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**MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday 7th February 2018 10am Cheswick Green Village Hall**

Present: Cheswick Green Parish Councillors: Brian Brown, Ian Bruce, Margaret Gosling, Sam Sedgley and Mick Swain.

Mr. Piers Cockroft and Mr. Peter Davidson

Mr. Simon Purfield

1 member of the public (Mr. Ken Dixon)

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

77.1 Not applicable.

78. Declarations of Interest.

78.1 None.

79. Dispensations.

79.1 None

80. Public Participation (15 Minutes).

80.1 There were no matters raised.

81.1 To resolve to accept the Minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 17th January 2018.

Resolved: proposed Cllr. Gosling, seconded Cllr. Brown – that these were accepted as a true and accurate record.

82. Update on funding for the plan.

82.1 It was noted that the grant had been received and it needed to be spent by the end of March 2018.

82.2 Mr. Purfield stated that his and Mr. Neil Pearce's invoices needed to be dated by 31st March 2018.

83. To discuss the NP/questionnaire.

83.1 Mr. Purfield was welcomed to the meeting and thanked for attending.

83.2 The committee spent time going through the survey and Mr. Purfield's comments.

83.3 Various amendments were agreed.

83.4 Sections 1 and 2 were put together into one introductory section.

83.5 It was agreed that there would be one copy of the introductory section per household and two copies of the rest of the survey, with an option to request more, possibly via the Parish Council website.

83.6 It was agreed that there would be an amended front page for the second copy and various changes to individual questions were made.

83.7 It was felt that the section on housing needed to be added to part 1 and basic business information should be sought from the residents' survey.

83.8 It was stated that a business survey could be done later and to look at the survey's for Balsall, Knowle and Meriden as examples, these had already been sent by Mr. Purfield and circulated to everyone. It was suggested that contact was made with Mr. Mark Tatton

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from Balsall, to ascertain ways to publicise this, in an attempt to increase the response rate.

83.9 It was noted that Cllr. Sedgley had already designed a poster to advertise the survey. It was agreed that Cllr. Gosling would make enquiries with 'Paper and Print', about the poster in relation to either laminating it or making it waterproof. It was stated that Cllr. Sedgley should send the front cover and maps to Mr. Purfield. Cllrs. Sedgley and Bruce undertook to develop an advertising campaign designed to attract and maintain attention of residents about the importance of the Survey.

83.10 A timescale was agreed with Mr. Purfield, whereby he would get a revised survey to the committee by Wednesday 14th February 2018, this should be approved quickly by email by Wednesday 21st February, to enable printing to take place with distribution to commence from Friday 2nd March 2018, with a deadline for responses of Friday 30th March 2018.

83.11 It was agreed that Mr. Purfield would keep the committee updated on the response rate.

83.12 In relation to the proposed surgeries to take place in March, it was agreed that the dates and times of these would be agreed later.

83.13 In relation to distribution, it was stated that Cllr. Gosling would sort out the delivery rounds and these would also include Mr. Cockroft, Mr. Davidson and Mr. Dixon.

84. To discuss any planning applications received.

PL/2017/03308/TPO - 94 Cheswick Way B90 4HG; Fell 1 No. oak tree.

84.1 It was agreed to object to this application, as this tree is covered by a TPO and members felt that there was no logical reason to fell this tree.

85. To discuss Mount Dairy Farm/Cheswick Place and BV applications.

85.1 In relation to Cheswick Place; Cllr. Gosling had spoken with Mr. Peter Townsend prior to this meeting and there were still problems with getting permission from the landowner. She said the solution was likely to be possibly going underground.

85.1.1 It was noted that Cllr. Gosling had contacted Mr. Nick Rawlings, of Bloor Homes a while ago about the blocks from the fencing impeding the public footpath, she had also spoken to some workmen about this. It was stated that there had been no reply from Mr. Rawlings and nothing had changed. Cllr. Gosling said it was dangerous and she had taken a photograph which she had sent to Mr. Rawlings.

85.1.2 It was noted that residents had made complaints to the Parish Council about the site and about the excessive noise before 8am.

85.1.3 It was agreed that Cllr. Gosling should contact Bloor Homes about these issues again and copy this to Mr. James Carpenter, SMBCs Head of Service – Planning, Design and Engagement.

85.2 In relation to Blythe Valley; it was stated that when final consent was requested, the Parish Council needed to try to ensure that conditions were put in place to prevent lorries driving through Illshaw Heath.

85.2.1 Cllr. Bruce informed the committee that a resident of Illshaw Heath had written to SMBC Planning Committee, asking if Council Officers were permitted to pick and choose which elements of the Approved Consent were followed or ignored. This had arisen because the proposed changes to the roads in Illshaw Heath did not include the planned widening of the approach roads to the canal bridge in Dyers Lane, and the absence of a tabletop at the Illshaw Heath Crossroads. It was stated that the position was comparable with that at the Cheswick Green crossroads, where the approved tabletop had not been installed and, instead, the radius of the corners had been reduced. Mr. Davidson pointed out that this was potentially an issue of maladministration by SMBC and that, as such, it may be a matter to refer to the Local Government Ombudsman.

86. Time and date of next meeting(s).

86.1 Wednesday 7th March 2018 at 10am.

Meeting closed 11:35am

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