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Cheswick Green Parish Council

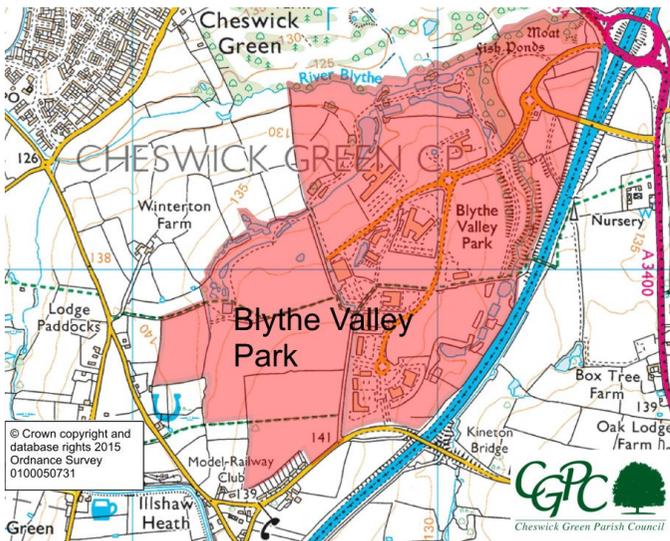
Serving the Residents of Cheswick Green and Illshaw Heath

Update on the Neighbourhood Plan Have your say

As a result of legal rulings unconnected with Cheswick Green, Solihull Council has granted outline planning consent for the development of 220 houses at Mount Dairy Farm, land between Coppice Walk and Tanworth Lane. The Parish Council also expects permission to be sought and given for up to 600 houses to be built at Blythe Valley on



land just north of Illshaw Heath. Collectively these two new developments will result in an 80% housing increase over coming years bringing a proportionate increase in pressure on local services and infrastructure.



Stand for the Parish Council

After a review, Solihull Council has recently increased the number of Cheswick Green Parish Councillors from five to seven. This reflects the amount of work that the Parish Council will have to undertake over the next few years as a result of the proposed developments.

It is, therefore, very important, 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 and one with a strong sense of community.

The tradition of parish councils in this area has been to keep 'party politics' out of parish matters; electors have chosen candidates who will best represent the community rather than their political parties.

If you are interested in standing for the Parish Council, please see the Parish Council website.

Neighbourhood Plan

Before the legal challenges of last year unfolded, the Parish Council had already resolved to develop a Neighbourhood Plan in order to have a say in new housing developments and to best meet local needs. It would also ensure that both new and existing residents of Cheswick Green would benefit from any new infrastructure and be part of an integrated community.

At the Parish Council's request, Solihull Council has recently designated the whole of Cheswick Green Parish, from Dog Kennel Lane to the M42, as a Neighbourhood Area which includes green belt land, existing and proposed housing areas, Blythe Valley Business Park, Cheswick Green Village and Illshaw Heath.

All Cheswick Green Parish householders and business owners have the opportunity to influence the plan on more than one occasion during the process. The Parish Council wishes to hear from anyone who has any specific ideas or concerns for the Parish area and who would like to help shape the plan.



You can have your say and help develop a Neighbourhood Plan by completing and returning this reply slip.

I would like Cheswick Green Neighbourhood Plan to address the following points:

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Signed.....

*Name.....

*Address.....

I would also be willing to participate in the development of a Neighbourhood Plan for Cheswick Green Parish YES/NO

*Telephone(s).....

*Email.....

*This information will only be used by the Parish Council to contact you in connection with the Neighbourhood Plan.

**Please return by Monday 20th April 2015 to:
 The Clerk, Cheswick Green Parish Council, The Village Hall,
 Cheswick Way, Cheswick Green, Solihull. B90 4JA
 or by email to clerk@cheswickgreen-pc.org.uk**

Parish Councils are local authorities, the lowest tier of local government, and are found mainly in rural areas. Despite their name they are civil bodies and are not connected with churches and church matters.

The next election for Cheswick Green Parish Council will be on 7th May 2015 when 7 members will be elected for a 4 year term

