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CHESWICK GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

Thursday 14th July 2022 7pm Cheswick Green Village Hall

Present: Cheswick Green Parish Councillors: Simon Coles, Margaret Gosling, Aimee Moloney and Mick Swain (Chairman).

Clerk: Marie Zizzi

4 members of the public

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

60.1 An apology had been received from Cllr. Smith; this was accepted.

61. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations.

61.1 There were none.

62. Public Participation (15 Minutes).

62.1 Two members of the referred to lorries that were hitting trees/bushes; they said they had received an email from Borough Cllr. Ken Hawkins, he had passed their concerns on the SMBC Highways Team and stated if they heard nothing within 10 days, to let him know.

63. To resolve to accept the Minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday 9th June 2022 (circulated to Parish Cllrs. with the agenda).

Resolved: proposed Cllr. Coles, seconded Cllr. Moloney – the minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.

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

Payee	Reason	Total
Michelle Smith	Reimbursement for plants for the Village Green	£ 31.50
St John Ambulance	Provide First Aid at Queen's Platinum Jubilee	£ 230.40
Mick Swain	Reimbursement for keys	£ 110.00
Marie Zizzi	Reimbursement for Crochet Fairy (wool)	£ 45.11
Marie Zizzi	Instant ink May-June 22	£ 16.49
Countrywide GM	Grounds maintenance June	£ 786.89
Farthing Prop Ltd.	Bases for benches & fitting benches	£1968.00
Sydney Mitchell	Work in relation to the Village Green	£ 100.00

solicitors

More in confidential section.

Petty cash £96.71

Resolved: proposed Cllr. Coles, seconded Cllr. Swain; that all payments were approved.

64.1 The exercise class was discussed; it was agreed it needed to be advertised more, to see if this helped increase the numbers attending. It was noted only 5 people had attend on Monday 11th July; it was stated numbers had dropped from 11 per session to an average of 8 per session and that 9 people were required for this to be self-funding. It was stated it was probably due to the heat people had not attended on 11th July; it was noted due to really hot weather predictions for Monday 18th July, the class had been cancelled.

64.2 It was stated £3053.96 had been raised from the Queen's Platinum Jubilee events; it was agreed to donate £1000 each to the Brownies, the Boy's Brigade and the Youth Club; the remaining £53.96 would be returned to the Parish Councils Unity Trust Bank account.

Action item: Once the correct names for the relevant groups banks accounts were obtained, Cllr. Gosling to arrange to sort out cheque payments.

64.3 It was noted an invoice had been received for photography at the Jubilee events; however, no-one had seen any photographs; therefore, it was agreed not to pay this for now.

65. To receive first quarter (April – June 2022) finance comparison and bank reconciliation (*circulated to Parish Cllrs. with the agenda*).

65.1 There were no comments

66. To discuss members allowances.

66.1 It was noted these payments were in line with what SMBC paid; an email had been received from SMBC stating these payments were to increase by £50 per annum for Councillors and £100 per annum for Chairmen.

Resolved; proposed Cllr. Moloney, seconded Cllr. Coles; that CGPC members allowances should increase inline with what SMBCs were and these should be backdated from 1st April 2022.

67. To receive any reports or recommendations from the Recreation Committee Chairman and to resolve any action to be taken.

67.1 It was stated the bench on the swales needed to be trimmed around it.

Action item: Clerk to ask the Parish Councils grounds maintenance contractor to do this next time he was in the area.

67.2 It was agreed the Village Green look good, nice and colourful.

68. To discuss recent antisocial behaviour on the Recreation Ground.

68.1 Cllr. Coles said antisocial behaviour had increased; he had recently seen some lads jumping on the bin in the Recreation Ground; using an electric scooter on the mound of soil and carrying out other antisocial behaviour, they thought they were very funny. They had been captured on CCTV the images were very clear, these had been given to the police; who had visited the area.

68.1.1 There were comments about people from Yardley Wood and Chelmsley Wood coming to the area.

68.1.2 There were comments about a lack of police officers. Cllr. Moloney said the police had been walking in the park yesterday; they were driving by regularly now. It was stated this had put the drug dealers off coming to the car park.

68.1.3 There were comments about putting the images on social media; it was felt this could not be done; there were comments about the age of these boys and that they were too young to be arrested.

68.2 A resident referred to 20-25 kids smashing up an old wooden planter; she said there were girls and boys. There were comments about Year 5 Cheswick Green pupils.

68.2.1 Cllr. Coles said the RA had looked at Street Watch, it had not got off the ground yet. There were comments about reminding parents on Facebook, to ensure their children were behaving appropriately. One resident said if her child was behaving badly, she would like to be told, so she could do something about it.

68.2.2 It was stated that the old wooden planters were an easy target; that most of the old planters had been replaced with concrete ones now; it was noted a resident who was present made planters, to possibly liaise with Cllr. Smith about this

68.2.3 It was suggested to put something on social media, that if anyone thought their child was involved in antisocial behaviour, to contact the RA; it was reiterated that parents would want to know. There were comments about a family link on Google.

69. To resolve to adopted amended Standing Orders (*circulated to Parish Councillors by email 24/06/2022*).

Resolved; proposed Cllr. Swain; seconded Cllr. Gosling; that the Standing Orders were adopted.

70. To discuss having an Electric Charging Point.

70.1 Cllr. Swain said he had attended a meeting about this with the rep. from SMBC. He was meant to receive an email about this, to which he would in turn provide SMBC with contact details for the pub/brewery surveyor. However, he had not received anything yet.

70.2 Cllr. Swain said SMBC had decided to put works involving electrical charging points out to contract, they would not know who the contractor would be until September.

7.3 Cllr. Swain said lots of things had changed since a previous meeting; he spoke about power from Western Power being the provider, the need to dig a trench which they did not want to do. He said SMBC wanted to look at putting two chargers by the pub, in the first two parking spaces.

70.3.1 It was stated if this happened any revenue generated would go to the pub.

70.4 Cllr. Coles said it would be a shame if Cheswick Green did not have something.

70.5 Cllr. Moloney said a rapid charger would be required, possibly with a camera on it.

70.6 Cllr. Swain queried how it would be policed. He read from some paperwork SMBC had given him; *'SMBC is in the process of procuring a 'Destination' EV charge point operator (CPO) on a lease/concession basis'*.

70.7 Cllr. Moloney commented about not having them in the exact place the Parish Council wanted them; she said she thought they should have these for Cheswick Green, to modernise the village; if they did not agree with where SMBC wanted to install them, they could be put outside the shops on land SMBC owned.

70.8 Cllr. Swain said wearing his VHM hat, they did not want them on the car park.

70.9 The Landlady from the pub said it could stop the terrible parking which currently took place; she queried whether she should let Craft Union know what SMBC was proposing.

70.10 Cllr. Moloney reiterated they would need to be properly policed.

71. To consider planning applications (sent separately by email) and local development including Cheswick Place and Blythe Valley.

PL/2022/01363/MINFHO - 56 Creynolds Lane Cheswick Green Solihull B90 4ER; Rebuild porch, rebuild dormers, replace roof tiles.

71.1 There were no comments to be submitted.

PL/2022/01326/MINFHO - 100 Creynolds Lane Cheswick Green Solihull B90 4FB; Two storey rear extension.

71.1.1 There were no comments to be submitted.

PL/2022/01375/PNCUDW - The Barn Salter Street Earlswood Solihull; Prior notification for a change of use from agricultural barn to 2 No. dwellings.

71.1.2 There were comments about there being no properties near to this location; the design was similar to one on the Kenilworth Road; this was looked at on a laptop; it was stated it was £3 million. There were comments about it being like a 'Grand Designs' project, that it was wooden slats on a steel frame. Some people really disliked the design and thought it looked awful, others liked it. There were no comments to be submitted to SMBC.

PL/2022/01255/TPO - 94 Cheswick Way Cheswick Green Solihull B90 4HG; Fell 1 No. oak tree in rear garden.

71.1.3 It was stated last year permission had been given to cut this tree back, but it had not been done. It was pointed out the house was called 'The Oaks'. It was stated an Oak tree had been cut in the front garden of this property, between the school and the corner. It was noted an application to fell this tree had been submitted before. It was agreed the Parish Council would object to this, as it had a Tree Preservation Order on it.

71.1.4 An email from Cllr. Hawkins was referred to in relation to a possible planning application. It was stated CGPC should not be commenting on this, there were no plans, it was in relation to possibly installing a bungalow; it was stated the Parish Council needed to be impartial, not to be seen as to be favouring what people may want to do. There were more comments about what the Parish Council should and shouldn't comment on, in relation to planning applications.

71.2 In relation the Cheswick Place; Cllr. Gosling said she had walked around Cheswick Place this morning, a few things had been done, there was a new compound by the notice board

and something had been done to the paths, which were meant to be 'self-binding', she said the gravel was more like dust had been added, the paths were still a mess. She referred to a letter that had been sent to the Parish Council from a local resident, in relation to young trees which had been cut down as they had died; the resident was to contact Bloor Homes/SMBC.

71.2.1 It was suggested Bloor Homes were doing things to get the development adopted. Cllr. Swain pointed out that Bloor had met the planning requirements.

71.2.2 There were comments about tyre marks on the paths between Riverside and Mount Close. It was stated the Noble Way (which Bloor had incorrectly previously called Noble Road), playground was open now, however the kids were not very impressed with it.

71.3 In relation to Blythe Valley (BV); It was stated there was a BMX track at BV.

72. To receive any reports from Chair (including recent meeting with Dean Ward of SMBC), Councillors and/or the Clerk.

72.1 Cllr. Swain said with the Clerk he had recently had an online meeting with Dean Ward, who was the Principle Engineer at SMBC. He mainly dealt with lighting and drainage. He wanted to have monthly meetings to take onboard any issues. Cllr. Swain said he was also willing to look into works not in his sphere of influence. It was suggested he was invited to the September PC meeting, with this as an item at the top of the agenda.

72.1.1 Cllr. Swain referred to the crossroads and the farmers land; SMBC had asked the farmer to do some work, this had been ignored. SMBC had taken legal action, a digger had then dug out a trench, which alleviated a problem however the culvert still needed cleaning.

72.1.2 Cllr. Swain spoke about a tree with a 2-foot girth across the bottom on Illshaw Heath Road, it had been shown to David Keaney (SMBCs Traffic Manager), at a recent meeting.

72.1.3 Cllr. Swain said he had asked Dean Ward if when he looked at jobs, he looked at the whole of the works required, or just his part of it. For example, a new lamp post was shrouded by a large tree. Cllr. Swain had also pointed out about gully's/drains reports; were produced showing these had been inspected in 2021, it was recorded that one was 50% full of silt, next inspection would take place in 12 months' time. He had replied that this could have been just on person going around one their own.

72.1.4 Cllr. Swain said he had also raised the issue of the increase in price for the Christmas lights. There were comments about Cllr. Smith's suggestion to explore her idea of having a tree by the pub and the Parish Council paying for the electric. The landlady from the pub was present, she said they would need an external plug for this. It was agreed to stay with SMBC for this year, see what the outcome from the SAC meeting was, when this matter was also being raised and to explore doing something with the pub next year.

Resolved; proposed Cllr. Swain, seconded Cllr. Moloney - to stay with SMBC for the Christmas tree lights this year.

72.2 Cllr. Gosling referred to a request for bushes on the Village Green, adjacent to Spinney Drive, to be cut down/back, as they were dangerous because children played there and they could run out into the road. There were comments about it being the end of the school year and about children being hot and bored. Cllr. Moloney said it was not possible to eradicate all risks.

72.3 It was stated areas were to become 20 mph soon.

72.4 It was noted two members of the public had spoken about sirens at a previous meeting; this had been conveyed to someone from Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire (CSW) Joint Emergency Planning Resilience Team; who had asked for more information. All they knew was there had been one in Dorridge with an air raid shelter, there had been a siren in CG, but they did not know where it was located, but they used to hear it being tested.

73. To discuss Remembrance Sunday and Christmas events.

73.1 A message from the Crochet Fairy was read about the poppy waterfall; it was stated the only people that went in were those that laid a wreath.

73.1.1 It was noted the pub would be open at 11am on Remembrance Sunday.

73.1.2 It was suggested to possibly organise a procession with the Brownie, Scouts and Boys Brigade in uniform. There were comments about where/how this would take place; it was suggested from the school to the Boer War Memorial or from the shops to the Memorial.

73.1.3 There were comments about the need to consider how the poppy waterfall was to be put in place and how high it would be. It was stated a cherry picker could be required, Cllr.

Smith knew someone who had one, help would be required to construct the waterfall. It was suggested to invite the Mayor.

73.1.4 It was stated the Village Hall was booked, teas/coffees and cakes could be provided.

73.2 In relation to Christmas; Cllr. Coles said they had the Marquees, but these were more suitable for the summer. He spoke about sourcing raffle prizes and possibly having a joint event, with the RA organising Bingo on the Saturday. He suggested have possibly 20 stalls on the Sunday; he said he was happy to obtain quotes for a Marquee and a Play bus.

73.3 Cllr. Coles said the school/PTA wanted some input. He said this year they would be having turkey/beef/Yorkshire pudding wraps. It was suggested a budget of £2k was put in place for the events and that the pub could do soft drinks; It was agreed all the logistics needed to be sorted out, to start booking things and to get the TENS sorted.

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

74.1 Cllr. Swain said the accounts had been audited now, but not sent through to the Parish Council yet. There was also no report. He referred to a discussion about having 2 new tables for the Bingo, he said they were going to get 3.

75. To receive a report/update from Cheswick RA.

75.1 Cllr. Coles referred to some interesting finds in a bush; some children had said there was a dead body in the bush; someone had looked, and the body moved, there was a bottle of vodka next to the person; Dave Brown had spoken with the person and two ambulances had attended, this local resident was a concern. He referred to being vigilant in the Recreation Ground.

75.2 Cllr. Coles said Dave Brown had been noted as resident of the month.

75.3 Cllr. Coles reiterated that the RA would organise the Christmas Bingo.

75.4 Cllr. Coles said there would be a Halloween Disco, costing £5 on Sunday 30th October, for children; parents could go to the pub.

75.5 Cllr. Coles said the RA had discussed the proposed TROs.

76. To discuss issues raised with SMBC.

76.1 Cllr Gosling referred to SMBCs contractors sweeping the gutters but not putting any week killer. There were comments about not knowing when they were coming and there being too many parked cars.

76.2 Cllr. Swain reiterated that Dean Ward wanted local knowledge on any issues; it was stated if people knew when they were coming, they may move their cars.

76.3 There were comments about SMBC cleaning the drains, a tree in a drain, that all the drains in Foxland Close had been cleaned, that one drain had needed to be rebuilt, due to a crack in the cover causing the whole thing to crack, it was stated this had taken weeks.

76.4 Cllr. Coles said the tree by the Crossroads garage would be removed; he said the piece of lands ownership had been disputed on a number of occasions.

76.5 Cllr. Swain said Cheswick Place should have been adopted by SMBC in April. Cllr. Gosling referred to where her son lived, she said it had taken 20 years for the LA to adopt the site.

77. To discuss CGPCs Action Plan.

77.1 Cllr. Swain said many of the things on this had already been discussed.

77.2 It was noted there would be road closures due to the Baton coming through for the Commonwealth Games. Cllr. Swain referred to the wording for the route stating Creynolds Lane and Watery Lane would be closed. It was queried whether there were enough people to help with the bunting and flags etc.

78. To consider and resolve any action(s) in relation to items of correspondence received (circulated to Parish Cllrs. with the agenda).

78.1 Cllr. Swain said with Cllr. Gosling, he had met with Officers from SMBC regarding the proposed TROs for by the school; he said the proposals had been prepared by an external contractor and the Highways had objected to the plan, but now they had to implement something. He said no-one had been to look at the site.

78.2 There were comments about Craft Union wanting to install signs around the pub; it was felt planning permission would be needed for this, as the Parish Council often received planning applications for signage at BV.

78.3 In relation to proposals for outside the school, it was noted that currently people would be able to park outside 72-78 Cheswick Way, it was stated there was a need for a raised tabletop.

78.4 There were comments about SMBCs consultation on cycle routes, it was stated this had been mentioned 10 years ago for BV; SMBC was happy for links to Monkspath and Dorridge to BV.

78.5 Emails and photographs received from a local resident in relation to trees/roots were noted; Members were concerned that if the tree/s were to be thinned people would be able to see through them into the property, it was thought the thickness of these trees provided some soundproof and if they were not there, it could cause the area to get too hot. It was felt if the PC were to arrange to thin these, this would set a precedent and other people could then rightly expect the same treatment. It was pointed out that members of the Parish Council carry out monthly site audits on all areas the Parish Council owns.

78.6 An email in relation to rubbish on Coppice Walk from a resident was noted; it was stated this was not on PC owned land nor was it on land SMBC owned; the Parish Council could not do anything.

79. To discuss and resolve any actions in relation to the ongoing CGPC action list
(circulated to Parish Cllrs. with the agenda).

79.1 Noted.

80. Agenda items for next meeting.

80.1 Cllr. Swain said if members had anything for the September meeting, to let the Clerk know.

81. 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; Cllr. Swain requested members of the public to withdraw at 21:00.

82. To discuss and resolve any actions regarding any items of correspondence or matters considered confidential.

83. PAYE, payroll and Pension Scheme.

Meeting closed 21:15

Signed

Dated