

Other News

Access Road

After organising the resurfacing of the access road by The Village Surgery, the Parish Council have installed advisory notices to limit use by large and heavy vehicles. This is not only to prevent damage to the tarmac but to protect children and pedestrians in this area.

Design and create a Parish Map

Have you got graphics/artistic skills? Cheswick Green Parish Council would like to see the creation of a map of the Parish and a street plan of Cheswick Green. Can you design and create a graphics image that shows the main features of the Parish and include a street plan of Cheswick Green. If you can help please see the website for more details.

Parish Council Website

The Parish Council has a website which has been live since November 2010. It has been well received by everyone and there have already been over 1000 visits. We aim to provide you with important news and information through this site:

<http://www.cheswickgreen-pc.org.uk>

For people without an internet connection, the Parish Council is looking at ways to provide computer access in the Village Hall supported by volunteers. We have already had one volunteer but suggestions and additional volunteers are welcome.

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Parish Council Plans for 2011/2

Exercise classes for the over 50's

If there is sufficient demand, the Parish Council will provide exercise classes for the over 50's. The classes, to be held during the day in the Village Hall, will be taken by a properly qualified instructor with experience of providing appropriate exercise for 'older' people. The cost would be about £2.50 for an hour class. Tea and biscuits will be available after the class to encourage a social atmosphere. See the enclosed leaflet for further details.

Additional storage space for the Village Hall

The Village Hall in Cheswick Green is an excellent asset for the community but it suffers from a lack of storage space. Equipment used by the dance classes, youth club etc. fully utilise the existing provision. Other equipment, chairs and tables take up valuable floor space in each of the halls, restricting use and spoiling the appearance. There is nowhere to store the computers that the Parish Council would like to provide for community use. For these reasons additional storage space is needed but it will require a small extension to the building.

New opportunities for the Parish Council

New proposals from the government for the 'Big Society' provide opportunities for Parish Councils to play a larger part in their communities by taking over some local services currently provided by District Councils, if appropriate. Under the 'Localism Bill' the powers of Parish Councils will be increased to provide new services to meet the needs of their communities.

At this time details of the 'Big Society' are still vague but the government seem determined to devolve power and decision making to a local level. It is very important, therefore, that Cheswick Green has a strong Parish Council with enthusiastic Councillors who will respond to the changes in order to ensure that this parish is a safe and pleasant place to live with a strong sense of community.

The tradition of parish councils in this area has been to keep 'party politics' out of parish matters and electors have chosen candidates who will best represent the community and not just their political preference.

*Chris Noble
Parish Council Chairman*

Parish Council Elections May 5th 2011

There are 5 seats on Cheswick Green Parish Council and all are up for election on May 5th. If you are interested in becoming a parish councillor then see the information on the Parish Council website.

Parish Precept

The Parish Council raises funds to pay for services by means of a precept which is collected with the Solihull Council Tax. There will be no increase in the precept for 2011/12 which will be exactly the same as that for 2010/11.

Recreation Committee

The Recreation Committee has undertaken a review of the amenity areas in the Parish. The Chairman of the Recreation Committee, Len Cresswell, has produced an updated specification for the maintenance of all the Parish Council public open spaces which can be seen on the website <http://www.cheswickgreen-pc.org.uk> The Parish Council is seeking quotes from contractors for a 3 year contract to start in April.

The Parish Council recently engaged a specialist to undertake the annual review of all the substantial trees on the parish owned land. Work has been carried out on trees that needed attention to ensure they are safe and healthy. It was important that this work was carried out before the nesting season starts.

Bus Services

There will be some minor changes to the S4 bus timetable to start on April 26th. These changes were made by Centro based on public requests. Details are on the notice boards and the website.