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**CHESWICK GREEN STATUTORY ANNUAL PARISH MEETING  
 Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2022 7pm Cheswick Green Village Hall**

**Present:**

5 local residents, including Borough Cllr. Ken Hawkins  
 Cheswick Green Parish Councillors; Simon Coles, Margaret Gosling, Aimee  
 Moloney, Michelle Smith and Mick Swain (*Chairman*).  
 CGPC Clerk: Mrs. Marie Zizzi

Note: - The Statutory Annual Parish Meeting is not a Parish Council meeting. It is a meeting of the electors of the Parish that must take place between 1<sup>st</sup> March and 1<sup>st</sup> June. Electors have the opportunity to learn of the activities that have been undertaken by the Parish Council during the past twelve months. The meeting is chaired by the Parish Council.

Electors can debate current issues and put forward resolutions for consideration by the Parish Council. Such resolutions will not bind the Parish Council.

The Parish Council is not obliged to pursue these resolutions, except in the case of the provision of Allotments. Following the resolution in 2010 the Parish Council despite trying, by contacting several landowners, has unfortunately, so far, been unable to find land that could provide allotments.

**1. Welcome and introduction.**

1.1 Cllr. Swain welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending.

**2. To accept apologies for absence.**

2.1 None.

**3. Minutes of the Statutory Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2021.**

**Resolved:** proposed Cllr. Gosling, seconded Cllr. Smith that these Minutes should be signed as a true and accurate record.

**4. Report from 2020/21 Parish Council Chairmen, Cllr. Mick Swain (*written report attached*).**

4.1 Cllr. Swain said he would like to thank his fellow Councillors and the Clerk for all their hard work. He said the high point this year for him, was that the Parish Council and the Residents Association, after some turmoil, were now working together, he was really pleased. He added that Borough Cllr. Ken Hawkins had been involved with issues between the two groups at some point, as a mediator. Cllr. Hawkins commented that Officers at Solihull MBC, had needed to liaise with both groups.

4.2 Cllr. Swain said the 2021 Christmas craft fayre and turning on of the tree lights had been excellent and it had raised £1500 for Combat Stress, the event had been organised by both the Parish Council and the Residents Association working together.

4.3 Cllr. Swain said the low point for the Parish, had been the application for the school expansion being approved, he said it faced a number of TROs now, however this would push traffic elsewhere.

4.4 Cllr. Swain referred to highways' improvements to Creynolds Lane, he said these were mainly complete now, the Parish Council would like to have seen a tabletop, however Solihull MBC did not have the funds for this.

4.5 Cllr. Swain said Cllr. Smith had been liaising with an Officer at Solihull MBC, regarding flooding. Cllr. Smith said Solihull MBC was working with Severn Trent on this, it was quite dangerous. It was stated there had been a major accident about a month ago.

4.6 Cllr. Swain said they were now awaiting the Inspectors response to the Local Plan and proposals for Dog Kennel Lane. He commented about the developer wanting to go all the way across the area. He asked Cllr. Hawkins if he knew when they would hear from the Inspector. Cllr. Hawkins said he presumed this would be held over until after the local elections had taken place now. He said the Inspector had provided an interim letter, which had commented about the 4000 homes proposed by the NEC, he said this was a large number of houses.

4.6.1 Cllr. Hawkins said it had been suggested this was rolled over for another year, because if the number of houses was 800 a year and they needed to find areas for another 800; he said he hoped the Plan put forward would be adopted and supported or they may need to find where to put another 6-8000.

4.6.2 There were comments about the Black County and South Staffordshire, stating Solihull needing to provide another 8000; about a judicial review; about there being no proper boundary for Cheswick Green; about Tidbury Farm and Low Brook Farm going into Greenbelt status, losing a judicial review and at the court of appeal, which had cost a lot of money.

4.6.3 Cllr. Hawkins said that someone from the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE), had said the Dog Kennel Lane proposal was the best site in the whole of the Solihull MBC Local Plan; it was pointed out this person was a Not in my Back Yard person (Nimby).

4.6.4 Cllr. Hawkins spoke about meeting with representatives from Taylor Wimpey about 4 years ago, and proposals for 800 houses, which was now 1000. Cllr. Swain said it was 1100, members of the Parish Council had also met with representatives from Taylor Wimpey.

4.6.5 There were comments about supporting the Local Plan in principles, land at the back of Creynolds Lane; for the school to focus on conditions and flood attenuation.

4.6.6 Cllr. Swain said when they had attended the review, it did not appear that the Inspector was aware of the flooding issues; it was stated Solihull MBC was paying for houses to get flood protection, therefore it was aware that flooding would be an issue. Cllr. Hawkins said the money for this came from the EA. He referred to balancing ponds and recent flooding issues, slowing water down, he said flooding would be a major concern and reiterated that comments from CPRE were Dog Kennel Lane was the best site in the Local Plan.

4.6.7 There were comments about when the Blythe Valley (BV) application had gone through in 2016, that Dorridge and Hockley Heath Parish Council had not wanted a second access, they were not concerned about the number of houses.

4.6.8 There were comments about a cycle path needing to be 2 metres wide and lit. Cllr. Swain said 4 stadiums including Shirley Football Club would become housing sites, which would cause even more traffic.

4.6.9 Cllr. Hawkins said Sports England would need to agree where any new sites/stadiums would be and that where Shirley Town was, it would need a proper sports hall. He referred to some loose designs for a previous Plan, he said elements of betterment were a requirement.

4.6.10 There were comments that despite mitigation it could not be said the school expansion would not affect Cheswick Green; about development on Dog Kennel Lane; existing footpaths, the Country Park, cycleways, the impact being on Tanworth Lane, Blackford Road and Dog Kennel Lane – it was stated there would be a school for this development.

4.6.11 Cllr. Swain queried why the proposal was only for 1100 with a 2-form entry school and not for 3000 houses. Cllr. Hawkins referred to development on

The Green and the School Organisation Plan stating there was a need for 6 schools.

4.6.12 Cllr. Gosling referred to the school numbers that had been included being incorrect.

4.6.13 Cllr. Hawkins said it was only right that there was a need for representatives to be accountable, which was why he had said he supported BV and regarding CG Primary school, he referred to a letter from the Director of Resources and what about the unexpected in the next 2-3-4 years. He referred to displaced parking on Heron Close and Nugent Grove, he said education would say it was a highways problem and vice versa, it was a whole Council problem; he added 750 houses was not enough for a school.

4.6.14 Cllr. Gosling added that Councils were not building single form entry schools anymore.

4.6.15 Cllr. Hawkins referred to a document to state there would be provision for TROs etc. for the school, as there would be an impact at some time. He said there were 125 primary school children in the parish, that did not go to Cheswick Green school, last year it was 95, it could be an extra 100 children could go there. He referred to Monkspath having a 3-form entry with spaces for babies, he said 330 children came from outside Monkspath and some were from outside Solihull, he said the school had extensive wrap around.

4.6.16 Cllr. Swain said the Parish Council had carried out a lot of work in relation to its submissions in relation to the school, he added with an ageing population, they were pretty confident the school could cope with Cheswick Green, Cheswick Place and BV.

4.6.17 Cllr. Hawkins said a third of the pupils at the school came from outside Cheswick Green.

4.6.18 Cllr. Moloney said a number of their Brownies came from outside Cheswick Green.

4.6.19 Cllr. Hawkins said it was a problem when people moved to an area and there were no school spaces.

4.7 Cllr. Swain said he was very pleased the proposed Motorway Service Station was not going ahead. Cllr. Hawkins said he had launched a petition against it, it was not in his Ward, 75% of traffic would go round the island. He said he was still disappointed the Inspector had not looked at the highway's issues, only at the fact it was in the Greenbelt.

4.7.1 Cllr. Gosling said it would have flooded.

4.7.2 Cllr. Hawkins said someone from Hampton-in-Arden had commented on Face Book, they had been upset because he had said he could see the need for a Service Station because there were 52 miles between Service Stations. Cllr. Coles referred to the number of miles a car could do on a tank of petrol. Cllr. Moloney said it was 20 minutes from Tesco to a Service Station in one direction and 10 minutes in the other, it was less than 30 miles between Tesco and Service Stations.

4.7.3 Cllr. Hawkins said there had been other suggestions for locations for Service Stations.

4.7.4 Cllr. Moloney said when people were driving, their Satnav would direct them to Tesco's for fuel and it had chargers for electric cars. There were more comments about Services Stations.

4.8 Cllr. Swain referred to the cycle lane on Blossomfield Road. Cllr. Hawkins said there was a great scheme in place, he commented about getting funding for cycle routes from Dickens Heath to Marshall Lake Road. He added there was still enough space for cars. Cllr. Gosling said cycle lanes were great, if cyclists used them.

4.9 Cllr. Swain enquired whether there were any plans for Blackford Road, he said it had sand running underneath it, he referred to construction traffic to/from The Green. It was stated this road was always closed.

4.10 Cllr. Hawkins said there were lots of things going on, he said they had the Queen's Jubilee event to look forward to.

4.11 There were comments about the Commonwealth Games and Non-Disclosure Agreements (NDAs). Cllr. Hawkins said the Baton route had been discussed in private. It was stated it was coming to Solihull. Cllr. Hawkins said when the Olympic torch came through Solihull, it had mainly been the town centre. There were comments about security issues etc.

4.11.1 Cllr. Hawkins said in relation to the Jubilee, Monkspath area was having street parties.

4.12 Cllr. Hawkins referred to the formal opening of the Armed Forces Garden, having 120 invited guests and displays from all three services, as well as choirs etc. He said the Community Garden had been open for a year now, it had been paid for by the Royal British Legion, it was not a War Memorial, he referred to its association with Star and Garter.

## **5. Report from 2020/21 Recreation Committee Chairman, Cllr. Michelle Smith (*written report attached*).**

5.1 Cllr. Smith spoke about work on the Recreation Ground, carried out by Warwickshire Wildlife Trust.

5.2 There were comments about the emptying of bins during lockdown, that bins had been full and overflowing, as people used park areas more. Cllr. Hawkins said Solihull MBC had a new contract with Veola now.

5.2.1 A member of the public said the bin by the BT kiosk was not locked, because the contractors had no keys for them, she said the bin was too big and therefore the door did not shut. Cllr. Smith referred to issues with a bin by the bus stop.

5.3 Cllr. Smith spoke about the speed camera the Parish Council had purchased, she said she looked at the data, it provided various information such as the date and speed of vehicles, she said a car had been driving at 81mph on a 30mph road. She spoke about where the camera was located and said there were plans to put it in Illshaw Heath.

5.4 Cllr. Swain said with Cllr. Smith, he had attended the recent Solihull Area Committee (SAC), meeting they had been informed there were a lot of issues in Tidbury Green.

5.5 It was stated the sight lines on Creynolds Lane junction were better on one side but not the other.

5.6 Cllr. Smith reiterated that the Christmas event had been a great success.

## **6. Report from Cheswick Residents Association Chairman.**

6.1 Cllr. Coles (and Chairman of Cheswick Residents Association) said the most positive thing was that the RA and Parish Council (PC) were working together now, they had put the past behind them. He said the RA had not been able to do much during Covid/lockdown.

6.2 Cllr. Coles said the RA had organised a Halloween party, there had been 60 children dressed up. The RA had held a Christmas disco with Father Christmas. He added that they planned to be involved with another Christmas Craft Fayre, the Village Hall was booked for Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December, they had already had people approach them to have a stall.

6.3 Cllr. Coles said the RA had held an Easter event last Sunday, they had learnt a few things from this, in relation to clues for the Easter egg hunt, people that lived here for a long time, did not know where things were, for example when 'The Mount', had been referred to, people had gone to the pub.

6.3.1 In relation to the Easter event, it was stated the duck race had been very successful. Cllr. Coles thanked a resident that was present for this, he said they had sold 179 ducks, a 14-year-old girl has won the first prize of £50, she was delighted. He said the community had come together.

6.4 Cllr. Coles said the next thing would be the Jubilee celebrations, they would be involved in doing something for the Commonwealth Games, another Halloween disco was planned with 'trick or treating'.

6.5 Cllr. Hawkins said he had seen comments about all these things on Face Book.

6.6 It was stated that at the last RA meeting, all CG Parish Councillors had been present, there were more Councillors than RA members.

6.7 Cllr. Coles said several people from BV had joined the Easter event.

## **7. Reports from Borough Councillors.**

7.1 Covered.

## **8. Issues of particular local importance.**

8.1 There were comments about a cycle/BMX park on BV, it was stated it looked really good.

8.2 There were comments about issues on Cheswick Place; it was stated it was not possible to use a wheelchair on the paths, it was stated there were no grit boards on the bridge; it was noted that Solihull MBC was meant to be adopting the site in April 2022, it was almost the end of April now. Cllr. Hawkins said there was some leverage, the Borough Councillors would not support the adoption while there were issues.

8.3 Cllr. Swain said Solihull MBC officers had admitted they needed to be sharper on the minor/finer details in planning applications.

8.4 Cllr. Moloney said she was concerned about the paths, her dog had cut its leg, which had resulted in a costly visit to the vets, her dog now had a scar, she said this had been on the route that was intended for the school children to use.

8.4.1 Cllr. Gosling said it was not good, her dog could no longer cope with the slope or the gravel on the paths.

## **9. Any other matters raised by an elector of the parish.**

9.1 Cllr. Swain asked if there was anything anyone wishes to raise.

9.2 A resident referred to no longer having a 3-minute warning, he said in 2018 the air raid sirens had been turned off. 3 minutes was not enough, but they had nothing now. It was stated the air raid sirens used to be regularly tested.

9.3 Cllr. Swain said Solihull MBC had a Disaster Committee.

9.4 Cllr. Hawkins referred to Hope Coppice, he said it was allocation 13 in the 2016 Plan, the land had been taken out, the land was owned by the Council, it was near the Sans Souci training centre, Ludlow Road, it was a community forest woodland now, an orchard was to be planted, if they could get the farmer to sell the land, it could be extended, in 10-20-30 years the trees would take up a lot of water from any flooding. He said it was well worth a visit.

9.5 Cllr. Smith referred to the lights on Creynolds Lane and sending a request to get the bushes cut down, she said there were big dandelions there now. Cllr. Hawkins referred to a legal issue last year regarding resurfacing, he said mediation was ongoing. Cllr. Smith said she had sent photographs, as it was very dangerous, the area had been cordoned off and one small stretch had been cut down, but the rest had been left. Cllr. Hawkins said it could be where they were going to plant some bulbs. He spoke about having average speed cameras.

9.6 Cllr. Smith said cameras were needed further up the Stratford Road, she said where she worked cars sped up and down.

9.6.1 Cllr. Hawkins said Solihull MBC could not install any more unless the police agreed, the police did not have the staff to follow through. Cllr. Smith referred to Simon Foster (WM Police Crime Commissioner), being present at the recent SAC.

9.6.2 Cllr. Hawkins said Solihull MBC did not have enforcement powers, they would like to have more mobile cameras.

9.6.3 Cllr. Swain said there was no incentive for Councils to use speed cameras, as the money from fines went back to Central Government.

9.7 There were comments about a cycle route for the Stratford Road.

9.8 Cllr. Moloney said it had taken her 42 minutes to get from the junction on the M42 to the Village Hall tonight.

9.9 There were lots more comments about cars, electric cars, infrastructure, cycle paths/lanes, funding/grants, about people driving when they didn't need to, for example to local shops/pubs/schools; about wildlife routes, shared paths, pedestrians and cyclists not being a good idea for children. Cllr. Hawkins said somethings that would be done, would not be right the first time, he referred to this being public money.

9.10 A resident enquired about being able to cycle from CG to the Stratford Road, she said cycling on Creynolds Lane was quite scary, it would be good to have a cycle path/route.

9.10.1 Cllr. Hawkins said it was possible there could be something from Dickens Heath along Blackford Road, if they could get funding. He referred to Dog Kennel Lane and extra conditions and cycle routes. He spoke about development at the front of Shirley Golf Club, being far better than the proposal for 200 houses.

9.11 Cllr. Swain referred to all funding arising from housing developments going into one pot and having to bid for these. There were comments about Section 106 money and Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). Cllr. Hawkins said Section 106 funds were for specific purposes in relation to a development, this was different to CIL. He said there was a formula agreed by law to calculate 106 funds, it included things like the number of pupils in a school etc.

9.12 Cllr. Smith asked if any surveys had been carried out for the cycle routes. Cllr. Hawkins said yes, extensive work had been carried out looking at local walking/cycling and infrastructure.

9.13 There were comments about old people’s homes, an ageing population, apartments for retired people and retirement flats being different to old peoples’ homes.

9.14 It was stated more homes were needed for younger people and that shops were depleting everywhere.

9.15 Cllr. Hawkins said 900 houses/apartments were to be build in Solihull Town Centre; Solihull MBC had brought Mell Square and it was looking for a development partner.

9.16 There were comments about converting unused shops into flats, it was stated older people wanted to be close to facilities. There were lots more comments on various issues, including Mell Square and restaurants.

9.17 Cllr. Swain said cycle lanes were great, however once they were installed, they would start to wear, there was a need for revenue for their upkeep.

9.18 Cllr. Swain said in relation to Dog Kennel Lane, it was not worth appealing against the decision, if Solihull MBC approved it and the Inspector approved it, there were other things they could do.

9.19 Cllr. Hawkins said for every site there was infrastructure analysis, it would need to be agreed by planners. He said the Inspector could come back and say they needed to find areas for more. It was stated Dorridge and Knowle were getting off lightly. Cllr. Swain said 34% of the Plan was for this area.

9.20 Cllr. Hawkins said proposals still needed to go to planning, he said there were lots of extra requirements and referred to a sense of place, he said the Plan had to work, they all knew where things hadn’t worked. He referred to the density of housing, the need for houses to be a lot closer together and this meaning less open spaces.

9.21 There were comments about 15000 dwellings in the Plan, finding somewhere else; about the Local Plan, boundaries between communities, coercion, green spaces, defensive boundaries, the field by the school, Blackford Lane and Dog Kennel Lane.

9.22 Cllr. Hawkins spoke about the general elections and what parties would say they would provide. He said Solihull land was expensive, it was not a place for a first-time buyer.

9.23 There were comments about Arden Cross and buildings for professional people. Cllr. Swain said it would be interesting to see how the Housing Minister would get buildings on Brownfields sites.

9.24 Cllr. Hawkins referred to contaminated land, he said only one Council had support Solihull’s Plan and the number in it and that was Coventry.

9.25 Cllr. Swain said Birmingham and Sandwell had no Greenbelt left now.

**Meeting closed at 7:25pm**

Signed .....Position ..... Date .....

### **Chairman's Report April 2022**

This report covers the period from April 2021 until March 2022.

I would like to thank my fellow councillors and our clerk, Marie, for all their hard work over this period.

The high point of the last 12 months is undoubtedly that the Parish Council and Cheswick Residents Association are now working together for the benefit of our community. We have a number of ideas under consideration that will hopefully result in the 4 disparate areas of our Parish becoming inclusive. We need our village, Cheswick Place, Illshaw Heath and Blythe Valley being thought of by all residents as being one community. The first step has been taken by the Residents Association shortening the name to Cheswick Residents Association.

Our first joint venture was the event held at Christmas which was an overwhelming success, we could not have envisaged that so many people would attend. My thanks to Kirsty and her team, Debi and Beckie who manned the play bus all afternoon, Margaret our matriarch who took dealt with the raffle and all the others who also helped. A visit from Santa completed the day's events and £1500 was raised for charity.

The low point was Solihull Councils approval of our school being doubled in size from a one to a two-form entry. We all knew we were fighting a proposal the outcome of which was inevitable, and I give my thanks to all who objected. I hope the school and governing body realise that our objections resulted in Solihull Council having to budget for more works than they had originally intended, which will provide a little betterment for pupils and staff alike. Highways Management objections led to numerous traffic restrictions conditional approval of the planning application. Highways will be unable to make any meaningful impact on the increase in accumulation of traffic, all they will be able to do is spread or move the problems further from the vicinity of the school gates.

The long-awaited highway improvements at Creynolds Lane crossroads have now been completed including the lowering of the speed limit on much of Creynolds Lane to 30mph and also on parts of the other 3 connecting roads. We will monitor the junction to ensure that the hedges are being cut back regularly to maintain improved visibility and keep a record of the number of accidents. A serious accident occurred here recently which makes us wonder if the improvements undertaken are sufficient. We have always asked for a tabletop which Solihull Council cannot not afford.

A red BT phone box has been installed at the bottom of the green by the footpath for use as a local book swap. Residents are regularly making use of the facility but at present we have no plans to install another.

The grounds maintenance contract has been retendered and Countrywide Grounds maintenance will be undertaking the contract for 3 years for the period April 2022 – March 2025. This franchised company currently have contracts in our area and at present cut the grass at our school.

Solihull Council have approved the construction of 1,000 new houses on green belt land on Dog Kennel Lane subject to an enquiry.

We attended the Government Inspectors planning enquiry on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2021 to further object to the development. This site does not have the permanent features that are required to define a Green Belt boundary. The boundary with development only on the northern side does not give us confidence that development will stop at that point. The introduction of one man made boundary could in all possibility result in pressure for the boundary to be moved again with more dwellings provided within an expanded site. To reinforce our concern, I would draw your attention to a meeting the PC held with the developer regarding this site held approximately 2 years ago. During the course of the meeting, we were shown a conceptual drawing that was scant of detail but depicted the development extending from Dog Kennel Lane along the line of the

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Stratford Road to Creynolds Lane and as far back to the original 1970s C/G housing estate. I believe we were shown the drawing to gauge reaction as no detailed discussion ensued.

We await the Governments Inspectors decision on this and other sites throughout the Borough.

Thankfully a proposed service station off J4 of the M42 has been refused following an appeal by the developer.

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### **Recreation Committee – Annual Report 2021/2022 – Cllr. Michelle Smith**

**Recreation Ground** During the last year Warwickshire Wildlife Trust have worked on the Recreation Ground adding swales to help alleviate some of the flooding issues, taking down old rotting trees, digging out dogwood and adding a fenced area around the swales and generally giving the place a facelift. Wildflowers have also been planted in the vicinity of the swales, which we should all start to see coming though in the spring. The fenced area will become a nature reserve for wildlife and the Bug Hotel was moved into this area last month.

We plan to do a little more cutting back of bushes at the bottom along the river which are currently too overgrown, the lefthand side of the park will have to remain a wild area because of major flooding issues.

**Love Solihull** donated new trees which have been planted on the Recreation Ground. Three Cherry trees were also donated, one planted at the War Memorial and two on the Village Green. One of the Cherry trees on the Village Green will become a memorial to the late Charlie Jay and his family have agreed to have a plaque made.

The small park area, one resident in particular has asked if we can update the equipment, not sure if we will take everything out but we can certainly add some new equipment for the children to play on, this is an ongoing venture and should anyone wish to have an input please don't hesitate to contact members of the PC.

**Village Green** Everyone seems to be enjoying the Telephone/Book Swap, an absolutely delightful addition, to our Village Green, I think you will all agree. It is our intention to give the rest of the Village Green some TLC this year firstly, digging over the border at the bottom of the green which fronts the shops, I don't believe this has been touched in years. The old bench was removed some months ago and will be replaced with a new one shortly, we are just waiting for a base to be installed first. The bench which circles the tree will also have some of the rotting wood replaced.

**Grounds Maintenance Contract CGPC** Our grounds maintenance contract was up for renewal this year and a company called Countrywide have been successful in obtaining the contract which will run until 2025. The contract covers areas which are owned by the Parish Council such as the Village Green, Recreation Ground, three areas on Saxon Wood Road and the Mount. These works include litter picking, grass mowing, cutting of verges, cutting back vegetation/ hedges, emptying of litter bins / dog bins.

**Grounds Maintenance – SMBC** A couple of years ago the Parish Council listed all verges/ hedges / trees that needed cutting back, which SMBC completed. SMBC still mow grass/ empty litter bins which are not Parish owned. Emptying of bins were done on a weekly basis until we asked SMBC to give us a schedule of works, we then found out that bins should be emptied 3 times a week! This is now being done but if anyone thinks this is not happening, please notify us immediately.

**Shops** Unfortunately, this land is not owned by the PC and therefore we are not responsible for the upkeep, but we have been in discussions to see if we can get the landowners to tidy the place up. We will persevere.



**Car Park** This is a three-way split parts are owned by the PC, the Brewery and the Landowners who own the shops. Again, we have been in discussions with all parties to see if we can improve the car park but getting everyone to agree takes time. One major hole was filled in after a company had leftover tarmac, which we thanked them for.

**Speed Sign** Our mobile speed sign gets rotated every 4 weeks. There are currently 3 Roads, Cheswick Way, Creynolds Lane and Coppice Walk, we used to site it on Watery Lane but there is no longer a need because of the new layout and signs added by SMBC. There will be one more site at Illshaw Heath which will be added to the list shortly once SMBC/Illshaw Heath residents decide where they would like it positioned.

**Creynolds Lane Junction** SMBC have made a few changes to the speed limit and slight changes to the junction to stop the speeding traffic. Unfortunately, we are still seeing a number of accidents. The Cricket Club together with SMBC have altered the site line which I think you will agree has made a difference when coming out of Vicarage Road. There is still work to be done along Illshaw Heath which SMBC is aware of. We've seen major flooding issues along Vicarage Road and the Parish Council contacted SMBC and arranged a couple of meetings to discuss this. We have also sent a number of photographs when flooding has occurred. SMBC and Severn Trent are working together to decide the best course of action, we have pointed out that the water lies on Vicarage Road, with the water draining off the Cricket field and the adjacent field, which then continues to come out across the junction. Once we have more information residents will be informed.

**Christmas Tree Lights Switch On** Our Christmas festivities went well in December it was great to see so many residents turn out for it and we've had many people tell us what a great day it turned out to be. It was such a success that we envisage doing it again this year.

**Ongoing** We as a Recreation Committee are dedicated to making Cheswick Green a lovely place to walk around and for everyone to enjoy living here. We have more planters for underneath the road signs coming within the next couple of weeks, if anyone would like to adopt one, please feel free to contact us. More benches are on the way, we are just waiting for concrete slabs to be put into place before they can be installed. If any residents have any issues or suggestions, they would like to put forward please contact us we would love to hear from you.