



Cheswick Green Parish Council

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CHESWICK GREEN PARISH COUNCIL
Thursday 13th October 2022 7pm Cheswick Green Village Hall

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

4 members of the public, Borough Cllr. Ken Hawkins

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

106.1 An apology was given for the Clerk, as she was ill.

107. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations.

107.1 Cllr. Coles declared an interest, as he is Chairman of the RA. Cllr. Moloney declared an interest, as she is a member of CG RA.

108. Public Participation (15 Minutes).

108.1 Cllr. Hawkins referred to monitoring Cheswick Green school parking and the new yellow lines. He had met with residents this morning in Foxland Close, to review the impact of the double yellow lines on Cheswick Way.

108.2 It was stated the bus route for the No. 7 and No. 8 buses was now being reviewed, it was likely to return to Cheswick Way. Cllr Hawkins to confirm the timings.

108.3 It was noted the Taylor Wimpey proposals were going live on Friday 14th October; in relation to 732 houses for a project known as 'Hares Croft'. Cllr. Swain said members of the Parish Council had met with representatives of Taylor Wimpey previously.

108.3.1 Cllr. Hawkins said a leaflet drop would be taking place in the coming week, to inform residents about the development consultation at The Village Hotel.

108.3.2 Cllr. Swain enquired if the Dog Kennel Lane development was still part of the Local Plan after the examination. Cllr. Hawkins said it was, but it was not fully signed off, however, more houses were still needed.

108.3.3 Cllr. Hawkins suggested the Parish Council worked with Taylor Wimpey, to make things as favourable as possible for the area. Cllr. Swain said the meeting with Taylor Wimpey had been positive.

108.3.4 Cllr. Swain asked if there was an update on whether the school shown on the development would be built and who would pay for it.

108.3.5 Cllr. Hawkins said the developer would provide the area and pay the Local Authority; the school would most likely be built by an Academy. The provision was for the local area.

108.3.6 Cllr. Hawkins said he recognised there were traffic issues in the surrounding area and commented about the increased number of retirement properties. He said the Council would be looking at Primary Care provision and transport in Solihull.

108.4 Cllr. Smith spoke about issues around Creynolds Lane, at school drop off, she suggested a blind bend had been made worse by parked cars, limiting the space on the road.

108.5 Cllr. Smith said the speed sign data showed 68% of vehicles exceeded the limit. Cllr. Hawkins asked Cllr. Smith to share this information with Mr. Paul Tovey at SMBC.

109. To resolve to accept the Minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday 8th September 2022 (*circulated to Parish Cllrs. with the agenda*).

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

110. 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
M. Zizzi	Reimbursement for Poppy wreaths/gifts CF	£ 80.00
Zurich	Annual insurance policy	£1001.55
Countrywide GM	Gold tree survey	£ 720.90
Countrywide GM	Remove bench	£ 150.00
Countrywide GM	Grounds maintenance Sept	£ 786.89
M. Zizzi	Reimbursement for Instant ink 25/8-25/9	£ 16.49
PKF Littlejohn	2022 audit	£ 360.00
Playsafety Ltd.	Annual RoSPA report	£ 92.40
DM Payroll Services	Payroll admin April-Sept	£ 90.00
More in confidential section.		
Petty cash £78.42		

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

110.1 Quotes from Countrywide were accepted.

Action item: Exercise class to be an agenda item for the November meeting. Cllr. Swain to check if the external socket needs to be added to the PC insurance.

111. To receive second quarter (April-September 2022) comparison and bank reconciliation (*circulated to Parish Cllrs. with the agenda*).

111.1 Cllr. Swain said he was happy with the second quarter figures.

112. To agree date and time to discuss 2023-24 budget in preparation for setting the precept.

112.1 Budget to be an agenda item for the November meeting.

113. To discuss the Youth Shelter, vandalism to benches and the red BT telephone kiosk, used as a book swap.

113.1 Cllr. Swain said the Parish Council had reviewed the youth shelter. The Parish Council would report back to Mr. and Mrs. Jay in the morning.

113.1.1 Cllr. Swain said the Parish Councils intention was to repair the shelter.

113.1.2 Mr. and Mrs. Jay said they wanted the shelter open for Thursday 3rd November. Mr. Jay said he did not accept the area was a danger and that the Parish Council had taken too long to reopen the shelter.

113.1.3 Cllr. Coles said the shelter was a risk and therefore, it needed to be closed.

113.1.4 Mr. Jay said the area looked a mess and uncared for, which was attracting more vandalism and damage. He asked for the area to be opened, with a sign to be placed to avoid liability to the Parish Council. Mr. Jay queried why the Parish Council had not already started requesting quotes and said it appeared the Parish Council was making a bigger issue of this than it was. Mr. and Mrs. Jay said the Parish Council seemed negative and appeared to be dragging its feet.

113.1.5 Cllr. Swain apologised for any offence to the Jay family. He said the Parish Council had agreed that the shelter would be repaired. He said he had visited over 30 sites with different shelters, these ranged in longevity and cost would need to be reviewed and agreed by the whole of the Parish Council.

113.1.6 Cllr. Swain said the Parish Council would feed back to Mr. and Mrs. Jay tomorrow, with the outcome of the Parish Councils decision on when the shelter would reopen.

113.2 It was noted two ladies had sorted out the phone box library, more suitable items had been left; it was suggested a sign was installed to clarify what items were welcome in the booth.

114. To discuss trees on Saxon Wood Road, with shoots affecting a property.

114.1 Cllr. Swain referred to the Charles Arnold Baker book for LGA. It was agreed that as this issue was undergoing a legal review, it would be discussed in the private section of the meeting.

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

PL/2022/01982/PNCEC3 - Office Salter Street Earlswood Solihull; Prior notification for change of use from existing single storey office to bungalow dwelling.

115.1 No comments to be submitted. However, it was stated the Salter Street submissions should be reviewed and looked at as a whole.

PL/2022/02041/MINFHO - 27 Cheswick Way Cheswick Green Solihull B90 4EZ; Proposed erection of single storey side and rear extension.

115.1.1 No comments to be submitted.

116. To discuss progress with Cheswick Green School expansion.

116.1 It was felt this had been covered under public participation. Cllr. Coles said it was on track for completion in 2023. Mr. Jay asked if the road at the back was temporary. Cllr. Swain said that was the intention, he had been taking monthly photographs for evidence.

117. To receive any reports from Chair, Councillors and/or the Clerk.

117.1 Cllr. Swain said he had asked Taylor Wimpey to move its consultation to CG Village Hall.

118. To discuss Remembrance Sunday (including CF children's competition) and Christmas events.

118.1 Cllr. Smith said the cherry picker was booked for 10th November, to install the poppy waterfall.

118.1.1 It was noted a post had been added to the Parish Councils Facebook page, asking if anyone could play the last post.

118.1.2 In relation to the children's competition, it was noted prizes were required.

118.2 Enquiries had been made for an Open Mic session for the Christmas event.

118.2.1 Cllr. Swain to turn on the Christmas tree lights at 6pm with Santa.

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

119.1 It was noted the Village Hall accounts had been circulated to members of the Parish Council. A new booking clerk was needed, as the current clerk was moving on. It was stated the cleaner was currently unwell.

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

120.1 It was stated Street Watch was up and running with Neighbourhood Watch. The aim was to work issues through the correct channels and limit comments on Facebook.

120.2 Cllr. Smith said she had asked for some posts to be removed from TOWIC.

120.3 Cllr. Coles said the Halloween party tickets could be on sale from Sunday 16th October.

121. To discuss issues raised with SMBC.

121.1 Cllr. Swain said he had raised an issue about the bins outside the shops not being emptied. SMBC had been out to inspect this and agreed it was not acceptable, the bins were now being emptied 3 times a week, with litter picking taking place in the areas surrounding the bins.

122. To discuss CGPCs Action Plan.

122.1 Cllr. Swain said the landlord of the shops was on board to resurface the car park, however the Parish Council could no longer get any response from the brewery.

122.2 CGPC Action Plan to be discussed at the November meeting.

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

123.1 The quotes from Countrywide were accepted. However, it was agreed to hold off on the one for the area to be discussed in private, in relation to agenda item 9.

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

124.1 Cllr. Smith spoke about the Ivy still present on the windowsill of the Village Hall. She said the CCTV camera angles needed to be modified.

125. Agenda items for next meeting.

125.1 Exercise class.

126. 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 20:28

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

128. PAYE, payroll and Pension Scheme.

Meeting closed 21:15

Signed

Dated