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RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday 11th September 2017 10:30am Cheswick Green Village Hall

Present:

Cheswick Green Parish Councillors: Brian Brown, Steve Hall and Mick Swain.

In attendance

Clerk: Marie Zizzi

0 members of the Public

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

16.1 Not applicable everyone present. It was noted that Mr. Matthew Gardner had sent his apologies.

17. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations.

17.1 None.

18. Public Participation.

18.1 Not applicable - no members of the public present.

19. To discuss any issues that relate to Solihull MBC. Mr. Matthew Gardner invited to participate.

19.1. It was noted that Cllr. Brown had arranged to meet Mr. Matthew Gardner on Monday 18th September 2017 at 10am, to discuss the possibility of having a handrail installed outside No.8 Greenside. Cllr. Swain agreed to attend.

19.2 There were comments about the verges down Creynolds Lane, it was stated that apparently, they were meant to be cut once a month, however it was possible that they had not been done for about 2 months now or at least 6-8 weeks. It was noted that this was being monitored.

19.3 There were comments about when bins were emptied outside the shops, it was stated that SMBC had said they were emptied 3 times a week, but that this was not happening.

19.4 It was noted that several people had commented about weeds growing out of gutters, that complaints had been made to SMBC, but there had been no feedback.

19.5 It was noted that there had been comments about the state of the area outside the shops.

20. To resolve to accept the Minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday 5th July 2017.

Resolved; proposed Cllr. Hall, seconded Cllr. Brown; that these were accepted as a true and accurate record.

21. To report any issues from site risk assessments since the last meeting and to provide Clerk with reports for filing. Update on grounds maintenance, litter picking and bin emptying.

21.1 In relation to the Mount there were no concerns.

21.2 In relation to the Recreation Ground, there were comments about the long grass/shrubs/dog wood in the Jubilee Garden area, it was stated that this area was not as attractive as it could be. It was thought that this area was strimmed, possibly twice a year.

21.2.1 It was pointed out that this area was meant to attract wild life.

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21.2.2 There were comments about the pyracantha around the Village Hall not being very square/the same height and it was noted that it was there to provide some security to the building.

Action item: Clerk to request quote from Grounds Maintenance contractor to square the pyracantha to one even height.

21.2.3 It was noted that a quote to repair the goal posts was still outstanding and this was to be compared with the cost to purchase new ones. It was noted that the goal posts had been moved to a diagonal position when the work on the roof had taken place and once the work had been completed, the goal posts had been put back.

21.2.4 There were comments about broken glass on the footpath, the car park and in the Youth Shelter, since the pub had reopened.

21.3 In relation to the Village Green, Cllr. Brown said he had verbally requested a quote for re-varnishing the benches, but had not received anything yet. He said there were some slats that needed replacing/repairing.

21.3.1 Cllr. Brown said the low hanging branch on an oak tree by Greenside, still needed to be raised.

22. To discuss how to install the wreath on the WW1 memorial garden, the roses in the flowerbed and the memorial trees.

22.1 Cllr. Hall said he would prune the roses soon. It was noted that the roses needed to be maintained.

22.2 Cllr. Brown suggested that they could possibly add some tulips for next year or some red/white geraniums. Cllr. Hall said the problem with geraniums was that they needed replacing every year.

22.3 Cllr. Hall said there were some tulips at the back by the fence.

22.4 Cllr. Brown issued a sketch for a possible structure to be installed for the wreath. It was noted that this would possibly need to be one metre high. Cllr. Swain said it seemed like a good idea and that they needed to look for a local odd job man, to do things like this for them, he said he would ask someone about this.

23. To discuss the Christmas lights.

23.1 Cllr. Swain had looked into some possible options for Christmas lights, however it was felt that it would be best to continue as in previous years with SMBC.

23.2 Cllr. Hall said he needed to contact Shirley Round Table soon, he had emailed the contact regarding the Ukulele group but had not received a reply yet. He said the lights would be switched on Friday 8th December 2017, this had been confirmed with SMBC, the Reverend Vicki Atkinson and the Village Hall was booked from 6-8pm.

23.3 It was noted that the usual refreshments would be provided in the Village Hall and that the WI could be asked if their members were willing to do this again.

24. Review of actions list *(issued to committee members with the agenda).*

24.1 Noted.

25. To consider and resolve any action(s) in relation to any items of correspondence received;

25.1 Information received from the Charter for Trees was noted. It was stated that the Parish Council could possibly obtain a free tree from the Charter from Trees and/or from SMBC, as Mr. Matthew Gardner had advised that someone should visit Friday Lane Nursey to obtain a tree and some bulbs for the Boys Brigade. It was suggested that Cllr. Brown and Cllr. Swain could discuss this further with Mr. Gardner on Monday 18th September.

25.2.1 It was unclear whether this had been communicated to Mr. Martin Williams, who had made the request at the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2017.

25.3 It was suggested that the tree from the Charter could be used to replace a tree that had died in the Jubilee Garden.

26. To discuss co-opting members.

26.1 No-one had come forward.

27. Date and time for next meeting and any agenda items.

27.1 Monday 16th October 2017 at 10:30am.

Meeting closed 12:15

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