



Cheswick Green Parish Council

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CHESWICK GREEN PARISH COUNCIL
Thursday 13th April 2023 7pm Cheswick Green Village Hall

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

4 members of the public

Marie Zizzi, Clerk

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

238.1 An apology had been sent from Cllr. Moloney, this was accepted.

239. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations.

239.1 There were none.

240. Public Participation (15 Minutes).

240.1 No matters were raised.

241. To resolve to accept the Minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday 16th March 2023 (circulated to Parish Cllrs. with the agenda).

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

242. To approve in principle the draft Minutes from the 2023 Annual Statutory Parish Meeting, held on Thursday 30th March 2023 (circulated to Parish Cllrs. with the agenda).

Resolved; proposed Cllr. Swain, seconded Cllr. Coles – the draft minutes were accepted in principle, to be approved at the 2024 Annual Statutory Parish meeting.

243. 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 skip hire	£243.67
Countrywide GM	Grounds maintenance March	£786.89
M. Zizzi	Reimbursement for Instant ink 25/02-25/03	£16.49
WALC	Annual subscription 2023-24	£916.80

More in confidential section.

Petty cash £86.98

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

244. To discuss the Monday exercise class.

244.1 Cllr. Swain queried whether the regular attendees were from Cheswick Green; Cllr. Goslings said several of them were.

244.2 Cllr. Gosling said the last time the class had paid for itself was 16th January; it was noted the class needed to make £34.50 for it to be self-funding.

244.3 It was stated the last time this was discussed, the numbers did pick up, but then it started to dip again.

Resolved; proposed Cllr. Swain – the cost for the class should increase to £5 from Monday 15th May; if this improves the situation the class can continue, if not it may have to close; Parish Council to review this in 3 month's time – everyone was in agreement.

244.4 It was noted the exercise class instructor had not increased their cost in all the years the class had been in place; it was suggested if the price increase proved successful, the instructor may be able to increase their charge.

244.5 It was noted the invoice for use of the hall for January, February and March included two dates, when the class had not actually taken place. However, the Village Hall Management Committee (VHMC) /Booking Clerk had not been informed about this. The VHMC had been asked to reduce the cost from £90 to £75; however, this had not been agreed, as the heating had been used. It was pointed out the VHMC was a business, the halls were used to make money. The exercise class was meant to be self-sufficient. It had been suggested there was no charge for using the hall, however this was not agreed, as it was only catering for a very few people. Some money taken at the Queens Jubilee event and at the Christmas craft fayre was still in the exercise class account. It was agreed £15 of this could be used to pay the additional cost for the hall invoice.

245. To discuss which swing to opt for in relation to the play area and post installation inspection.

245.1 After some discussion in relation to whether to have a swing which could be used for people with disabilities, it was agreed to go with Cllr. Molony's suggestion; it was felt the plan for the Recreation Ground had been advertised widely and people had been asked for any comments/suggestions.

254.2 In relation to Kompan's request to use the Village Hall toilets, the VHMC had said no to this. The Manager from the Saxon pub was present, she said they could use the pub from 10am onwards.

254.3 It was agreed to accept the RoSPA quote of a post installation inspection.

246. To receive fourth quarter (April 2022-March 2023) monitoring expenditure sheets and bank reconciliation (circulated to Parish Cllrs. with the agenda).

246.1 There were no queries in relation to these documents.

247. To resolve that Mr. Bill Robinson is appointed to carry out CGPC internal audit for year ended 31st March 2023.

Resolved; proposed Cllr. Gosling, seconded Cllr. Coles – Mr. Robinson should be appointed for CGPC internal audit.

248. To resolve to accept the 'review of internal controls', the 'risk review log' and the 'asset register' for year ended 31st March 2023 (circulated to Parish Cllrs. with the agenda).

248.1 Review of internal controls to be tailored as suggested and accepted at the next meeting.

248.2 In relation to the risk review log, which was a WALC Model/template; Cllr. Swain queried the section regarding business continuity; incapacity of Clerk; which then stated make arrangements to delegate authority to the clerk to make decision on behalf of the Council. Clerk to make enquires to WALC about this.

248.3 In relation to the asset register, it was noted there were still 3 benches on the Village Green, two of them were the new benches; therefore, the entry for 6 benches should be altered to 4.

249. To consider planning applications and local development including Cheswick Place and Blythe Valley (BV).

PL/2023/00471/ADV - Connexion II 3 Blythe Gate Shirley Solihull; 1 No. face lit illuminated letters mounted to cladded building facade, 1 No. non-illuminated flat cut T logo mounted to glass facade above double doors, 1 No. illuminated totem sign at site entrance and 12 No. authorised vehicle signs fixed to vehicle charging posts.

249.1 There were no comments to be submitted.

PL/2023/00520/VAR - 66B Salter Street Earlswood Solihull B94 6DE; Vary condition number 1 - Plan numbers and Condition Number 4 - Number of caravans on site and Condition Number 11 - demolition details of approved planning application PL/2022/01066/PPFL- Erect new abolitions unit and medical block; Namely substitute approved plan number 3989 002 with amended plan number 3986 003A detailing relocated footprints of proposed abolitions unit and existing caravan.

249.1.1 Initially it was felt the PC should object to this; however, as planning permission had already been granted; it was felt this would be approved as it was to vary conditions.

PL/2023/00707/MINFHO - 3 Green Gates Barns Salter Street Earlswood Solihull; Single storey extension and external alterations to dwelling.

249.1.2 CGPC to object to this development as it is on Greenbelt land.

249.2 A resident had contacted the Parish Council, in relation to a flag post that had been erected by a property on Willow Drive. An Officer from SMBCs Planning Enforcement Team, had been to inspect this. The Officer had sent an email to the Clerk stating it they would not be expedient to pursue this matter further, clearly explaining the situation. therefore, the enforcement case had now be closed.

249.3 In relation to Cheswick Place; it was stated the site was still not adopted by SMBC; flooding was still happening.

249.4 In relation to Blythe Valley; it was stated there were still delays for people moving in and there was flooding in people's gardens.

250. To discuss progress with Cheswick Green School expansion.

250.1 Cllr. Coles said the expansion was progressing at a very rapid rate.

251. Update on the Kings Coronation event – including insurance.

251.1 Cllr. Smith asked if the Parish Council could spend some money on plants and compost for the planters. It was agreed up to £200 could be used for this.

251.2 The manager from the Saxon pub was present; she enquired about the time for an outside bar; Cllr. Coles said from 2pm onwards. It was noted the set up would be the same as last year. It was stated the pub would sort out the TENS.

251.3 The manager from the pub said they were going to arrange for a big clean up on the Monday after the event; people from Head Office would get involved.

251.4 It was stated the pub could use the Parish Councils marquees. Cllr. Coles said the inflatables had now been paid for; he would order the meat, this would be paid for by the RA account. He said they still needed to purchase toys for children to purchase. He said the Open Mic people had said they would be there and face painting was sorted out.

251.5 It was queried if there would be a First Aid tent. It was stated the pub could supply additional First Aid kits and balloons.

Action item: Clerk to ask Countrywide GM to cut the grass prior to the event taking place and to rotate the goal posts after the event.

251.6 Cllr. Coles said he needed to purchase items from Booker; it was noted the VHMC owed the RA £100; it was agreed this could be paid into the Parish Councils account, then Cllr. Coles could be reimbursed what he spent.

251.7 There was a discussion about the Duck Race.

251.8 Cllr. Swain said he had asked the U3A if it wanted to provide Afternoon Teas; however, the members of the U3A wanted to do its own event.

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

252.1 Cllr. Coles said after going back and forth, the four remaining members of the RA had met, the RA was now parked for the time being. He said after the Coronation event there would be 13p left in the RA bank account.

252.2 It was noted the Village Surgery had been discussed prior to the Parish Council meeting commencing. It was noted there had been a meeting with representatives from GPS and about 60+ residents, in the Village Hall on Tuesday 12th April; it was stated there would be no charge for use of the hall, as this had been a community event. It was pointed out this meeting had needed to take place when it had, during a week of the school holidays, when some people were away.

252.2.1 It was noted there was to be another meeting in 3-6 months time.

252.2.2 There were various comments about what had been said at the meeting.

252.3 A site audit submitted by Cllr. Smith for the Mount was noted; it was agreed to leave this for now.

252.4 In relation to the Civility and Respect Charter; members had agreed to sign up to this, however it was pointed out that no action could be taken if a Councillor did not behave appropriately; therefore, what was the point of signing up to this.

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

253.1 This had been covered under other items.

254. To discuss issues raised with SMBC.

254.1 Cllr. Swain said he had contacted SMBC, in relation to the bins outside the shops; he said there had been no collection on Bank Holiday Monday nor on the Tuesday or Friday. He said he was keeping a spreadsheet of when it was emptied, which he would send to SMBC.

254.1.1 There were comments about a resident who regularly cleared up litter.

254.1.2 Cllr. Smith referred to larger bins with wheely bins inside them. There were comments about the bin by the bus stop and it was stated bins did not stay shut.

254.2 Cllr. Smith referred to a photograph she had sent to SMBC, of a car parked outside the pub, on the corner of the path by the tree, two weeks ago; she said people could not pass by. The Officer at SMBC had been quite surprised.

254.2.1 Cllr. Gosling spoke about an incident on Creynolds Lane this morning, one car coming up at speed, another car doing 40 mph, the speed sign showed the car was going too fast, if a car had come in the opposite direction, there would have been an accident. It was suggested the data from the speed camera was checked.

254.3 There were further comments about various incidents involving cars and bad driving.

255. To discuss CGPCs Action Plan.

255.1 Noted.

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

256.1 Emails from a Dentist requesting a link on the Parish Councils website, to 'find my nearest Dentist', were noted. It was agreed it would not be appropriate to do this, as the Parish Council had agreed to only have links to public bodies.

256.2 An email from SMBC in relation to the 2023 Christmas tree lights was noted; Clerk to enquire how much it will cost. It was explained that SMBC stored the Parish Councils lights, installed them, tested them, turned them on and they were connected to an SMBC lamp post. The cost had increased tremendously for 2022. It was noted the Parish Council had asked if the pub could assist with the Christmas lighting. The manager from the Saxon said she would ask Head Office about this. She said Craft Unions electricity bill had increased from £1 million to £3 million.

256.3 An email from Black Pearl Electrics, in relation to an electric charging point was noted. It was suggested this could be something the pub/brewery may be interested in.

257. To discuss and resolve any actions in relation to the ongoing CGPC action list (issued to Parish Councillors with the agenda).

257.1 Cllr. Smith and Cllr. Swain were to attend the Solihull Area Meeting on Thursday 27th April 2023.

257.2 It was noted the Parish Council was still waiting to hear back from Saqib Bhatti MP, about Broadband/Open Reach. It was pointed out all of Cheswick Green was surrounded by fibre. There were various comments about the internet.

258. Agenda items for next meeting.

258.1 It was noted there were a lot of items on the agenda already.

259. 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.

259.1 There was nothing further to discuss, the meeting was closed.

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

260.1 There was nothing to discuss.

261. PAYE, payroll and Pension Scheme.

261.1 Details in confidential section.

Meeting closed 8:35pm

Signed

Dated