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CHESWICK GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

Thursday 8th October 2026 7pm Cheswick Green Village Hall

Present: Cheswick Green Parish Councillors: Simon Coles, Margaret Gosling, Linda Heslington, Aimee Moloney and Mick Swain.
Clerk: Marie Zizzi 4 members of the public

109. Apologies for Absence and to approve, if thought fit, the reasons if any given, for absence from the meeting.
109.1 Apologies were received from Cllr. Hall and Cllr. Scarborough – they were accepted.

110. Declarations of Interest.
110.1 Note: Cllr. Coles had declared an interest at a previous meeting, due to him now being an elected Borough Councillor. It was agreed this would apply at all CGPC meetings.

111. Public Participation *(15 Minutes).*
111.1 A member of the public raised an issue about the amount of dog poo, on the Recreation Ground, the car park and all over the place. It was stated there was not much the Parish Council (PC) could do. It was suggested to ask SMBC how it tackled this issue.
111.1.1 It was stated this was a borough wide problem, there were comments about installing signs, about irresponsible dog owners and about issuing fines.
111.1.2 Borough Cllr. Keith Green was present; he said this was also a problem in Monkspath. It was stated if people were challenged about this, anyone who said anything usually got a mouthful of abuse.
111.1.3 There were comments about dog poo bins, dog poo bags and signs. It was stated the PC could be proactive by putting some signs up. It was also suggested to put a notice up about the CCTV, that park users were being watched. It was stated there were some known culprits. It was pointed out that people had written on signs by the swales.
111.1.4 It was suggested to include something in the next PC newsletter.

112. To resolve to accept the Minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday 10th September 2026 *(circulated to Parish Cllrs. with the agenda).*
Resolved; proposed Cllr. Gosling, seconded Cllr. Moloney – the minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.

113. 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 September 2026	£918.72
Countrywide GM	To remove waste	£48.00
NMK Planning Services	Deposit to write a report on the planning application for the Lloyds Training Centre.	£250.00
Playsafety Ltd.	Annual RoSPA inspection reports for Recreation Ground Boer War Memorial	£213.60
Countrywide GM	Remove hanging/dead branches	£108.00
NMK Planning Services	Remainder due for writing report on planning application for Lloyds Training Centre	£273.25
KSV Solutions Ltd.	Remaining portion due for work on Village Hall CCTV	£232.20
Vision ICT	Website hosting and backup Jan 2027- Dec 2027	£467.40

More in confidential section. Petty cash £70.72

113.1 It was stated to not pay KSV Solutions yet, as the work had not been completed.
113.1.1 It was stated the payment to Vision ICT was not due until 3rd December 2026.
Resolved; proposed Cllr. Coles, seconded Cllr. Swain – all payments were approved.
113.2 It was noted two quotes had been received from Countrywide Grounds Maintenance, for work on trees; one for trees on Saxon Wood Road and one for trees by the Village Hall.
113.2.1 Cllr. Heslington updated members on the situation with Zurich, in relation to trees; she said the insurance company would pay for any damage caused, but not to do anything about the trees causing the damage.
Proposed; Cllr. Heslington; that the PC has the work as stated in the quotes carried out.
This was unanimously agreed, with the option to not have the tree stumps grinded.

114. To consider planning applications *(sent separately by email to Parish Cllrs.)*
114.1 There were none to consider. However, in relation to:-

PL/2026/01512/PPFL - Lloyds Campus 157 Creynolds Lane Cheswick Green Solihull; Full planning permission for demolition of existing on-site buildings and development of 48 new residential dwellings (Use Class C3) and associated car and cycle parking, access infrastructure and network within the site, landscaping, public realm, drainage, utilities, energy and waste facilities and infrastructure.
114.1.1 Further to the September PC meeting, it had been agreed to submit the following to SMBC; '*Cheswick Green Parish Council objects to this development on grounds of the impact on the wider infrastructure and there being no current walking route to access the local village amenities including the school and local bus stops*'.
114.1.2 There were further comments about this planning application, including that it did not have any affordable housing, that the PC wanted a crossing there and to ask for extra street lighting and an additional footpath. There was a discussion about this application and various comments about the proposal.
114.1.3 Cllr. Green said in relation to this application, water/sewerage and electrics were already on site, due to there being hotel rooms.
114.2 It was noted Cllr. Gosling had attended a meeting at Tanworth-in-Arden PC, in relation to a number of PCs working together. It was stated Cllr. Gosling could lead on this, however there was a need to not blur over who wanted what. It was noted Dickens Heath PC and Wythall PC had attended the meeting. Hockley Heath PC had not been invited and no-one from Tidbury Green PC had attended.
114.2.1 It was stated the aim was for a co-ordinated approach and to get agencies, such as Severn Trent and Highways to talk to each other.
114.2.2 Cllr. Gosling said draft Terms of Reference had been circulated. It was noted another meeting was taking place on Monday 12th October at 13:30; Cllr. Gosling said she would attend; Cllr. Heslington said she would, if she could.
114.2.3 It was noted each PC was to inform the other PCs about any large scale planning applications in their parish.
114.3 Cllr. Green spoke about SMBCs Local Plan, he said it had been accepted, it was not ideal, not having a plan hampered progress. He said there would be a 6-week consultation, then everything that was gathered, would be looked at by Central Government.
114.3.1 It was stated SMBCs Head of Planning, had said SMBC would not turn down applications at present, therefore developers would push things forward now. It was stated applications were looked at on an individual basis, not collectively.
114.3.2 There were comments about there being a kerfuffle about train stations; about money raised from developments coming after or when developments were 80% finished, which was too late for the infrastructure. It was stated Councils wanted money from developers/builders first, that money could be used from other sites, however legally it was probably not possible to do this. It was stated it was a case of asking Peter to pay Paul.
114.3.3 There were comments about CIL not being paid when building work started; that developments would go through, then take 15-18 months, to commence.
114.3.4 It was pointed out SMBC was really exposed without a Plan in place, that it was a pity this had not been done 18 months ago; that when this Plan went through it would be time to start the next one.
114.3.4 There were comments about the possibility of changes via the Government. It was stated Cheswick Green was taking the brunt of development.
114.3.5 Cllr. Moloney commented about CG getting the best it could for the local areas.

114.3.6 There were concerns about areas for sports grounds and comments about Sports England. It was stated the rules could change by next week, in relation to politics.
114.3.7 It was reiterated until a Plan was in place, things could constantly change. It was stated there were no people in place to do things; no builders to build and it was pointed out there were lots of problems with new builds.
114.3.8 It was queried how Parish Councils linking together would work. There were comments about pointing out where housing was and where developments should go, in relation to infrastructure.
114.3.9 It was stated Neighbourhood Plans (NPs) had weight; however, it was a big thing to produce. It was stated a NP could say where a parish was agreeing to accept development and what was wanted from it.
114.3.10 It was stated CG was now considered a 'washed over site'. It was stated CG could become elevated to become a Town.
114.3.11 It was stated there was a need for safety in relation to roads and there was a need for GPs and Community Hubs.
114.3.12 It was suggested the new PC group was encouraged to hold some meetings in the evenings, for those who worked during the daytime.
Note: at 19:45 Borough Cllr. Green left the meeting.

115. To discuss Blythe Valley <u>including Christmas tree/lights 2026 and beyond/speed sign</u>/roads and any other issue affecting BV.
115.1 An email Cllr. Coles had sent in relation to the Christmas tree for 2026 was noted; everyone agreed with his comments.
115.1.1 The reasons for having a tree planted were pointed out, it was stated all tree suppliers would be in the same situation, as the one the PCs grounds maintenance contractor was in, due to the extremely hot summer.
115.1.2 It was agreed to provide a minibus for residents of BV, to come to the CG Christmas tree lights switch on.

116. To discuss Cheswick Place, as well as adoption by SMBC.
116.1 An email from a resident of Cheswick Place was noted; <u>Clerk to contact Bloor Homes on behalf of the resident.</u>

117. To discuss a possible name change for CGPC.
117.1 There were comments about what costs could be involved; it was stated the website and stationery. (*Names on things like notice boards*). It was agreed to have a conversation about this. It was pointed out it was not just BV that needed to be considered, there was also Illshaw Heath. It was stated the word 'Blythe' could not be used, as that was the Ward name.

118. To discuss a Neighbourhood Plan (NP).
118.1 Already discussed. Cllr. Coles said something was included in the next newsletter about this.

119. To discuss Remembrance Sunday.
119.1 Cllr. Coles said he could attend this in CG, the other two Blythe Borough Cllrs. were going to Dickens Heath.
119.2 It was noted someone would need to hand the Poppy Waterfall over to SMBC, for it to be installed. Cllr. Heslington agreed to do this, if she was available, if not Cllr. Coles would.
119.3 The school was going to get involved and there would be a flute player. Cllr. Gosling would do the eulogy.

120. To discuss Christmas including BV event.
120.1 Already discussed.

121. To discuss next Newsletter.
121.1 It was noted Cllr. Coles had drafted this; it included a section asking people what they wanted. Cllr. Coles said if people said they wanted Party in the Park, that was fine, the PC would respond by saying it needed 12-15 volunteers to help for this to go ahead.

122. To discuss monthly site audits of Parish Council owned land. To discuss any issues relating to trees on PC owned land.
122.1 In relation to the Recreation Ground, Cllr. Coles said the 'mother and toddler seat' is designed for an adult and child to swing together, in theory. However, two teenagers often used it and many liked to twist it around and let it go, hence the bushes at the top show signs of wear. It moved side to side more than it used to do so, it is designed to go back and

forth. There is also someone who likes to flip over the basket swing and the accessibility seat, he regularly flipped them back. This put pressure on the chains, bushes and support chains of the basket. He said he monitored this, they don't need replacing yet, in his opinion. This had been highlighted in the recent RoSPA report.
122.1.1 It was noted the RoSPA report had only picked up a few minor issues, which were mainly amber. It was noted there were issues with some of the flooring, it was felt this was probably because of the long hot summer.
122.2 There were comments about a couple of benches on PC owned land and what needed to be done.
122.3 It was felt there were no issues with the War Memorial, as the stones were connected by steel rods, even the stone on the pillar.

123. To discuss CGPC Grounds Maintenance contract.
123.1 Cllr. Swain was working on the specification. A post had been issued on social media, looking for companies that wished to express an interest in quoting for this. It was noted to date five companies had made contact.

124. To receive any reports from Councillors and/or the Clerk.
124.1 Cllr. Swain spoke about the car park, he said it had become degraded in about 6 places; it was suggested this was due to the hot summer and tyres. Cllr. Swain did not agree. It was stated to look at the agreement, as it was less than 12 months since the car park had been resurfaced.
124.1.1 The Clerk read an email from Zurich about the car park; it was agreed to leave this.
124.2 Cllr. Coles spoke about a breakdown in communication between Tidbury Green PC and Tidbury Green Action Group. He referred to a formal complaint being made. It was stated the Clerk was leaving and a Councillor had wanted to resign.
124.3 Cllr. Coles said Dickens Heath PC was unhappy about BL1.
124.4 It was noted the next Solihull Area Meeting (SAM) was taking place on Thursday 15th October at 7pm; Cllr. Heslington and Cllr. Swain to attend.

125. Update/report from Village Hall Management Committee (VHMC). To discuss concerns relating to lights outside the Village Hall.
125.1 Cllr. Swain said there was no update/report. It was agreed to talk about lights for outside the VH, when the 2027-28 budget was discussed.

126. To discuss issues raised with SMBC/speed sign.
126.1 Clerk to sign and return the SLA for August 2026 to September 2028.
126.1.1 It was agreed to find out if the PC no longer wanted to go ahead with the speed sign, whether SMBC would expect payment to be made.
126.1.2 In relation to having a second speed sign for BV; Cllr. Heslington said by the time the roads in BV were adopted, CG would have had the camera for 2-3 years, she suggested letting BV have it for 12 months.
126.1.3 It was pointed out there were areas of 20mph and 30mpn in CG now. It was stated until more BV roads were adopted, the sign could only go on Stroudley Road.

127. To discuss CGPCs Action Plan.
127. Deferred.

128. To consider and resolve any action(s) in relation to items of correspondence received *(sent to Parish Cllrs with the agenda).*
128.1 Items were either noted or had already been dealt with.

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

130. Agenda items for next meeting.
130.1 Website.

131. 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.
131.1 There was nothing further to discuss.

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

132.1 There was nothing further to discuss.

133. PAYE, payroll and Pension Scheme.

133.1 In confidential section of the minutes.

Meeting closed 20:50pm

Signed ……

Dated ……