



Cheswick Green Parish Council

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**CHESWICK GREEN PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

Wednesday 10th April 2019 7:30pm Cheswick Green Village Hall

Present:

Cheswick Green Parish Councillors: Margaret Gosling, Sam Sedgley and Peter Townsend.

Clerk: Marie Zizzi

3 members of the public

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

257.1 An apology had been sent from Cllr. Mick Swain.

258. Declarations of Interest.

258.1 None.

259. Dispensations.

259.1 None.

260. Public Participation (15 Minutes).

260.1 A member of the public spoke about attending a recent CG RA meeting, hoping to resolve the issue about the party in the park. It was stated that there was no way this was going ahead this year.

260.1.1 It was stated that the Chairman of the RA had used foul language during the meeting, which had been shocking.

260.1.2 It was noted that the party in the park had been discussed at the Annual Statutory Parish Meeting, which had been well attended, it had been stated that it would not be going ahead this year; there were comments about the RA Chairman being away.

260.1.3 It was agreed that there was a need to let people know that the party in the park was not taking place this year, that a joint statement from the Parish Council and the Residents Association needed to be agreed.

260.2 It was noted that the RA intended to hold a Race Night at the end of September.

260.3 A member of the public spoke about Craft Union supporting projects in the community and said that it would be great if funding could be obtained for something. It was noted that the local pub had agreed to do a football name card.

260.4 It was stated the 'Love Solihull' would support groups carrying out litter picks, by providing jackets and litter pickers, if the group did this once a month. It was pointed out that lots of local people did litter pick and felt there would be plenty of volunteers.

260.5 It was stated there had been an incident involving the police recently, in relation to a male adult carrying a knife, someone fitting the description had been searched. The police had attended the Recreation Ground and Youth Shelter, to explain why they were present, there had been a police dog handler present, everything had been fine and calm.

260.6 There were comments about the police 'Active Citizen fund' and funding from Persimmons Homes. It was stated there was funding out there, people just needed to apply for it.

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260.7 It was stated there had been an incident on Saturday night, involving someone throwing a bottle. CCTV footage from the pub had been viewed, the pub had been very good in assisting.

260.8 It was noted that Parish Council was arranging for CCTV and additional lighting to be installed on the outside of the Village Hall. It was felt this may help disperse certain people from congregating in this area. It was stated that there needed to be signs notifying people about CCTV.

260.8.1 It was queried whether lighting and CCTV could be installed for the Recreation Ground. The difficulties and issues of doing this were explained. It was agreed to look at other possible options.

260.8.2 A member of the public said her father knew a lot about lighting and he may be able to offer some advice. It was agreed that the Recreation Ground could be too dark at certain times, it was badly lit for walking through.

261. To approve the Minutes from the meeting held on Wednesday 13th March 2019.

Resolved; proposed Cllr. Sedgley, seconded Cllr. Townsend; that these should be signed as a true and accurate record.

262. To approve in principle the draft Minutes from the 2019 Annual Statutory Parish Meeting, held on Wednesday 27th March 2019.

Resolved; proposed Cllr. Townsend, seconded Cllr. Sedgley; that these should be approved in principle, to be formally approved and signed at the 2020 Annual Statutory Parish Meeting.

263. To receive a report on the finances of the Council and to approve any payments made since the last meeting and any payments to be made (issued to Parish Councillors with the agenda).

Payments to be agreed from Co-op acc Exercise Class April 2019 PC meeting

100150	Exercise class instructor March 2019	£108.00
100151	CG VHMC use of Village Hall	£ 77.00

Chqs/Electronic payment transactions to be approved April 2019 PC meeting

Payee	Reason	Total	VAT	Net
Meadowfields GM	Empty new litter bin on Saxon Wood Rd Feb	£ 48.00	£ 8.00	£40.00
Meadowfields GM	Empty new litter bin on Saxon Wood Rd March	£ 48.00	£ 8.00	£40.00
PPL	Planning advice Site 12 & Amber sites	£1829.00		
Townsend Landscape Sam Sedgley	Removal of bench Reimbursement for purchasing Word to sort out the formatting issues with the draft NDP	£ 100.00 £ 59.99		
David Ogilvie	Lest we forget bench	£ 971.40	£161.90	£809.50
Sydney Mitchell LLP	Completion of transfer of land/war memorial	£ 995.60		
Chris Bishop	Work on tree Village Green	£ 240.00	£ 40.00	£ 200.00
WALC	2019-20 subscription	£ 676.00		
CG VHMC	Use of hall Jan – March 19	£ 52.00		
Marie Zizzi	Petty cash top up	£ 60.00		
Zurich	to add War Memorial and 'Lest we forget bench' to policy	£ 197.50		

More in confidential section.

Petty cash as at 6th March 2019 = £98.86

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Resolved; proposed Cllr. Sedgley, seconded Cllr. Townsend; that all payments and quotes should be accepted.

264.To receive final quarterly (April 2018-March 2019) expenditure sheets, bank reconciliation and quarterly comparison (actual expenditure compared to budget set) (supplementary pages issued to Parish Cllrs. with the agenda).

Resolved; proposed Cllr. Townsend, seconded Cllr. Sedgley; that the figures/documents were accepted.

265.To resolve to transfer funds from Unity Trust Bank account to CCLA bank account and agree how much.

Resolved; proposed Cllr. Sedgley, seconded Cllr. Townsend; that £40,000 should be transferred to the CCLA investment account.

266.To resolve to keep the unspent NDP funds until completion of the activity for which they were approved, or the Neighbourhood Plan/Order is complete or the end of the programme 31/03/2022.

Resolved; proposed Cllr. Townsend, seconded Cllr. Sedgley; that the unspent NDP funds should be kept.

267.To discuss any issues that relate to the Recreation Committee; land owned by the Parish Council, grounds maintenance; including new sign for Chris Noble/Janet Leese and for signs at the War Memorial.

267.1 Further to a site visit by a representative from Warwickshire Wildlife Trust with Cllr. Gosling and Cllr. Sedgley, proposals had been sent to apply for funding for a project to enhance the Recreation Ground, by creating a wetland area near to the river, developing increased capacity to hold and manage some flood water in times of high-water flows, and to enhance the area for biodiversity and for people to enjoy, had been submitted.

267.1.1 Members had been asked to consider whether they wished for these ideas to be developed and progressed in more detail, for a full discussion to take place; members agreed for this to go ahead and the Clerk was instructed to submit a letter giving Warwickshire Wildlife Trust permission to progress this.

267.1.2 There were comments about pollution and for people to keep an eye out for this.

267.1.3 It was stated that information about the scheme would be put on the Parish Councils website and Facebook in due course. It was suggested that the school should be informed, as the pupils would be interested in this in relation to wildlife etc.

267.2 Layouts for replacement plaques for Chris Noble and Janet Leese had been circulated by email. It was agreed to go ahead with these with the cream background.

267.3 An email circulated by Cllr. Gosling, in relation to Western Power accessing Parish Council land without requesting permission, to cut trees and branches which were encroaching on wires was discussed. There were various comments about this including how much should be cut and for Cllr. Gosling to possibly draft something to send to Western Power.

267.4 It was noted that new safety surfacing was to be installed in the children's play area on Monday 29th April 2019 and that this area would therefore need to be closed for approximately two days. Notices were to be displayed advising people about this.

Action item: The Clerk was instructed to ask the Grounds Maintenance contractor to install additional slabs to bridge the gaps between the gate and the safety surfacing once it had been installed.

267.5 Cllr. Gosling referred to the sign outside the children's play area; where it stated, 'dogs not allowed in play area', she said it was too small and people did not see this, they needed to install something bigger.

268.To consider planning applications (issued with the agenda) and local development including progress at Mount Dairy Farm/Cheswick Place and Blythe Valley Park/IMP.

PL/2019/00736/PPFL - 264 Creynolds Lane B90 4ET; Single storey front extension, single storey rear extension (resubmission of PL/2017/02775/MINFHO).
268.1 There were no comments to be submitted.

PL/2019/00716/MINFHO - 4 Foxland Close B90 4HS; Two storey side extension to form two bedrooms and bathroom.
268.1.1 There were no comments to be submitted.

PL/2019/00878/MINFHO - 6 Nugent Grove Cheswick Green Solihull B90 4HA; Two storey front and side extension including the conversion of the existing garage and new roof over proposed porch.
268.1.2 There were no comments to be submitted.

PL/2019/00957/PPRM - Plot A2 Blythe Valley Park Central Boulevard Shirley Solihull; Erection of a two storey office building (Use Class B1a / B1b) with associated internal access roads, and reconfiguration of existing road, car parking, landscaping and all other details required by Condition 3 relating to the reserved matters of layout, scale, appearance and landscaping pursuant to planning permission reference PL/2016/00863/MAOOT.
268.1.3 There were no comments to be submitted.

PL/2019/00963/MINFHO - 339 Tanworth Lane Shirley Solihull B90 4DU; Side two storey extension, rear two storey and single-story extension facing brick cladding.
Action item: Clerk to ask for an extension on the time to comment, as the deadline was the 1st May 2019; request SMBC wait until after the Annual Meeting of the Council taking place on Wednesday 15th May 2019.

268.2 In relation to Cheswick Place, it was stated that residents wanted Cheswick Place to be a gated area and to have CCTV. It was stated that residents were apparently considering paying for security from each household, as according to comments made on Facebook there was a lot of crime taking place.

268.3 In relation to Blythe Valley, it was stated there were possibly about 6 show homes now.

268.4 An email from James Carpenter requesting to meet with members of the Parish Council regarding a planning proposal was noted. It was agreed to offer 11:30 on Wednesday 22nd May 2019, after the Recreation Committee meeting.

269.To resolve that the Deed of Covenant's for the land/war memorial should be signed as necessary, for the transfer of land of the war memorial to be made to the Parish Council (documents scanned and circulated by email 2/4/19 to Parish Cllrs).

Resolved; proposed Cllr. Townsend, seconded Cllr. Sedgley; that the documents should be signed.

270.To discuss the Neighbourhood Development Plan.

Resolved; proposed Cllr. Townsend, seconded Cllr. Sedgley, that the latest draft NDP should be sent to Avon Planning Services to ensure the format/layout is correct.

270.1 There was a discussion about the provision of allotments. It was stated there were vacancies on Wood Lane allotments now, when allotments had been requested at the Annual Statutory Parish meeting in 2010, it had been stated that apparently there were 17 people on a waiting list for these allotments, with a large number of these people being from Cheswick Green

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271.To discuss the template presented by CSW for an Emergency Plan.

271.1 Deferred.

272.To discuss the car park (which is part owned by the brewery – Enterprise Inns (EI)/SDL – the Managing Agents for the shops – the Village Surgery and the Parish Council), in relation to litter and security.

272.1 There had been no progress and no quotes had been received since the meeting with the EI/SDL and members of the Parish Council.

273.To discuss the area outside the shops and litter.

273.1 There was a discussion and various comments about the car park and the area in front of the shops. It was suggested that the Managing Agent should contact the shops regarding clearing up litter. It was stated that only the Bangla restaurant appeared to do this.

274.To discuss speeding motorists in Cheswick Green.

274.1 It was noted that the Parish Council had received information, a catalogue and prices for various traffic calming measures. Members thought installing flashing speed signs could help slow drivers down.

274.2 It was felt the Parish Council would need permission from SMBC, for this to go ahead and to make enquires about this.

274.3 Cllr. Gosling referred to asking SMBC to provide a sign, warning drivers about Noble Way.

274.4 There were various comments about Street Watch schemes.

274.5 It was stated that cars zoomed in and out of Coppice Walk.

275.To discuss regular checks on the defibrillator and who should/will do this.

275.1 It was stated that the defibrillator outside the Village Hall had now been registered on a national database, as a result of this the Clerk had received an email stating it was due to be checked.

275.2 The Clerk said she had looked through the documentation for the defibrillator and there was a check list. The Clerk said she thought this documentation should be removed from the Parish Council office and located where it was more accessible in the Village Hall.

275.3 It was suggested the VHMC could deal with the checks and locate the documents.

276.To receive any reports from Councillors and/or the Clerk.

276.1 Cllr. Gosling said she had chased Openreach and received a response, with two options in relation to getting fibre to the premises and fibre to the cabinet. She explained that this was to improve the speed of Broadband and she would pursue this.

277.Update/report from Village Hall Management Committee.

277.1 Due to the absence of Cllr. Swain this item was deferred.

278.To open and discuss quotes for work on the toilets in the Village Hall.

278.1 Due to the absence of Cllr. Swain this item was deferred. It was understood that the VHMC was trying to obtain further quotes, as despite contacting 6 companies initially, only one quote had been submitted. There were suggestions about local companies that could be approached.

279.To discuss Mr. Pettinger's draft Cheswick Green the first 40 years.

279.1 Cllr. Gosling explained that Mr. Pettinger had written the history of Cheswick Green and why it had happened, she said it was very good and interesting. He wanted to get it published and had asked the Parish Council for assistance with this. He had obtained a verbal quote so far.

279.2 Cllr. Gosling informed residents that Mr. Pettinger had also written about the history of the memorial stones and this was on the Parish Councils website, she said he had updated this and they were waiting for the updated version to put on the website.

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280.To consider and resolve any action(s) in relation to items of correspondence received *(issued to Parish Cllrs. with the agenda).*

280.1 A copy of a letter a local resident had sent to Dame Caroline Spelman MP, objecting to Site 12 in the Local Development Plan was noted. Cllr. Gosling said he should be thanked for doing this.

280.2 It was felt all other matters had been dealt with.

281.To discuss and resolve any actions in relation to the ongoing CGPC action list *(issued to Parish Cllrs. with the agenda).*

281.1 It was noted the Solihull Area Committee (SAC) meeting was taking place in Solihull on Thursday 18th April 2019.

281. 2The other items were noted.

282.Agenda items for next meeting.

282.1 There were none put forward.

283. 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.

283.1 There were no further matters to discuss.

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

284.1 There was none.

285. PAYE, payroll and Pension Scheme.

Meeting closed 21:05