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RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday 6th February 2019 10:30am Cheswick Green Village Hall

Present:

Cheswick Green Parish Councillors: Sam Sedgley, Mick Swain and Peter Townsend.

In attendance

Matthew Gardner, Neighbourhood Co-ordinator SMBC

Clerk: Marie Zizzi

0 members of the public

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

1.1 There were none.

2 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations.

2.1 None.

3. Public Participation.

3.1 There were no members of the public present.

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

4.1 Mr. Gardner was informed that a number of messages sent to Officers/Councillors at Solihull MBC from the Parish Council had not been replied to or even acknowledged.

4.2 There were comments about work starting on Vicarage Road then stopping, and about only one side of Tanworth Lane being done.

4.3 Mr. Gardner said in relation to Vicarage Road, Watery Lane and Creynolds Lane, some cutting back had taken place for vision displays. He said edging back on the footpaths had been done.

4.4 Mr. Gardner informed the committee that some of these areas were not on the core contract, which was why work was only carried out on an ad hoc basis, with temporary works. He said it had been discovered that a lot of areas around the Borough were not on the core contract.

4.5 There were comments about there being lots of brambles and noted, Solihull MBC had asked various residents to carry out work in relation to their properties.

4.6 It was stated that the Parish Council had requested the removal of some shrubs to be included in the Ward Action Plan.

4.7 Mr. Gardner said Watery Lane at the junction was in a poor state and there would be some anti-skid repair work carried out on the road. He explained that the Bloor Homes development had caused some delays to work.

4.8 There were comments about resurfacing at the top of Tanworth Lane and stated that the corner needed doing.

4.9 Mr. Gardner referred to the walkway by The Dingle, he said it was on the list for work to be carried out 2019-20. It was stated that the Laurel needed cutting back.

4.10 It was stated the off Tanworth Lane, where the new access/egress to Cheswick Place was, this had been there for about a year now, it seemed to be quite narrow and there were no road signs to warn drivers that a left turn was coming up.

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4.10.1 It was stated that the development was not yet completed, therefore the roads would not have been adopted by Solihull MBC yet.

4.10.2 There were comments about the need for a joined-up path through to Watery Lane, as people had to cross the road from the new development to the existing footpath.

4.11 There were comments about two houses on Saxon Wood Road in the hammer head, where it was possible to walk to the Bloor Homes development and cross a bridge to access the new houses. The householder was concerned about people walking across their front garden. The Parish Council had contacted Bloor's about this and apparently, they were discussing what could be done.

4.12 It was stated that on Tanworth Lane at Lady Lane, near the new development there were three lighting columns but only one worked. It was pointed out that lighting was needed outside the new development at the junction, it was queried whether there were any plans to put a light on Noble Way.

4.13 It was stated Borough Councillor Ken Hawkins had posted something on Facebook/his blog regarding the new junction at Creynolds Lane/Stratford Road about it being very good. Members of the Parish Council did not agree. It was noted that an email had been sent to Ken and Ashley Prior (Head of Highways at Solihull MBC), detailing what the Parish Council thought.

4.13.1 It was stated the three main things were; 1) the junction had been open 4-5 months now and there were still signs stating work was taking place; Mr. Gardner said he could arrange to get these removed. 2) The tarmac was already crumbling on the left turn out of Creynolds Lane about 50 metres along and in the filter lane towards Birmingham; Mr. Gardner said he could refer this to the Highways department. 3) There were two drains on the corner of Creynolds Lane/Stratford Road with silting, therefore when it rained, they were blocked; Mr. Gardner said he could arrange for these to be checked.

4.13.2 It was pointed out that there were no 'new road layout' signs and that drivers saw a pedestrian light turn green, due to there being two sets of lights and turned out into the road, there had been incidents/accidents already, there were no benefits from the work that had been carried out. It was suggested that the work had been done for the buses.

5. To discuss verges in the parish; Tanworth Lane/Vicarage Road/Watery Lane/Salter Street/Shutt Lane.

5.1 Dealt with.

6. To resolve to accept the Minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday 3rd October 2018.

Resolved; Cllr. Sedgley and Cllr. Swain agreed these were a true and accurate record.

7. To report any issues from site risk assessments since the last meeting and to provide Clerk with reports for filing. To review who does which risk assessment and to produce new risk assessment for the War Memorial.

7.1 The Clerk was asked to ascertain whether Mr. Hall was still willing to carry out risk assessments.

7.2 Cllr. Swain submitted a risk assessment for the Recreation Ground.

7.3 Cllr. Swain agreed to draft a risk assessment for the War Memorial.

8. Update on Grounds maintenance, litter picking and bin emptying.

8.1 Cllr. Swain enquired if this committee could recommend to the Parish Council, to extend the existing grounds maintenance contract for another two years, if the contactor was willing to carry on at the same price or with a small increase. It was agreed to do this.

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9. To discuss the playing fields.

9.1 It was noted that there had been broken beer glasses and bottles on the car park and Recreation Ground. It was stated that litter was from the cars.

10. To discuss various issues in relation to Cheswick Place including; the entrance via Tanworth Lane, access/egress, new pathway from Noble Way to Crossroads garage, lack of road signs in/out of Cheswick Place and street lighting.

10.1 Dealt with.

11. Review of actions list.

11.1 It was agreed that the Clerk should arrange for a tree inspection.

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

12.1 There were none.

13. To discuss co-opting members.

13.1 Deferred.

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

14.1 Wednesday 22nd May 2019 at 10:30am.

Meeting closed 11:25