



Cheswick Green Parish Council

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CHESWICK GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

Thursday 11th April 2024 7pm Cheswick Green Village Hall

Present: Cheswick Green Parish Councillors: Simon Coles, Margaret Gosling, Linda Heslington, Michelle Smith, Mick Swain (Chairman) and Gaynor Willmott.

Clerk: Marie Zizzi

2 members of the public

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

236.1 An apology had been given by Cllr. Brotherton – this was accepted.

Note: Borough Cllr. Ken Hawkins had sent an apology.

237. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations.

237.1 There were none.

238. Public Participation (15 Minutes).

238.1 There were no matters raised.

239. To resolve to accept the Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 14th March 2024 (circulated to Parish Cllrs. with the agenda).

Resolved: proposed Cllr. Gosling, seconded Cllr. Coles – these were accepted as a true and accurate record.

240. 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
Countrywide GM	Grounds maintenance March 2024	£786.89
M. Zizzi	Reimbursement for Instant ink	£11.99
WALC	Annual subscription	£996.80

More in confidential section.

Petty cash £71.27

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

240.1 It was noted the first instalment of the precept had been received. It was agreed to transfer £20,000 from the UTB current account to the UTB savings account.

241. To consider planning applications and local development including Cheswick Place, including its adoption by SMBC and Blythe Valley.

PL/2024/00565/LBC - St Patricks Church Of England Primary Academy Salter Street Earlswood; Listed building consent for installation of solar panels on pitched roofs of school.

PL/2024/00564/MINFOT - St Patricks Church Of England Primary Academy Salter Street Earlswood Solihull; Install solar panels on pitched roofs of school.

241.1 It was noted the first application had referred to listed buildings near to the school, due to the possible impact the panels could have. The second application did not refer to the listed buildings. There were no comments to be submitted.

PL/2024/00598/PPOL - Land South Of Dog Kennel Lane Shirley Solihull; Outline planning permission is sought with all matters reserved for future determination, save for

the means of access via Stratford Road and Dog Kennel Lane for: up to 550 dwellings (comprising use Classes C3 and C2), public open spaces and children's play areas, ecological habitats, sustainable drainage features, walking and cycle routes, highway improvements, and ancillary works.

241.1.1 There were various comments in relation to this application, including it should be opposed to in relation to traffic in particular, as several accidents had been witnessed on Dog Kennel Lane/the Stratford Road, without this development. The application referenced access/egress was via Dog Kennel Lane and the Stratford Road. It was suggested SMBCs Highways Department may object to this application, as it had to the expansion of the school.

241.1.2 It was noted there were 116 documents attached to this application, the planning notice stated the deadline to comment was 1st May 2024.

Action item: Clerk to contact SMBC and request an extension on the time to comment.

241.1.3 It was stated there were two different developers that wanted to build on land by Dog Kennel Lane; this current proposal for 550 dwellings, as well as another proposal for 1000 dwellings, which had not yet been submitted.

241.1.4 It was pointed out that 7-8 years ago Dog Kennel Lane had been the second most hazardous road in the Borough.

241.1.5 It was stated that having only one way in and one way out was ridiculous.

241.2 In relation to Cheswick Place; It was stated a big gate had been moved, it was left open all the time, by the swales, as the spike to go into the ground, to hold it in place, did not reach the ground.

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

242.1 Cllr. Gosling spoke about correspondence received from BT, regarding changes and the Digital Voice etc. in relation to switching off the copper; another letter had been sent out in error; she read from a text message she had received in relation to incorrect communication, which had apparently been sent out to 2600 customers, by a new member of staff, as a result of this the whole team was to be retrained. BT had issued an apology to customers for any angst it had caused. She added that the Digital Voice would not now be imminent, as it would not work in Cheswick Green anyway.

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

243.1 Cllr. Heslington said the Community Café wanted permission to display a banner, on a Tuesday when it was open for 2 hours, on the bushes outside the Village Hall, to attract the attention of people passing by who may not be aware of it.

243.1.1 Cllr. Coles commented about the wording 'Cheswick Café established 2023', he queried if people were being charged and whether any profit was being made, was it therefore a business.

243.1.2 Cllr. Smith queried if it was registered as a charity. Cllr. Swain explained why the VHMC had become involved. Cllr. Heslington referred to taking advice from SMBC, the café was operated as per the advice.

243.1.3 It was noted the person who ran the café was very keen and enthusiastic, they were looking at setting up other things at their home and also something at the Plough.

243.1.4 The majority of Councillors present were okay with the banner being displayed when the café was open.

243.2 Cllr. Heslington said this person also intended to organise something for the D-Day celebrations on Tuesday 4th June; ideas included a French café, 1940s music, red and white check table clothes, vases with flowers, rosettes to decorate the room; tea/coffee, apple tart, a D-Day and wartime Britain themed quiz, possibly guitar playing for a sing song.

243.2.1 Cllr. Swain suggested the U3A may wish to make a cake; Cllr. Coles suggested the Brownies might agree to make some bunting.

243.2.2 Cllr. Heslington said the person had wanted to extend the session to 3 hours, but this was not possible unless it started an hour earlier, due to someone else hiring the hall. It was suggested to ask this hirer if they would mind the café continuing for an additional hour.

243.2.3 Cllr. Heslington said the number of people attending was not known; Cllr. Coles said if he had all the details, he could advertise the event, ask people to indicate if they were interested. It was agreed to consult with the organiser first.

243.2.4 It was stated the Parish Council could put bunting up outside the Village Hall and on the Village Green.

243.3 It was noted the Youth Club was being handed over to a different person; the plan was that it would reopen once a month, for a smaller number by September. The VHMC had agreed to this, however if it did not happen by September, the VHMC could not continue leaving the hall vacant, due to other bookings.

243.3.1 It was stated the current organiser wanted to come and sort out the Youth Club equipment/items, they were available to do this from the 18th May onwards, due to work and other commitments. This person had requested permission to put a skip outside.

243.3.2 It was pointed out that the bank account needed to be altered, everything had to be transferred would take some time. It was suggested the Youth Club items/equipment, which was no longer wanted, could be swapped/passed on to the Brownies/Boys Brigade. There were no objections to the skip being outside the Village Hall in the first parking space.

243.4 It was stated once the Youth Club had sorted out its equipment, storage in the VH would be looked at and possibly reorganised for users, with a joined up common sense approach.

243.5 Cllr. Swain said the VH would be closed from 22nd July until 2nd August for redecoration. It was stated there may also possibly be new curtains.

244. To discuss issues with monthly site audits of Parish Council owned land, including the Mount and trees.

244.1 There was nothing of any concern.

244.2 Cllr. Smith said the wood for the steps at the Mount would need to be treated. There were comments about whether to replace all the wood round the steps, or just the two broken pieces. It was suggested to ask for a cost to replace it all and to supply the wood. It was queried if there was anything else that could be used instead of wood, which was in keeping with the Mount.

244.2.1 Cllr. Smith said she would ask the people who provided the cherry picker. It was stated the Clerk could ask the Parish Councils grounds maintenance contractor.

245. To discuss issues raised with SMBC.

245.1 There had not been any issues.

246. To discuss CGPCs Action Plan.

246.1 Cllr. Swain said they should defer this again. He would look at it. He said Cllr. Coles was looking into CCTV, he was attending a Webinar, CCTV could cost up to £10k. The existing system did not work properly, the Parish Council had the funds for this. He added it would not be possible to get like for like quotes, he was going to discuss this with the internal auditor.

246.2 Cllr. Smith queried about lights for all round the Village Hall, especially by the doors.

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

247.1 Cllr. Swain referred to a massive tree which had been leaning over towards Coppice Walk and the garages. He said a resident that owned one of these garages collected classic cars. He had asked the Clerk to contact Bloor Homes about this, because if the tree fell, there would be damage to the fence and garden it was leaning towards. The tree had been removed.

247.2 The Clerk referred to an email from WALC regarding new training sessions for members on Monday 15th April. There were comments about access to the new WALC website; it was thought members had to log on to set this up for themselves.

247.3 An email sent from the EA further to a visit to a resident's garden was noted; this had been forwarded to SMBC as it referred to its responsibility, SMBC had replied it was surprised to see this, as the EA had approved the planning application.

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

248.1 It was noted the next Solihull Area meeting was on Thursday 24th April, which was the same date as CG Annual Statutory Parish Assembly, therefore apologies needed to be sent.

249. Agenda items for next meeting.

249.1 It was noted the next meeting was the Annual Meeting of the Council, therefore the agenda would have a lot of items to deal with.

250. 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.

250.1 There was nothing further to discuss.

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

251.1 There was nothing further to discuss the meeting was closed.

252. PAYE, payroll and Pension Scheme.

252.1 Details in confidential section.

Meeting closed 20:05

Signed

Dated