



Cheswick Green Parish Council

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Recreation Committee Report 2016/17 – Cllr. Penny Phillips

As previously stated in the Chairman's report the Recreation Committee oversee the eight areas of land owned by CGPC. These include the Mount, open fields and grassed areas on Saxon Wood Road, the Village Green & Recreation Ground.

Our current grounds maintenance contract is due to expire at the end of March and after approaching several companies for quotes, CGPC agreed it would renew with its existing contractor, Meadowfields Ground Maintenance Ltd, as this was the most cost effective.

The Parish Council ran a separate agreement for outside the shop frontages, this is not Parish Land but in an attempt to keep this area tidy, the Parish Council collects from the shopkeepers to fund the cost. This contract is currently under review and will only continue if all parties agree to fund the cost.

A three-year check was carried out on trees on CGPC land in September 2016 and any necessary work has been carried out. As you will be aware, as a result of storm Doris, a tree fell down on the Village Green, work is in hand to remove the tree and make good the ground.

Mr. Matthew Gardner, SMBC Neighbourhood Co-ordinator for Blythe, attends our Recreation Meetings and liaises with CGPC advising of any relevant work, covered by the above committee, in hand within the Parish and members feedback any items for attention. Recent points for discussion being the concrete planters, the emptying of SMBC bins and a replacement bin for the Village Green. Mr. Gardner also donated the daffodil bulbs now in bloom. Kindly planted by Councillors Mick Swain and Brian Brown.

Various other items are reviewed & discussed by the committee as and when required. These include:

- Christmas Lights - unfortunately last year, despite having agreed a date with all interested parties, Father Christmas's visit to turn on the lights needed to be rescheduled, as it conflicted with the schools Christmas Fete. Councillor Steve Hall spent many hours attempting to agree a new date but to no avail. Hence, there was no official switch on last year. We will plan a little earlier this year in the hope, once agreed, no party needs to change the date.
- A Young Person's Guide to the Mount by Peter Tonks this has been produced in a booklet format and has been issued to the local school, Solihull Central Library – The Hub and Dickens Heath library for reference purposes.
- This year was the first time a Remembrance Wreath was laid at the memorial flowerbed on the Recreation Ground.

The Recreation Committee would welcome any residents who would like to join this committee, there are currently two vacancies, please check our website and noticeboards for the date and time of the next meeting.