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### **RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2022 10:30 Cheswick Green Village Hall**

**Present:** Cheswick Green Parish Councillors: Len Cresswell, Simon Coles, Michelle Smith (Rec. C Chairman) and Mick Swain.

**In attendance**

Clerk: Marie Zizzi Cllr. Gosling

0 members of the public

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

1.1 Not applicable all members present.

**2. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations.**

2.1 None.

**3. Public Participation.**

3.1 No members of the public were present.

**4. To resolve to accept the Minutes of the previous meeting held on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2021.**

**Resolved:** proposed Cllr. Swain, seconded Cllr. Coles; the minutes were accepted.

**5. To report any issues from monthly site audit reports since the last meeting and to provide Clerk with reports for filing.**

5.1 It was noted all reports had been submitted for January, the February reports were due now.

5.2 Cllr. Smith suggested they had a night camera installed at the Mount, on a tree, to record wildlife such as badgers.

5.3 It was agreed that the bug hotel on the Recreation Ground needed moving.

5.4 There were comments about bird/Starling boxes which needed to be installed on the Recreation Ground; it was suggested to ask Warwickshire Wildlife Trust where these should be located.

**6. To review monthly site audit forms.**

6.1 It was agreed to add to the red BT kiosk to the form for the Village Green; it was felt it was not necessary to add the bug hotel to the Recreation Ground form.

**7. To open and discuss CGPC Grounds Maintenance Specification tenders for April 2022-2025.**

7.1 The tenders received were all looked at.

**Action item: Cllr. Swain to draft an email to be sent querying the figures and total cost for one of the tenders, for the Clerk to send.**

**8. To resolve which company will be appointed to undertake CGPC Grounds Maintenance from April 2022-2025; to make recommendation to Full Council.**

8.1 Subject to the reply to the above-mentioned email;

Minutes of CGPC Recreation Committee meeting held on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at 10:30am  
 Signed ..... Date.....

**Resolved:** Cllr. Swain, seconded Cllr. Cresswell; it was agreed to defer making this decision until the next full council meeting on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2022 and if necessary, to the following full council meeting on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2022.

**Action item: Clerk to find out who at SMBC is responsible for its grass cutting contracts and if possible, what amount SMBC pay for grass cutting services.**

**9. To discuss the state of the car park on the left-hand side looking from the Village Hall.**

9.1 Cllr. Smith referred to the left-hand side of the car park by the Village Hall; she said it looked very bad, a litter pick and tidy up was needed.

9.2 Cllr. Swain suggested contacting the Housing Association who managed the properties at the side of the car park.

9.3 There were comments about glasses outside and asking the pub to collect these. It was suggested to get a group of volunteers to carry out a litter pick and tidy up twice a year.

9.4 It was noted the Village Hall Management Committee (VHMC) was hiring a skip. Cllr. Swain said they were looking to clear out the cupboards and loft in the hall.

9.5 There were comments about the state of the car park surface; it was stated heavy goods vehicles caused damaged; Cllr. Cresswell said they needed a barrier to prevent these vehicles using the access/egress by the Village Surgery; there were various comments about this. It was stated Tesco had resurfaced its car park and suggested to find out which company had been used to do this.

**10. To discuss the pathways around Cheswick on Watery Lane opposite the cricket field.**

10.1 Cllr. Smith said it was the same with these pathways, a litter pick and tidy up were needed. There were comments about an SMBC fence that had still not been repaired, it was stated the old fence had been taken away. It was suggested the same group of volunteers could be asked to do these pathways.

10.2 It was suggested to try and arrange a litter pick and tidy up on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2022.

10.3 Cllr. Smith said when she had been out with the person from SMBC to look at moving the speed sign, she had seen all the muck that was on Watery Lane, she said a shovel was needed to get this up and move it under the fences; it was suggested the group of volunteers could be asked to do this.

10.4 Cllr. Swain referred to a culvert at the start of Illshaw Heath, which went under the road, he said it needed clearing every year.

10.5 Cllr. Swain said it had been 13 months now since the discussions with SMBC/the cricket club regarding improvements at the crossroads and this was still not finished. There were comments about gradient issues and water pooling.

**11. To discuss the Recreation Ground including benches (for various locations in the Village) and suggestion put forward by a resident regarding children's play area.**

11.1 It was agreed the six locations for the new benches would be 1) on the Village Green to replace the Nall bench, in the middle 2) on Saxon Wood Road opposite the post box on the concrete 3) on Saxon Wood Road at the edge, overlooking Parish Council owned land, at an angle by the tree, not looking into anyone's property 4) on Cheswick Place – subject to permission from Bloor Homes/SMBC – near CGPCs notice board 5) by the bus stop 6) on the Recreation Ground by the new ponds.

11.2 There was a discussion about the proposed wording to replace the plaque that had been on the Nall brothers' bench. It was agreed to leave this matter until the full council meeting on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2022.

Note: at 12:15 Cllr. Cresswell had to leave the meeting.

**12. Review of actions list (copy attached).**

12.1 It was noted a tree inspection needed to be carried out this year.

**13. To consider and resolve any action(s) in relation to any items of correspondence received.**

13.1 In relation to the ideas submitted by a resident for play equipment; Cllr. Smith said they could look at squaring off the playground area and add a new piece of equipment; it was agreed not to rush this, to possibly close the play area sometime during 2022 to install this for an opening in 2023.

**14. Date and time for next meeting and any agenda items.**

14.1 Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at 10:30am.

**Meeting closed 12:45**