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RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday 15th January 2018 10:30am Cheswick Green Village Hall

Present:

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

In attendance

Clerk: Marie Zizzi 0 members of the public
Mr. Matthew Gardner, SMBC Neighbourhood Co-ordinator, Blythe

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

53.1 Mr. Steve Hall had sent an apology, this was accepted.

54. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations.

54.1 None.

55. Public Participation.

55.1 Not applicable - no members of the public present.

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

56.1 Mr. Gardner said there were pot-holes everywhere and these would be dealt with as soon as possible. He asked members of the committee to let him know about any they were aware of.

56.1.1 Cllr. Sedgley said that Borough Cllr. Ken Hawkins had put something on Facebook about pot-holes and grit bins.

56.2 Cllr. Swain referred to the Bloor Homes development and SMBC carrying out a survey on the roads. Mr. Gardner said they were keeping an eye on the roads, to see if the surfaces deteriorated fast.

56.2.1 Cllr. Swain said the developers had opened the Coppice Walk access to the site now. He said there was no jet washer, however there was a lot of sludge running down the road from the development. Mr. Gardner said it was worse at this time of year.

56.2.2 Mr. Gardner said the development was on SMBCs radar, they would be more concerned about Coppice Walk than Tanworth Lane, he referred to the roads possibly getting done once the development was completed.

56.3 Mr. Gardner was thanked for donating bulbs to the Parish Council and informed that they had all been planted now, by Cllr. Brown and Cllr. Swain. The bluebells had been planted by the Village Green and the other bulbs by Saxon Wood Road.

56.4 Mr. Gardner referred to the Dingle, he said it was to be resurfaced. He asked members to let him know about any roads or footways that needed attention. It was stated that this was a widespread problem.

56.5 Cllr. Swain commented about SMBC changing the traffic lights in the Borough. Mr. Gardner said they were being replaced with more energy efficient ones and this was funded from Central Government.

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57. To resolve to accept the Minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday 27th November 2017.

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

58. 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.

58.1 There were no issues at the Mount or on the parcels of land at Saxon Wood Road.

58.2 In relation to the Recreation Ground; Cllr. Swain said the slats on the steps to the slide should be replaced soon, this was in hand, he said the goal posts had been replaced now.

58.3 In relation to the Village Green; Cllr. Brown said it was okay, some branches had been cut back by Greenside, but these may need attending to again.

59. To discuss the Youth Shelter.

59.1 Further to an informal meeting that had taken place with the Chairman of CGRA, members/representatives for the Jay family, which Cllr. Sedgley and Cllr. Swain had attended for the Parish Council, it was noted that the family had agreed to remove most of the tributes.

59.1.1 The family was in the process of obtaining quotes, for repair work on the Youth Shelter. There were comments about who should pay or contribute towards this.

59.1.2 Cllr. Brown commented that the Parish Council should ensure it was repaired, as the Parish Council was responsible for it.

59.1.3 Cllr. Swain said the family were talking about repairing the roof which was a good idea.

59.1.4 Cllr. Sedgley said there had been discussion about the slabs on the floor and including a marble one, she said this was hard to visualize and they had asked for photographs to be provided.

59.1.5 Cllr. Brown spoke marble being a porous stone and therefore, it could become disfigured.

59.1.6 There were comments about potential graffiti, that slabs could suffer from damage and get scuffed and warped.

59.1.7 It was stated that the family also wanted a plaque on the side of the shelter and there has also been a request to plant a rose and to have a bench, as well as to start up a Youth Club.

59.1.8 It was pointed out that the Youth Shelter was for the community.

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

60.1 There was a discussion about the proposal for a handrail. Cllr. Brown said he was not planning on going to see any residents.

60.1.1 Mr. Gardner said SMBC had not received any requests for this from residents, if one was put there, people would ask why it had been put there. He said it was useful to have the views of the residents that would be affected, he said it could be in the way.

60.1.2 Cllr. Brown said a number of elderly residents had raised this with him some time ago.

60.1.3 It was agreed to leave this for now and if it was raised again, to log this. It was agreed to put this on hold and defer it for now.

60.2 There was a discussion about grit bins and the current location of some of these.

60.2.1 Mr. Gardner said that Cheswick Way was on SMBCs gritting route.

60.2.2 Mr. Gardner said that if a location was put forward for a grit bin, it needed to meet the necessary criteria, he said people did not want these outside their homes.

60.2.2 Mr. Gardner said it cost £150 to move a grit bin and they were very seldom needed. They were in place all year round but only used very occasionally.

60.2.3 Some locations were suggested and Mr. Gardner said he could raise the question, but they could cause a problem, however they could be installed as a matter of safety. He agreed to pursue looking into having a grit bin on the Willow Drive/Glen Wood Drive – Cheswick Way crossing.

61. To consider and resolve any action(s) in relation to any items of correspondence received. 61.1 There were none.

62. To discuss co-opting members. 62.1 No-one had come forward.

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

63.1 Monday 5th March 2018 at 10:30am.

Meeting closed 11:15

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