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## CHESWICK GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2022 7:30pm Cheswick Green Village Hall

**Present:** Cheswick Green Parish Councillors: Simon Coles, Len Cresswell, Margaret Gosling, Aimee Moloney, Michelle Smith and Mick Swain.

Clerk: Marie Zizzi

2 members of the public

### **208. To resolve to co-opt Aimee Moloney.**

**Resolved;** proposed Cllr. Gosling, seconded Cllr. Coles; CGPC co-opt Aimee Moloney.

208.1 The necessary documents were signed by Aimee and the clerk, as well as forms to add Cllr. Moloney as a signatory to the Parish Councils bank accounts with the CCLA, the Co-operative bank and Unity Trust Bank.

### **209. To accept Cllr. Sedgley's resignation and to resolve Vice Chairman will act as Chairman until May 2022 and whether to appoint second Vice Chairman for that period of time.**

209.1 It was stated it was sad that Cllr. Sedgley had decided to resign.

**Resolved;** proposed Cllr. Coles; that Cllr. Swain should be elected as Chairman; there were no objections.

**Resolved;** proposed Cllr. Coles, seconded Cllr. Swain, that Cllr. Gosling should be elected as Vice Chairman.

### **210. Apologies for Absence and to approve, if thought fit, the reasons if any given, for absence from the meeting.**

210.1 Not applicable all Parish Councillors present.

### **211. Declarations of Interest.**

211.1 Cllr. Coles declared that he was the Chairman of Cheswick Green RA (see 222.3).

211.2 Cllr. Swain declared an interest, as he had agreed to help Cllr. Coles complete a form for CGRA to apply for funding (see 222.3).

### **212. Dispensations.**

212.1 Cllr. Moloney signed dispensations in relation to setting the precept and regarding planning applications/Neighbourhood Development Plan and SMBCs Local Plan.

### **213. Public Participation (15 Minutes).**

213.1 A resident referred to some Laurel bushes on Foxland Close, on SMBCs side; they said due to the road shape and parked cars, there was no sight line, you could only see if someone was coming towards you at night, when drivers had their car headlights on.

213.1.1 Cllr. Cresswell said he could not see a problem. Cllr. Swain suggested asking other people that live there what they thought, to obtain a consensus.

#### **Action item: Cllr. Smith to visit the site and take photographs.**

213.2 Cllr. Gosling asked that it was recorded that a member of the public who was going to attend this meeting, had not been able to.

### **214. To resolve to accept the Minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2022 (circulated to Parish Cllrs. with the agenda).**

214.1 Cllr. Cresswell asked for the wording of 205.2 and 205.2.1 to be amended, he circulated this for members to consider; there were no objections.

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**Resolved;** proposed Cllr. Cresswell, seconded Cllr. Coles – subject to amending the wording for 205.2 and 205.2.1 - the Minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.

**215. To receive a report on the finances of the Council and to approve any payments made since the last meeting and any payments to be made (circulated to Parish Cllrs. with the agenda).**

Payee	Reason	Total inc. VAT
PPL	CG Primary School ongoing work including reviewing additional information submitted	£ 382.50
Marie Zizzi	Reimbursement for ink for office printer	£ 55.99
Vision ICT	Host email accounts April 2022 – March 2023	£ 21.60
Marie Zizzi	Petty cash top up	£ 55.00
SMBC	Rotation of speed sign Nov, Dec 2021 January 2022	£ 603.88
SMBC	Christmas lights	£1483.20
SMBC	Rotation of speed sign February, March and April 2022	£ 603.88
Pell	Writing 2 x technical notes reviewing PJA documents	£3000.00
Frischmann	in relation to the proposed expansion of CG PS	
More in confidential section.		
Petty cash £45.57		

**Resolved;** proposed Cllr. Coles, seconded Cllr. Swain – all payments were approved.

**216. To resolve to accept Cllr. Swain’s proposal to suspend financial regulations in relation to the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Celebrations and to resolve to allocate a budget of £7000 for this purpose.**

216.1 Cllr. Swain had put a proposal forward via email sent to all members of the Parish Council, for approval at this meeting (*copy attached to filed set of Minutes*).

216.2 Cllr. Swain said he did not think this was necessary now, as the most expensive item would have been a Marquee, however it was not possible to obtain one.

216.3 It was felt a budget was needed for the events; Cllr. Cresswell proposed £4000, Cllr. Smith seconded this; Cllr. Swain proposed £5000; Cllr. Coles, Gosling and Moloney seconded this.

**Resolved;** a budget of £5000 is set for the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

216.4 It was stated the Village Hall Management Committee (VHMC) was contributing the use of the hall at no cost; CGRA was not in a position to contribute.

**217. To receive a report from the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Celebrations organising group.**

217.1 Cllr. Coles said for the Friday it was intended to have Bingo and food, as well as a band in the Saxon. On the Saturday the Mayor would open the games, there would be a Brownies verses Boys Brigade football match, afternoon tea in the Village Hall, organised by a local resident, however she needed some help, there would be music in the park during the early evening and in the Saxon later. Then there would be a clear up on the Sunday.

217.1.1 It was noted the official form for the Mayor needed to be completed and submitted.

217.2 It was stated the group organising the events were hoping to get a lady that would dress up as the Queen.

217.3 There were comments about using the kitchen in the Saxon.

217.4 Cllr. Smith said Cllr. Moloney had put together an itinerary. It was stated the Saturday was intended to be a family day, with races/games, a BBQ and possibly a dog/animal show, seven people had said they would bake cakes. The Clerk was asked if she would present the medals.

217.5 Cllr. Swain said there could be 60-70 U3A members turning up for afternoon tea. He suggested having a ticketing arrangement with time slots.

**218. To receive a report from the Recreation Committee and to resolve which company to award CGPC Grounds Maintenance works to from April 2022 to March 2025.**

218.1 Cllr. Swain said the Parish Councils grounds maintenance specification had been sent out to nine companies, four had quoted/tendered; two were in contention and in relation to **Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

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the other two, this needed to be discussed in private as the contents were confidential and could not be disclosed.

218.2 Cllr. Smith said at the recent Recreation Committee meeting they had discussed the grounds maintenance specification quotes and new benches to be located in the parish. She referred to ordering more planters, she said she would look into this, there were comments about the stone planters, Cllr. Cresswell did not like them.

218.2.1 Cllr. Smith said she had suggested a night camera was installed at the Mount, to be linked to social media as Badgers had been seen there, to engage with people. A member of the public who lived by the Mount said they had only seen foxes.

218.2.2 Cllr. Smith said the Parish Council needed a tree inspection this year, they were looking at options to update the play equipment in the Recreation Ground, what they had was still quite decent, so they would possibly add a couple of items.

218.2.3 Cllr. Smith said they were looking for help from volunteer residents to help clear areas of the car park and Watery Lane, using shovels, to have a village clear up. There were comments about hiring a skip.

218.2.4 Cllr. Smith said they were going to move the bug hotel on the Recreation Ground to the fenced off area; they had birdboxes to install, they had asked Warwickshire Wildlife Trust which direction these should be put; they were going to ask the pub to make sure no glasses were left out at night.

**219. To consider any planning applications received (*circulated by email*) and local development including Cheswick Place and Blythe Valley.**

**PL/2021/03292/PPFL** - Blythe Gate Blythe Valley Park Shirley Solihull; Retrospective consent to retain concrete seating to rear garden.

219.1 There were no comments to be submitted.

219.2 In relation to Cheswick Place; it was stated the paths were still an issue, no improvements had been made.

219.3 In relation to Blythe Valley; there were comments about 114 apartments being built; the Parish Council had not received a planning application about this; **the Clerk was asked to email a Planning Officer.**

219.3.1 It was stated the paths at Blythe Valley were the same as the gravel paths installed at Cheswick Place; **the Clerk was asked to inform SMBCs Landscape Architect.**

**220. To discuss 254 Creynolds Lane.**

220.1 It was stated this needed to be discussed in private.

**221. To discuss SMBCs proposal to expand CG Primary School.**

221.1 It was stated the Parish Council had submitted further objections.

221.2 It was noted Cllr. Coles would speak in his capacity as Chairman of CGRA.

221.3 In relation to the additional 10 days consultation ending on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> February, it was stated some residents had received the letter about this, some had not and some had received the letter twice.

221.4 Cllr. Swain said after seeing Cllr. Gosling speak at the Examination in Public for the Local Plan; he would propose Cllr. Gosling spoke on behalf of the Parish Council when the application went to the Planning Committee; Cllr. Coles agreed.

**222. To discuss resident's proposals for the Recreation Ground and children's play equipment.**

222.1 Cllr. Cresswell said this was a matter for the Recreation Committee.

222.2 It was stated CGRA was applying for some funding.

222.3 Cllr. Cresswell said Cllr. Coles should declare an interest; he could not use the Parish Council for Residents Association purposes. Cllr. Coles said I declare I am the Chairman of CGRA for the record. Cllr. Swain said he would declare an interest, as he had said he would help Cllr. Coles complete the form for funding.

**223. To discuss the car park.**

223.1 It was noted that despite the Clerk emailing the brewery, no replies had been received. There were comments about parts of the car park crumbling away and this situation of nothing being done going on for years and years. **Cllr. Swain said he would telephone the brewery.**

**224. To discuss having an Electric Charging Point.**

224.1 It was noted someone from SMBC had contacted Cllr. Smith about this, to see if the Parish Council was interested.

224.2 Cllr. Swain pointed out this needed to be discussed by the VHMC; he referred to issues with insurance, he was waiting for some information which he would circulate.

224.3 It was stated a separate electric supply would be needed, as the VHMC would not want to pay for people charging their cars.

224.4 Cllr. Smith said the officer from SMBC could give a presentation to the VHMC.

224.5 Cllr. Cresswell said he had concerns about the behaviour of users of the point; for example, a car being plugged in all day. He suggested it was located on a public right of way by the shops, he said he would prefer that. It was pointed out that shop users currently came and went; it was stated it was not a suitable place to locate this.

224.6 It was noted that over time revenue could be made.

224.7 Cllr. Moloney said she had an electric car; most points gave you an hour and if you stayed longer, you would be charged. She said she thought the village was big enough and people would use it

**Action item: Councillors were asked to send any questions they had in relation to this to Cllr. Smith, to put to SMBC; once Cllr. Swain had the information he wanted from the VHMC.**

224.8 A member of the public said there were a number of websites for users of electric cars, for them to find out where they could go; he referred to a point being 7 kilowatts or a fast charge; he said you could get people waiting, it was a good idea to install these but with caveats; he referred to disincentives as well as incentives.

224.9 Cllr. Moloney said looking to the future, they would need this.

224.10 It was noted there was funding available via SMBC; that electric charging points had not been included in the planning applications for Cheswick Place or Blythe Valley.

**225. To discuss Cllr. Sedgley's action plan list.**

225.1 Cllr. Swain said he would look at this, to see what they could manage to do and circulate something via email.

225.2 Cllr. Cresswell referred to the Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP), he said they needed a group to do this. Cllr. Swain said they probably needed a new survey now; he suggested they should wait and see what happened in relation to Dog Kennel Lane; it was stated the Minister for Housing was looking for brownfield sites. Cllr. Gosling said they had too much going on to look at the NDP; Cllr. Swain suggested it was an agenda item to discuss this; he said they had a Planning Committee; it was suggested to put together a date for a working party to discuss this. **The Clerk was asked to send the NDP to Cllr. Cresswell.**

**226. To receive any reports from Councillors and/or the Clerk.**

226.1 Cllr. Gosling referred to a local resident who lived near the Recreation Ground, they had requested the goal posts were relocated, as since they had been put back and due to the removal of a bush, they had already had four people coming to get their ball from their garden. It was suggested to install some open mesh screening by the Recreation Ground to prevent the ball going into the garden.

226.1.1 Cllr. Gosling said this same resident had issues with trees, that belong to the housing association, the trees were virtually on his roof. When they had contacted the housing association it had said it was the council's responsibility.

226.1.2 Cllr. Gosling referred to ten or more black bags and the fencing.

**Action item: Cllr. Swain said he would try to locate contact details for the Head Office of the housing association.**

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**227. Update/report from Village Hall Management Committee (VHMC).**

227.1 It was noted the VHMC was holding an open day for all users next week.

227.2 Cllr. Swain said the new caretaker had been very complimentary about how hirers left the halls.

227.3 Cllr. Swain referred to when the hall had been used for polling last year, he said the organisation before and after by SMBC had been dreadful; someone had telephoned 10 minutes before it was due to open; the VHMC had decided not to let SMBC use the hall again. Cllr. Cresswell said if SMBC could not use the hall, it would use the school.

227.3.1 Cllr. Swain said the VHMC wanted reassurance from SMBC, if it used the hall things would be managed better next time, he said a letter would be sent, it had not been sent yet.

227.4 Cllr. Cresswell said there had been problems in Dickens Heath last year as well, SMBC had left rubbish and leaflets in the hall.

227.5 Cllr. Swain said an Environmental Health Officer came out to inspect the building; they had decided voting would take place in the large hall; then when the officer came to set up, they had decided to move everything to the small hall; It was noted the VHMC was paid for this and that it went on all day. Cllr. Swain said the VHMC would send the letter to SMBC and see what happened.

**228. To receive a report/update from CG RA.**

228.1 Cllr. Coles said the RA had discussed and was looking at Street Watch and Neighbourhood Watch, especially since the recent incident in the Post Office involving two people and a knife. It was noted the emergency services had been called to the site and that there was plenty of CCTV.

228.1.1 Cllr. Coles said the RA had also discussed the proposed school expansion; some people had not known about the additional consultation. He said there was going to be an event on Easter Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April, with an Easter egg hunt and a craft fayre, involving the Youth Club

**229. To discuss any matters related to Covid-19.**

229.1 There was nothing to discuss, it was agreed to remove this from the agenda.

**230. To discuss issues raised with SMBC.**

230.1 There was nothing to discuss on this.

**231. To consider and resolve any action(s) in relation to items of correspondence received (issued to Parish Councillors with the agenda).**

231.1 It was noted the next SAC was taking place on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2022 commencing 7.15pm in Balsall Common; Cllr. Swain and Cllr. Cresswell to attend.

**232. Agenda items for next meeting.**

232.1 Social media policy.

**233. Ongoing actions list (issued to Parish Councillors with the agenda).**

233.1 Noted.

**234. To resolve that due to the special nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.**

**Resolved;** members of the public were asked to leave the meeting at 20:50pm

**235. PAYE, payroll and pension scheme.**

235. In confidential section.

**Meeting closed 21:30pm**