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## CHESWICK GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2022 7:30pm Cheswick Green Village Hall

**Present:** Cheswick Green Parish Councillors: Simon Coles, Margaret Gosling, Michelle Smith and Mick Swain (Chairman).

Clerk: Marie Zizzi

2 members of the public

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

259.1 An apology was received from Cllr. Aimee Moloney, this was accepted.

### **260. Declarations of Interest.**

260.1 Cllr. Coles declared an interest in agenda item 12 (*to receive a report from the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations organising group, to resolve to accept application form to use Recreation Ground*); as he is a member of the organising group.

### **261. Dispensations.**

261.1 There were none.

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

262.1 Two members of the public said they had checked some Laurel bushes, they had taken photographs of them, which had been sent to SMBC. They said the case had been closed, but now it was pending again.

262.1.1 Cllr. Gosling said SMBC was very good at closing cases.

262.2 There were comments about SMBCs contractor mowing around a tree on Cheswick Way, the tree had just been left there. It was stated a lamp had been knocked down, when it was replaced, the lamp had been left.

262.3 Cllr. Smith said she had reported the bin by the phone box. Cllr. Gosling said there were some bushes that needed work.

### **263. To resolve to accept the Minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2022 (circulated to Parish Cllrs. with the agenda).**

**Resolved;** proposed Cllr. Swain, seconded Cllr. Gosling – the Minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.

### **264. 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
ABC Leisure	Deposit on equipment for Queen's Jubilee event	£350.00
Boing	Bouncy castles for Queen's Jubilee event	£160.00
Meadowfields GM	Remove to tip dumped coffee table	£12.00
Groundwork UK	Unspent funding for NDP	£3346.60
Meadowfields GM	Collect fire work packaging on Rec. take to tip	£18.00
Meadowfields GM	Remove to tip old damaged bench, replace edging boards and cut round streetlight at the Mount, remove to tip extra bag of rubbish	£162.00
Simon Coles	Reimbursement for 3 x marquees 2 x gazebo 5 x weights	£961.14
SLCC	Annual membership	£186.00
WALC	Annual membership	£876.80

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Marie Zizzi	Reimbursement for Instant ink January/February	£36.99
Marie Zizzi	Office 365 annual renewal	£59.99
Marie Zizzi	Skip (June 2022)	£304.80
Marie Zizzi	Reimbursement for Instant Ink February/March	£29.99
Marie Zizzi	Jubilee flags	£89.95+
Marie Zizzi	Jubilee bunting	<u>£39.90</u>
		<u>£129.85 - £15 discount = £114.85</u>

£36.99+£59.99+£304.80+£114.85+£29.99 = **£546.62 total**

There were also a number of quotes to be considered, these had been circulated to all Parish Councillors; it was agreed to discuss these under agenda item 11 *to receive a report from the Recreation Committee*.

More in confidential section.

Petty cash £88.15

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

**265. To receive fourth quarter (April 2021-March 2022) monitoring expenditure and bank reconciliation** (*issued to Parish Councillors with the agenda*).

265.1 It was noted the monitoring expenditure and bank reconciliation balanced.

**266. To resolve that Mr. Bill Robinson is appointed to carry out CGPC internal audit for year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022.**

266.1 There were no objections.

**267. To resolve to accept the 'review of internal controls', the 'risk review log' and the 'asset register' for year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022.**

267.1 The Clerk said she had attended WALCs friendly policies training, she wanted to look at using these templates. Item deferred.

**268. To discuss CGPC monthly meeting day and start time.**

268.1 It was noted the Clerk had put together some suggested dates to hold future meetings, some were the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month, some were the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month and some were the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month. There were various comments about this, it was agreed meetings would commence at 7pm in future.

284,2 It was agreed to hold the next meeting on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2022; it would be the Annual Meeting of the Council and to review meeting dates again at this meeting.

**269. To receive a report from the Recreation Committee.**

269.1 Cllr. Smith said the Parish Council had a new grounds maintenance contractor; Countrywide; she said Countrywide had provided a quote for a tree inspection with a YouTube walk through, everyone had thought this was a great idea.

269.2 Cllr. Smith said work was due to commence on the Village Green next week, however they were not able to hire a skip, as the company had said it was unlikely Solihull MBC would issue a permit for the location. The Village Green would still be tided up; she referred to possibly having the Bluebells and Daffodils taken out and replanted, in the nature reserve area.

269.3 Cllr. Smith said they had decided to use a sticker system on the books in the BT Kiosk, to enable them to remove any unused books, which would be donated the British Heart Foundation.

269.4 Cllr. Smith said a couple of days before Countrywide had started, the Parish Council had asked for the goal posts to be moved and this had been done straight away.

269.5 Cllr. Smith said there would be a litter pick before the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations, the people involved would be split into teams.

269.6 Cllr. Smith said there were ongoing discussions regarding the children's play area.

269.7 Quotes were considered as follows; from Countrywide 1) visual tree survey with a video walk through £783+VAT 2) to install 4 new football goal sockets £354.80+VAT 3) to reduce conifer hedge as discussed £1755+VAT 4) to fell a tree growing up against the garages on Saxon Wood Road £150+VAT; from Stonecraft for 6 small planters £125+VAT; from Fathering Properties to prepare areas to install new benches £1440+VAT; from West Midlands Fire and Security work on CCTV cameras £45; all the quotes were accepted, it was agreed to have the tree to be felled cut down in October.

269.8 There was a discussion about where the new planters would be located.

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269.9 It was noted some Councillors were to meet with the person from WM Fire and Security, to be shown how to use the CCTV; there were various comments about CCTV.

**270. To receive a report from the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations organising group, to resolve to accept application form to use Recreation Ground** *(emailed to Parish Councillors 30/03/2022).*

**Resolved;** proposed Cllr. Smith, seconded Cllr. Gosling – that the application to use the Recreation Ground was granted.

270.1 Cllr. Coles said most things were booked now, they needed more volunteers.

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

**PL/2022/00519/PPFL** - 47 Willow Drive Cheswick Green Solihull B90 4HW; Resubmission of PL/2021/01034/PPFL to remove existing garage door and replace with uPVC window to match existing widow, amendments to porch and addition of front pitched roof.

**PL/2022/00462/PPFL** - Cornwall House Blythe Gate Shirley Solihull; Change of use from office (Use Class E(g)(i)) to an eye clinic (Use Class E(e)) alongside the installation of a bin store and air conditioning plant.

**PL/2022/00505/ADV** - Blythe Valley Park Blythe Gate Shirley Solihull; Application for advertisement consent for the erection of 3 No. wayfinding totems at Plot A3, Blythe Valley Park, Solihull.

**PL/2022/00534/MINFHO** - 24 Knoll Croft Cheswick Green Solihull B90 4JL; Single storey rear extension.

271.1 There were no comments to be submitted for any of the planning applications, except for 24 Knoll Croft, which was to state the Parish Council noted this was a very big extension, it was slightly concerned about the size.

271.2 In relation to Cheswick Place; it was stated nothing had been done in relation to the paths or the gradients.

271.3 In relation to Blythe Valley; it was stated the roads had been quite clear. It was noted Cllr. Smith had been in contact with the Chairman of Illshaw Heath RA. Cllr. Smith said a BMX track had been laid out at Blythe Valley.

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

272.1 Cllr. Coles said he had been made aware of another grant scheme they could apply for funding from.

272.2 Cllr. Gosling said she had seen two girls and a boy, clearing rubbish/litter from the nature reserve and putting it in the bin.

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

273.1 Cllr. Swain said from the VHMC there was no issue with this going ahead.

273.2 Cllr. Smith said she could contact the person dealing with this at SMBC, to arrange an on site meeting.

273.3 Cllr. Swain said they needed to be certain it was on Parish Council owned land. There were comments about obtaining a revised Land Registry map of the car park.

273.4 It was stated the cutting of the trees had been put on hold by the pub and nothing had come from Citizen Housing.

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

274.1 Cllr. Smith and Cllr. Swain had attended the Solihull Area Committee (SAC) meeting; it was stated one of the speakers had been Simon Forbes, the WM Police Crime Commissioner, he had lofty ambitions.

274.1.1 It was stated Solihull Police Station was not closing until autumn 2025; the station can hold 500 people but currently holds a maximum of 110. Another suitable place for a smaller station without cells is being sought – Norwich House is currently under consideration.

274.1.2 Alison McGrory SMBCs Assistant Director (Communities & Partnerships), had also been present at the SAC meeting; she had spoken about the Commonwealth Games, given

an update on recent housing dynamics, including that the Borough had commenced taking in families from the Ukraine, with an expectation of these arrangements being for no longer than 6 months. Two families had been placed in Hockley Heath and 90 families were part way through the process; which is long as there was a need to consider terrorist elements, paedophiles and suitable accommodation etc.

274.1.3 Solihull MBC currently has 300 Afghan refugees in a hotel for which the Government provides no funding. As well as housing 1800 people from Hong Kong, who are financially stable and only require minimum help. Children in school in Balsall Common are top of their classes in all subjects.

274.1.4 Cllr. Swain said Alison had informed the group that the reporting apps; Fix My Street, Street Line and reporting rough homeless sleepers were good. It was suggested to advertise these app's on the Parish Council website.

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

275.1 Cllr. Swain said Western Power had been here today at a cost of £231.42; which the VHMC would pay, for 16 minutes to look at what was needed for an external power point, to be located by the exit doors on the corner.

275.2 Cllr. Swain said the sensory light now shone on the steps.

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

276. Cllr. Coles said they would have a new website at the end of June. There was an event on Easter Sunday.

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

277.1 Cllr. Smith said she now had a new list of issues to raise with Solihull MBC.

277.2 Cllr. Smith said a team had been sent to investigate flooding on Vicarage Road in March, there was nothing stopping the water from going down, there was just too much water and it was trying to drain up hill. They had not been able to cleanse the line, the grass was too wet and the lane was too narrow. She referred to installing grips. Cllr. Swain said that would make it worse.

**Action item: Cllr. Smith to send the email she had received about this to Cllr. Swain for him to reply.**

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

278.1 An email from someone from University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust about free books for children was noted.

**279. Agenda items for next meeting.**

279.1 It was suggested the Electric Charging Point and possibly Dog Kennel Lane needed to be on the next agenda. However, it was noted the next meeting would be the Annual Meeting of the Council, when there were many procedures to go through.

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

280.1 It was stated there was still no progress with Broadband, even though Cheswick Green was surrounded by fibre.

280.2 The Clerk said she has submitted the application form to Solihull MBC to get the Village Green registered.

**281. 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;** proposed Cllr. Swain – at 9pm members of the public were asked to leave the meeting.

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

In confidential section.

**Meeting closed at 9:15pm**

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