

# MINUTES OF THE CHESWICK GREEN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

## WEDNESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> Sept 2014. 8.00pm. Saxon Inn

### **Present.**

Lisa, Helen, Gary, Paul, George, Brian, Phil.

**1) Apologises.** Greg and Jason

**2) Minutes from previous meeting.**

Agreed and approved

**3) Village Hall.**

It was agreed that for any future bookings of the hall made for any form of local/national election the cost to the hirer will be set at the maximum which will be £160.00 with no concessions. The storage space that became available has been gratefully accepted by the Brownies.

**4) Play Area, Shops and Car Park.**

Representation was made into the state of the front shop areas, mainly The Post Office. It appears that the little chat hasn't made any difference and the area is a disgrace. Brian has been asked if he could ascertain the agents for the Post Office with a view to writing to them in an effort to improve the cleanliness of the shop frontage.

**5) Planning.**

No applications of note for discussion

**6) Website/Media.**

Website has been renewed by Ian

**7) Local Policing.**

Nothing to report

**8) Social Events.**

Although Party in the Park was a success again this year, there was a noticeable drop in takings compared to last years, however almost £1100.00p was banked. Expenses in relation to the event was in the region of £737 so it still left a profit somewhere in the region of £363. Representation was also made as to the attitude of several party goers this year in as much as they were very abusive towards the organizers, especially at the end of the event when it came to clearing up. It was noted that people just left their rubbish on the tables and we're not very cooperative when asked to vacate the park in order that the cleaning up could be done. There was also a lack of volunteers in both the setting up and clearing away. Some of the party goers were also rude to organisers. Taking all the above on board, it was decided that we should take a break from Party in the Park for a year. Hopefully, this will encourage more volunteers to support the committee. If sufficient feedback is received and people make their services available we could reconsider. A statement will be prepared and added to the website.

Children's Xmas party was also discussed. This also suffers from a lack of interest so recommendations are that there will only be one party this year for children aged 3 to 6 years on a ticket sales. Tickets will be paid for prior to the day and if no support, then the Children's Xmas party will not go ahead either. The other discussion held in relation to the children's Xmas party was not to have one, but to open up the village hall for 2 hours, and invite children/parents to attend to see Santa and the child will still receive a present. We could supply mulled wine and mince pies for the parents. We will re discuss these options at the next meeting. As with arrangements for New Years Eve party, this too could be cancelled as several organizers have other arrangements and will not be available.

**9) Any Other Business.**

Our current Chairman has made representation that he is resigning his post with immediate effect for reasons that will become apparent via a circulated email. Following discussions it was agreed that George will take a 6 month break from the Chair, and after that time he will reconsider. In the meantime, George will make himself available to assist the committee in any way he can. To be discussed further at the next meeting.

Meeting close 9.45pm

Next meeting. Wednesday, Oct 1<sup>st</sup> 8.00pm in the Village Hall