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RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday 27th January 2016 10:30am Cheswick Green Village Hall

Present:

Cheswick Green Parish Councillors: Len Cresswell and Steve Hall.
 Mr. Ken Wareham.

In attendance

Clerk: Marie Zizzi

0 members of the Public

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

76.1 It was noted that Cllr. Greg Allport had sent an apology.

76.2 It was noted that Mr. Matthew Gardner, SMBC Neighbourhood Co-ordinator Blythe, had sent an apology for not being able to attend.

77. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations.

77.1 None.

78. To resolve to accept the Minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 18th November 2015 (issued to Rec. Committee members with the agenda).

Resolved; - all in favour; that these Minutes should be accepted as a true and accurate record.

79. To report any issues from site risk assessments since the last meeting and to provide Clerk with reports for filing.

79.1 Cllr. Cresswell had nothing to report.

79.2 Mr. Wareham had nothing to report.

79.3 Information regarding the Mount was noted; footpaths - covered with leaves, mowing of the meadow – covered with leaves, litter – litter pick undertaken 12th January 2016, other – kick plate near gate needs repairing and soil under gate needs removing.

79.4 In relation to Saxon Wood Road, there were comments about possibly having the ivy cut back.

80. Public Participation.

80.1 Not applicable - no members of the public present.

81. To discuss any issues that relate to Solihull MBC. Matthew Gardner invited to participate – if present.

81.1 It was stated that the splay on the corner of Glenwood Drive had been trimmed and it was now possible to see the sign and the post, however it was felt that this was still a very dangerous corner and suggested that the front hedge was removed.

81.2 It was noted that at the previous meeting, the Clerk had been asked to inform Matthew that the sign road name for Creynolds Lane, opposite to the north entrance of Cheswick Way had been removed, it was noted that Matthew had responded that a new sign had been ordered.

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81.3 It was noted that further to information sent from SMBC, the Parish Council had applied to Tesco for some funding and had been successful with this.

82. To discuss writing to Jubilee Garden tree sponsors.

82.1 Cllr. Hall said he was working on this and he would make progress with this as soon as possible, he said this had been going on for too long now.

82.2 Cllr. Hall said he hoped that this would be sorted out before the next Recreation Committee meeting.

82.3 There were comments about dedicating a tree to Chris Noble. Cllr. Hall pointed out that there were a number of trees within the Jubilee Garden that had not been sponsored. It was agreed that a tag could be produced for a tree for Chris and that Mrs. Noble should be informed.

82.4 There were comments about a small tree on the Village Green, near to Spinney Drive and it was suggested that this could be removed.

83. Report/update on turning on off the Christmas tree lights.

83.1 It was stated that this event had gone very well; it had been excellent this time.

83.2 It was suggested that a date and time were obtained from Shirley Round Table for the rounds it would be carrying out in December 2016.

83.3 There were comments about the need to know when the local school Christmas Fayre would be taking place.

Action item: 2016 Christmas tree lights event to be discussed from September 2016 onwards.

83.4 There were some comments about when the lights had been switched off and whether the lights had been taken down yet.

83.5 It was stated that the Recreation Committee Christmas meal had gone very well and Mr. Wareham was thanked for organising this.

84. Solihull MBCs Ward Action Plan.

84.1 It was noted that a couple of suggestions had been put forward to SMBC in relation to the Ward Action Plan.

85. To discuss Cheswick Green Village Green (*DEFRA Factsheet 5: Town and Village Greens*).

85.1 Cllr. Hall said this could possibly cost £800.

85.2 Cllr. Cresswell said as this was a piece of sloping wet land, with lots of trees, it was probably safe.

86. Review of actions list (*issued to Rec. Committee members with the agenda*).

86.1 It was stated the flower troughs under road signs had been sorted out now.

86.2 It was noted that in relation to previous funding received from SMBC, some work had been undertaken, but there still some outstanding jobs, such as the painting of the bridge and the Youth Shelter. It was noted that the weather had been particularly bad and it had not been possible to carry out this work yet.

86.3 It was noted that a tree inspection report needed to be undertaken this year, as it had been 3 year since the last one.

Action item: Clerk to find out when the previous report was carried out and send a copy of this to Cllr. Hall.

86.4 In relation to the Jubilee Garden, it was noted that the plaque was now in place.

86.5 In relation to the WW1 Commemorative Garden, it was noted that one of the roses had died.

Action item: Cllr. Cresswell to inform Mr. Ranson about the dead rose.

86.6 In relation to the children's guide to the Mount, it was noted that an invoice had been received and that the Parish Council was awaiting an electronic version of this, then a copy needed to be circulated for checking.

86.7 It was noted that there was an outstanding item for Matthew Gardner; *a metal no dog fouling sign had been requested, to be installed on the post on Saxon Wood Road.*

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86.8 Cllr. Cresswell said that SMBC had arranged for a couple of roads to be cleared and a good job had been carried out on Watery Lane.

86.9 There were comments about 2 cottages on Creynolds Lane, where the overgrowth was causing vehicles to swerve in the road, because the overgrowth was very close to the kerb.

86.10 There were comments about the gully under Illshaw Heath Road, adjacent to the crossroads and about the road markings having virtually disappeared.

86.11 There were comments about the grey footpath between Cheswick Way and Saxon Wood Road, it was stated that the overgrowth had been cut back, however towards the rear end by No. 4 Waterdale, there were E.H. Smith sandbags and breeze blocks. It was suggested that a building was possibly being created and that this may need to be investigated, as there was a large collection of builders' rubble, sand and slabs.

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

87.1 There were no items of correspondence.

88. Report/update on Grounds maintenance, litter picking and bin emptying.

88.1 It was stated that the Grounds Maintenance Contractor did a good job and now there were the new bins, there appeared to be less litter.

89. To discuss setting meeting dates to April/May 2016 - date for next meeting and agenda items.

89.1 It was agreed that future Recreation Committee meetings would take place on Wednesday 24th February 2016, Wednesday 23rd March 2016 and Wednesday 27th April 2016 commencing at 1030am.

Meeting closed 12:10am