contacting for a quote. George will chase Dave Arm for a new quote, Brian will contact DB Heating to call and give a quote and Chris Nobel would chase City UK for a written quote.

It was also decided that the specification also include the fitting of tamperproof isolators on the radiators and removal of isolators that may restrict the flow in the large hall. It was agreed that ideally work should be carried out during late December when the hall was least used up to Christmas.

The use of notice boards within the hall was discussed as some users seemed to be taking over some of the boards. This Item for discussion at the next meeting.

Minutes from Previous Meeting.

Len asked why members had queried the parish councils need for permission being sort from the environment agency to look at whether the land drain had become blocked causing pooling of water in the area of the large swings and path. He re-iterated that the parish council had applied for a licence lasting five years to undertake such work and that this was pending. Nothing should be done until then.

Pat asked if the residents association could help clean the river bank IF given permission from the parish council and Len said yes IF the parish council gave permission.

Len Creswell and Chris Burrows left the meeting at 9.07pm.

Play Area Shops and Car Park.

Dot reported that it was hoped that the dead trees in the Jubille garden would be replaced. George was concerned about the number of advertising 'A' boards around the shop frontages, 13 in total! George is to talk with the shop keepers.

Planning.

Application 2012/1640 Shirley Golf Club have applied for a variation to the original planning application for an earth bund that had gone ahead and did not comply with the original plans. Members agreed that we should write objecting to such a variation and request that the work is done according to the original design. Brian to draft a letter to SMBC.

Residents were concerned that nearby residents to application 2012/1648 in Glenwood Drive may not be aware of the application. Phil to make inquiries. Ian could not remember the application for a large extension taking place in Snowhill Drive, Brain said he would check back through the lists.

Magazine and Website.

It was agreed that we would miss the December item as there was nothing much to report. George said his mcafee antivirus had queried the local news link on the CGRA website. Ian said he would look into it.

Local Policing.

Nothing to report.

Christmas and New Years Eve Parties

Tickets would be available for collection on Sunday 11th November at 2pm not 10am as on the posters because it clashes with Remembrance Sunday. Margaret to alter posters. Ticket numbers 20 3-5's and 80 5-11's 25 family New Years Eve at £5 per family of up to 4. Margaret has seen selection boxes for £1 so will purchase and Dot and Ron said they would wrap them again. Pat said she had altered her plans to be able to get back to Cheswick Green and do the under 5's party. Everyone bereaved a sigh of relief as no one quite knew how they were going to cope with it. Thanks Pat. It was decided that Father Christmas would be using the disabled toilet as a changing room this year.

Any Other Business.

Dot said she was more than happy to deliver the envelopes for the subs next year..

Meeting Closed at 9.55pm - Next meeting - Wednesday 5th December 2012