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CHESWICK GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

Thursday 9th July 2026 7pm Cheswick Green Village Hall

Present: Cheswick Green Parish Councillors: Simon Coles, Margaret Gosling, Sarah Hall, Aimee Moloney, Paul Scarborough and Mick Swain.

Clerk: Marie Zizzi

0 members of the public

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

63.1 An apology was received from Cllr. Heslington – this was accepted.

64. Declarations of Interest.

64.1 Cllr. Coles declared an interest, due to him now being an elected Borough Councillor. It was agreed this would apply at all CGPC meetings.

65. Public Participation (15 Minutes).

65.1 There were no members of the public present.

66. To resolve to accept the Minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday 11th June 2026 (circulated to Parish Cllrs. with the agenda).

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

67. 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 (issued to Parish Cllrs. with the agenda).

Payee	Reason	Total
Countrywide GM	Monthly grounds maintenance June 2026	£918.72
SMBC	Christmas tree lights outside shops 2026	£358.80
KSV Solutions Ltd.	50% payment towards annual CCTV service etc. (Quote No.718)	£232.20
KSV Solutions Ltd.	Remaining 50% cost to replace/reposition CCTV Cameras (Quote. No.731)	£177.90

More in confidential section.

Petty cash £85.72

Resolved: proposed Cllr. Coles seconded Cllr. Swain – all payments were approved.

68. To receive first quarterly comparison; 2026-27 budget compared to actual expenditure. Monitoring expenditure sheets April-June 2026 and bank rec.

68.1 Documents had been sent to Parish Councillors with the agenda. There were no comments or queries.

69. To consider planning applications (send separately by email to Parish Cllrs.) and to discuss local developments Blythe Valley including Christmas tree and Cheswick Place, as well as adoption by Solihull MBC.

PL/2026/01173/PIP - Earlesmere House, Warings Green Road, Hockley Heath, Solihull; Permission in principle for the provision of 4 No. self/custom-build dwellings on land at Earlesmere House.

69.1 Cllr. Scarborough enquired whether this application met the criteria required; Cllr. Swain explained that all that was required to make a planning application, was to submit an

application form. There were comments about not fully understanding what it was the application wanted approving.

69.1.1 It was agreed to object to this for the following reasons; the application is speculative, no details have been provided, and the application is on green belt land. If SMBC approve not this but secondary or tertiary applications, it will create a precedent for further applications to develop FURTHER. In the event that the farm will become a housing site, this will cause associated pressures on Cheswick Greens infrastructure.

PL/2026/01114/VAR - Land on the Northwest side of Illshaw Heath Road, Hockley Heath, Solihull; Variation of condition No. 1 of planning permission dated 09.02.2026 reference PL/2025/00603/PPOL for Outline application for access, appearance, layout and scale for the erection of 4 dwellings with landscaping reserved. Namely: A single-storey rear extension to each dwelling and additional accommodation within the roof space to provide a third bedroom.

69.1.2 There were no comments to be submitted.

69.2 In relation to Blythe Valley (BV); It was noted Cllr. Hall and Cllr. Scarborough were meeting with an Officer from SMBC, on Monday 13th July, at the location where it was proposed a tree was planted, to see if it was a suitable location to tap into a street light column, for power to enable Christmas tree lights to be lit.

69.2.1 Cllr. Hall had emailed Shirley Roundtable, regarding having Santa present at BV this year. A reply had been received, stating this request would be put to the organising committee, for this year's sledge, to see something could be sorted out.

69.2.2 It was noted BVRA had sent an email with a document, to Borough Cllrs. /Officers of SMBC and representatives from IMP, regarding roads in BV; requesting a meeting about this. It was stated someone had been knocked off their scooter by a taxi driver recently, and it was only a matter of time before someone was killed.

69.3 In relation to Cheswick Place; Cllr. Swain said he had met with a neighbour of Cheswick Place and also an Officer from SMBC, who dealt with drainage. The neighbour had been a Chemical Engineer; they had drawings which had been given to the SMBC Officer. Cllr. Swain said replies to emails were not being received. He added that what needed to be done, would be, before the site was handed over to SMBC.

69.3.1 Cllr. Swain raised the issue of trees that were in 'no mans land', he said he would contact SMBCs Assistant Director for Communities and Partnerships about this; then he would have exhausted all avenues.

70. To discuss a Neighbourhood Plan (NP).

70.1 Cllr. Coles spoke about the Knowle and Dorridge NP. He said Dickens Heath PC was doing a NP, information had been submitted to SMBCs planning department; DH should be protected by fields and trees creating a border. Cllr. Coles showed a plan.

70.2 There were comments about planning applications being speculative; about BV, CG, DH and TG being rural areas; SMBC not wanting to ferry children to schools on buses; about the need for a Secondary school; that SMBC was working with a rapidly changing plan; that a new school was a 5-10 year project; about schools accepting pupils from outside of their areas because they were Academies; about two schools (Sharmans Cross and Malvern Hall) being closed; that SMBC did not know what to do and that it welcomed any ideas people had.

70.1.1 There were further comments about a school being needed, for the new generation of housing, about there being less children coming into the world; that SMBC had no control over Academies; about developers seeking permission to build, but no actual building work being carried out until after an election; that developers were taking plans to Inspectors, because no decisions were being made; that Inspectors would approve applications; about SMBC not coping with the planning applications being submitted. Cllr. Coles said there was to be an extra/additional Planning Committee meeting; he referred to over 1000 properties for Balsall Common and not being able to put 110 in DH.

70.1.2 It was stated people could not afford to buy new houses, and that people were put off, due to the level of social housing.

71. To discuss Remembrance Sunday.

71.1 Cllr. Gosling agreed to do the Epitaph this year. Cllr. Coles said there had been a young lad, who played the saxophone at the last event, this year it may be this boy's brother that provide the music, but it would be a flute.

71.2 Cllr. Coles said he may need to attend the SMBC service this year. It was queried what Cllr. Coles did; he said he marched the Boys Brigade to the War Memorial and back, co-ordinated the event, and kept an eye on the time, for the 2-minutes silence. It was suggested Cllr. Moloney could do this.

Clerk to ask SMBC for a quote to install/remove the Poppy Waterfall.

72. To discuss Christmas including BV event.

72.1 It was noted the VH was booked, the DJ was booked, the turning on of the Christmas tree lights was booked and Father Christmas was booked. It was suggested to advertise the CG event for BV, that everyone is welcome.

72.2 Cllr. Coles said it had been suggested to operate transportation from BV to CG, by for example, a minibus, he queried if this would help with inclusivity. Cllr. Coles proposed they looked into doing this.

72.3 It was queried whether there would be another newsletter; and noted there were now 50 names on the mailing list, for a digital newsletter. It was suggested if there was a newsletter in November, to include about Christmas. It was stated information could also be posted on BV Facebook page.

72.4 It was agreed to discuss this in September (agenda item), after the meeting for the BV Christmas tree had taken place.

73. To discuss monthly site audits of Parish Council owned land.

73.1 Cllr. Coles said in relation to the bucket seat swing, the bolt at the bottom, at the very front corner was loose. Clerk to ask PCs grounds maintenance contractor to deal with this.

73.2 Cllr. Gosling asked the Clerk, to ask the grounds maintenance contractor to cut back the overgrowth by 64 Saxon Wood Road.

73.3 Cllr. Gosling said National Grid had changed the lock, on the gate at Saxon Wood Road; she had a key and the grounds maintenance contractor knew this.

73.4 Cllr. Swain would not be able to carry out monthly inspections, for the next 3-months; Cllr. Coles agreed to do these.

73.5 It was noted the issue with the bench on the Recreation Ground had still not been resolved. It was stated the bench was fenced off. It was pointed out it had been like this for a couple of months now. Cllr. Moloney had been dealing with this, it was suggested Cllr. Moloney could ask for an update.

74. To resolve that requests (sent to Parish Cllrs by email), to hold events on the Recreation Ground on Wednesday 22nd July & Wednesday 18th August; Tuesday 28th to Thursday 30th July 2026; are both accepted and permitted.

Resolved; proposed Cllr. Coles, seconded Cllr. Gosling.

74.1 It was noted Solihull MBC Youth Workers, had sent an email about its Streets Studio project, which uses the youth bus, this would be coming to Cheswick Green on Monday 27th July and Monday 17th August; 3-6pm. A request had been made to allocate space on the car park and to use the toilets in the VH. All youth workers had DBS checks and safeguarding training. Cllr. Heslington had circulated this to all members of the PC, asking if there were any objections to this; Cllrs. Gosling, Hall, Scarborough and Swain, had all confirmed they had no objections to this.

75. To receive any reports from Councillors and/or the Clerk.

75.1 There were comments about BV having its own Parish Council; about the precept, and about Council Tax payments.

75.2 It was noted Cllr. Gosling, Cllr. Swain and Cllr. Coles (*in his capacity as a Borough Cllr.*), had attended an SMBC workshop about 'infrastructure planning in the south of the Borough'; the slides from the presentation at this event had been circulated to all Parish Cllrs.

75.2.1 A graph was looked at from the slides, which showed what had been built, the number of properties that needed to be built every year for the next 15 years, to build 22,000. It was stated only 380 properties were built last year.

75.2.2 Cllr. Swain queried where the technical expertise would come from.

75.2.3 It was pointed out 2200 properties had been approved in the last 12 months; however, no work had started.

75.2.4 It was stated if SMBC did not approve applications, developers would go for 'self-determination'. There were comments about SMBC deferring applications, until a Local Plan was in place, it was stated this was 18 months away. It was noted everything was pure speculation. It was stated a Draft Local Plan could possibly be available later this year.

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

76.1 There was no update or report.

77. To discuss a Music Licence.

77.1 There were various comments about this; Cllr. Swain said the VHMC was not sure if this was required or not, it was very unclear. He said it was a mindfield. It was queried how much this would cost; there was not one set price, the amount depended on a number of factors and there were two different types of Music Licence. Cllr. Scarbrough looked this up on the internet and read from what he found. It was stated most Parish Halls were exempt.

78. To discuss issues raised with SMBC/speed sign.

78.1 It was noted the SMBC Officer who dealt with this was currently off sick.

79. To discuss CGPCs Action Plan.

79.1 Cllr. Swain to look at this.

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

80.1 It was noted a resident had sent a suggestion to improve the traffic flow along Coppice Walk ('Our idea would be to turn some of the green " triangle " into residents parking spaces with permits; Put speed bumps at the start and end of the curved part of the road where the congestion occurs; Ensure only vehicles that are legally road worthy are in the area').

Clerk to thank the resident for this and to send this to SMBC for a comment.

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

81.1 It was noted Cllr. Hall and Cllr. Scarborough would attend the next Solihull Area Meeting (SAM), on Tuesday 21st July 2026.

82. Agenda items for next meeting (September).

82.1 Newsletter.

82.2 Christmas.

83. 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.

83.1 There were no members of the public present.

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

84.1 There was nothing further to discuss.

85. PAYE, payroll and Pension Scheme.

85.1 In confidential section of the minutes.

Meeting closed 20:15pm

Signed

Dated