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RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday 16th October 2017 10:30am Cheswick Green Village Hall

Present:

Cheswick Green Parish Councillors: Brian Brown, Sam Sedgley and Mick Swain.

In attendance

Steve Hall, co-opted member

Clerk: Marie Zizzi

0 members of the public

Mr. Matthew Gardner, SMBC Neighbourhood Co-ordinator, Blythe

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

28.1 Not applicable everyone present.

29. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations.

29.1 None.

30. Public Participation.

30.1 Not applicable - no members of the public present.

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

31.1 Mr. Gardner confirmed that he would be providing daffodil and bluebell bulbs. It was noted that some of these would be for the Boys Brigade and some would be used for the lay by.

31.2 There was a discussion about obtaining some of the wild flowers, Solihull MBC had used for the Recreation Ground, Jubilee Garden area.

31.3 It was queried whether the tree for the Boys Brigade had been sorted out now or not. It was stated that this could be planted near to the tree in memory of Mr. Chris Noble.

31.4 There was a discussion about the proposed handrail for Greenside. Mr. Gardner suggested that opinions were sort from the community first. It was stated that there had not been any reports of any incidents. It was stated that Mr. Gardner could obtain a quote and Cllr. Swain said they could canvas the people that would be affected.

31.4.1 Cllr. Brown said it had been raised by a couple of elderly people.

31.5 Mr. Gardner referred to the footpath at the back of the Dingle, he said it had deteriorated and he was aware of this.

31.6 There was a discussion about how best to protect Parish Council owned land. Mr. Gardner suggested height restriction barriers at each end of the car park. He said that SMBC was protecting its car parks. It was queried whether planning permission would be required and it was suggested that this was discussed with the brewery.

31.7 It was stated that outdoor exercise/gym equipment could be used. Cllr. Sedgley said there was police funding available for things like this. Mr. Gardner said there was also the Tesco funding available.

31.8 Mr. Gardner suggested that the Parish Council focussed on the Recreation Ground and car park first.

31.9 There were comments about the Village Green not being so attractive and about insurance.

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32. To resolve to accept the Minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday 11th September 2017.

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

33. 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.

33.1 It was noted that the Parish Councils Grounds Maintenance contractor had been asked to cut the pyracantha around the Village Hall, to one level height, but this had not been done yet.

33.2 Cllr. Swain said he would ask Grounds Maintenance contractor to fix the slates on the small slide, that had been picked up in the RoSPA report this year.

33.3 It was agreed that new goal posts should be purchased.

33.4 In relation to benches; Cllr. Brown said it was the wrong time of year for these to be varnished.

33.5 It was noted that the risk assessment report for Saxon Wood Road, stated bark needed to be added to the path. Cllr. Swain said he was also ask the Grounds Maintenance contractor to do this.

Note: at 11:15 Mr. Gardner left the meeting.

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

34.1 It was noted that the Clerk had ordered the wreaths.

34.2 Cllr. Brown said he would put the wreath in place again this year on the flowerbed. The structure for this could be sorted out later.

35. To discuss the Christmas lights.

35.1 It was noted that despite contacting the school in July, to find out the date of the School Christmas Fayre and being informed it would take place on Friday 1st December, then booking for the Christmas tree light event to take place on Friday 8th December to avoid clashing with this event. An email had been received from the Reverend Vicki Atkinson, informing the Parish Council that the School Christmas Fayre was now actually taking place on Friday 8th December.

35.2 It was agreed to try and alter the date for the Christmas tree lights to be turned on to Friday 1st December. Mr. Hall offered to contact SMBC, Reverent Vicki Atkinson and Shirley Round table. Cllr. Swain offered to book the Village Hall, if it was available.

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

36.1 It was noted that the annual RoSPA inspection report had been received.

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

37.1 Dealt with – RoSPA annual inspection report.

38. To discuss co-opting members.

38.1 Cllr. Sedgley was welcomed to the Recreation Committee and it was noted that Mr. Hall had resigned from the Parish Council, but agreed to be co-opted on to the Recreation Committee.

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

39.1 Monday 27th November 2017 at 10am.

Meeting closed 11:30

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