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## CHESWICK GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2019 7:30pm Cheswick Green Village Hall**

**Present:** Cheswick Green Parish Councillors: Len Cresswell, Margaret Gosling, Michelle Smith and Peter Townsend.

Clerk: Marie Zizzi

2 members of the Public

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

49.1 Apologies had been submitted by Cllr. Sedgley and Cllr. Swain, these were accepted.

### **50. Declarations of Interest.**

50.1 There were none.

### **51. Dispensations.**

51.1 There were none.

### **52. Public Participation (15 Minutes).**

52.1 Cllr. Gosling said she wanted to remind everyone that the public should only speak during the public participation section, however, if they had information that was useful on other items of the agenda it would be acceptable to give it.

52.2 James had previously emailed the Parish Council regarding the possibility of running football sessions for youngsters on the Recreation Ground. (*He had been sent the form to complete*).

52.2.1 James was informed that the Recreation Ground was prone to flooding at times of the year. It was stated that the moving of the goal posts was probably due.

52.2.2 It was noted that he was only planning to do outside sessions in the summer at present. With possibly winter training indoors at either Leisure Centres or Sports Halls, if there was enough interest.

52.2.3 James confirmed that this would mainly be geared for youngsters in Cheswick Green.

52.2.4 James said he had two boys that were football crazy, he had run under 7s and 8s teams for years. When they had been on holiday recently, on a camp site, there were some kids playing football and his 8-year-old went over to join in, however his older son wouldn't as he was very nervous and he had wondered why.

52.2.5 James spoke about there being different opinions when it came to coaching, he said his sessions would not criticise nor allow any bullying. He referred to the older environment of football with swearing and screaming at the kids. He said his older boy had almost turned away from football, it was possible that he was not enjoying it anymore.

52.2.6 James said his sessions would be open to boys and girls, they would be about friendship groups and creating an environment to develop confidence, to show football could be fun, it was not just about competition. He said he had contacts to get them into teams, if they wanted to do this. He said his sessions would not be intense, more a kick around.

52.2.7 James referred to having sessions possibly once a week on a Wednesday.

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52.2.8 Jayne Brown was also present and it was noted she was involved with the Youth Club held in the Village Hall on a Friday. Jayne said they had volunteers that took some of the youths outside for football.

52.2.9 James said the sessions would be flexible, possibly 2 groups, one for up to 7 years old and one for older children, but he would not be rigid about this.

52.2.10 Jayne said she thought this would be successful in Cheswick Green, she said youths here liked football.

52.2.11 James said he would advertise the sessions by word of mouth and social media, he would probably run a couple of sessions for people to just join in. Jayne offered to give leaflets out. James said he would possibly like start around 19<sup>th</sup> July for the summer holidays.

52.2.12 Councillors had no objections to this taking place and were supportive of getting youngsters outside.

52.2.13 James said the first session could be free and if a person brought someone for another session, they may get another free session. He referred to possibly charging £5 and if there were siblings £3. He said he would provide all the equipment and he also had trophies to hand out, he would need to use the goal posts.

52.2.14 It was noted that access to the Village Hall maybe necessary for the toilets, for this permission would be needed from the VHMC. It was stated parent's attendance was mandatory.

52.3 Jayne referred to the RA meeting, she said it had been disappointing and the attitude of the Chairman was not good at all.

52.3.1 Jayne informed the Parish Council that the Charlie Jay Foundation had donated £1000 to Cheswick Green school to improve its Forest School, which was for all pupils once a week, as this was good for their well-being. She added that Mr. & Mrs. Jay were very keen and pleased about this.

52.3.1 Jayne said the fund had also paid for a sixth child from Cheswick Green, who was in crisis, to receive privately funded counselling. There had been some fantastic success rates with this and it ranged from a youngster self-harming to suicidal thoughts, as well as issues such as anxiety, causing someone to feel they could not attend school.

52.3.2 Jayne said they had applied to the Active Citizen's fund and been successful in obtaining £2900, which she was thrilled about, as they would do so much with this money for the 75 youngsters now registered with the club.

52.3.3 Jayne said £740 would be spent sending 2 volunteers on the Mental Health Awareness and First Aid course, which was quite expensive. Jayne said the Director of the Tappy Twins had offered to train all the volunteers in Mental Health Awareness at a cost of £500, 12 adults from Cheswick Green would receive this training.

52.3.4 Councillors asked how the individual youngsters were identified for the private counselling. It was noted the neither the surgery nor the school were able to divulge any information, so it was mainly due to word of mouth and people talking to each other.

52.3.5 Jayne referred to all the money that had been donated for Charlie on the 'just giving page', she said in September at their AGM, she would inform people what the money had been spent on, it had been just under £5000. It was noted that some had been spent on the Youth Shelter. Jayne said they also had two fundraising events.

52.4 Cllr. Cresswell referred to Forest School, he asked where the pupils did this. Jayne replied within the school grounds. Cllr. Cresswell commented about them not using the Mount as there was asbestos buried there.

### **53. To resolve to accept the Minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2019 (circulated to Parish Cllrs. with the agenda).**

53.1 Cllr. Cresswell requested an amendment and gave his reasons for this.

53.1.1 Cllr. Gosling made some comments regarding the type of dog Cllr. Cresswell had.

53.1.2 Cllr. Cresswell reiterated which sentence he wanted to be removed and why.

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53.1.3 Cllr Gosling asked if everyone was happy for this and members agreed, subject to this amendment;

**Resolved;** proposed Cllr. Townsend, seconded Cllr. Smith, the minutes were accepted.

**54. To receive a report on the finances of the Council and to approve any payments made since last meeting and any payments to be made and to consider any quotes submitted.** (circulated to Parish Cllrs. with the agenda)

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

100153	Exercise class instructor May 2019	£54.00
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**Chgs/Electronic payment transactions to be approved June 2019 PC meeting**

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Net</b>
Meadowfields GM	Empty new litter bin on Saxon Wood Rd May	£ 48.00	£ 8.00	£ 40.00
Vision ICT	Email host	£ 79.20	£13.20	£ 66.00
Sign Specialists	No dogs allowed/CCTV	£165.60	£27.60	£138.00
	Chris Noble and Janet Leese	£168.00	£28.00	£140.00

More in confidential section.

Petty cash £98.17

54.1 Cllr. Townsend said he had obtained a quote for work to refurbish the toilets in the Village Hall.

54.1.1 Cllr. Cresswell asked why the Parish Council was paying for this when the VHMC had £22k.

54.1.2 Cllr. Gosling said when the Parish Council had agreed to pay for the new doors, it had also been agreed to spend money on other things. She said the VHMC had spent money on the lighting, the kitchen and other things. She said there was a need to keep a balance in case bookings went down.

54.1.3 It was stated that the Parish Council had agreed to pay for the toilets before the VHMC had £22k, it had been agreed a long time ago.

54.1.4 It was noted this would be looked at during the next meeting.

**Quotes received**

<b>Company</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Net</b>
Midland Forestry	Work on trees	£4092.00	£682.00	£3420.00
WM Security & Fire	CCTV towards Recreation ground	£1560.00		

54.2 Cllr. Gosling suggested they accepted the quote for the work on trees and to get this done as soon as possible. There were no objections.

54.3 Cllr. Smith enquired whether the quote for the CCTV included a camera at the other end of the Village Hall, it was noted it did not, but this was a good idea.

54.3.1 It was noted the quote included a night camera.

54.3.2 There were comments about having some low-level lighting; Cllr. Cresswell said he did not agree with this, there was no lighting in any parks.

54.3.3 Cllr. Gosling said they did need to consider lighting, but they needed to be careful about what they did, as some types could be vandalised.

54.3.4 Cllr. Townsend asked James if he had any experience with this. Cllr Cresswell objected to him doing this. Cllr. Townsend did not see what the problem was asking someone with experience about this. James replied that there was a park with solar lights in the ground, lower than cats-eyes, which only came on at night.

54.3.5 It was agreed that Cllr. Townsend should go back to WM Security & Fire for an additional camera, to get the CCTV sorted out first and to discuss and explore lighting later.

**Resolved;** proposed Cllr. Townsend, seconded Cllr. Smith; that all payments were approved.

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**55. To discuss the CIL money and consider what this should/could be spent on.**

55.1 Cllr. Gosling said this was to be spent on things to benefit the community. She referred to trying to obtain a quote from Openreach for fibre to the cabinet, to improve broadband/internet.

55.2 Cllr. Gosling said there was also the project for the park with Warwickshire Wildlife Trust. Cllr. Cresswell enquired what this was. Cllr. Gosling explained it was to look at the wet land on the Recreation Ground, to try to reduce the flooding risk and to attract wildlife.

55.3 It was noted that there had been suggestions about possibly spending some CIL on 'speed signs' and this needed to be looked at in more detail, regarding where these should be located and what type. It was suggested Cheswick Way and Coppice Walk.

55.4 It was stated the Parish Council needed to ask the residents and to possibly display a notice asking the community to put forward ideas.

**56. To receive any reports or recommendations from the Recreation Committee and to resolve any action to be taken.**

56.1 The Clerk said it had been recommended that the PC delegate the Recreation Committee the authority to spend up to £2000.

**Resolved;** proposed Cllr. Townsend, seconded Cllr. Smith.

**57. To receive any reports or recommendations from the Planning Committee and any update in relation to the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) and other planning matters.**

57.1 It was noted there was a meeting on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019 at 3pm, however 2 members of the Working Party could not attend this.

57.1.1 Cllr. Gosling suggested they were asked to update their parts for the meeting.

**58. To consider planning applications (separate list issued to Parish Cllrs with the agenda) and local development including progress regarding Cheswick Place/Mount Dairy Farm and Blythe Valley Business Park/IM.**

58.1 In relation to Cheswick Place; Cllr. Gosling said the path from Saxon Wood Road to Cheswick Place was almost completed now and it had been done well.

**PL/2019/01252/PPRM** - Blythe Valley Park Blythe Gate Shirley Solihull; Erection of a new office building (USE Class B1), and technical centre (Use Class B2) with associated internal access road, vehicle calibration track, car parking, cycle storage, substations, 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

58.2 There were no comments to be submitted.

**PL/2019/01332/PPRM** - Blythe Valley Park Blythe Gate Shirley Solihull; Erection of 48 residential apartments and three ground floor commercial units, with associated parking and 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

58.3 There were no comments to be submitted.

**PL/2019/01234/MINFHO** - 49 Illshaw Heath Road Hockley Heath Solihull B94 6RT; Detached garage and driveway with access to Illshaw Road

58.4 Comments to submitted were that this was very large, close to the house next to it and it was in the greenbelt.

**PL/2019/01453/VAR** - The Oracle Building Oracle Drive Shirley Solihull; Remove condition N. 2 on planning approval PL/2018/02053/PPFL

58.5 There were no comments to be submitted.

**PL/2019/01447/MINFHO** - 17 Waterdale Cheswick Green Solihull B90 4JP; Erect log cabin style garden room (Constructed from interlocking 44mm redwood pine logs that extend approximately 100mm past the outside of the wall. The edge of the extended logs will be approximately 1.1 metres from the rear boundary of the property and 0.25 metres from the side boundary. The roof and floor being constructed from 19mm tongue and groove boards with a roof covering of hexagonal felt shingles. The base for the garden room will be a concrete slab on compacted hardcore and a dpm. Drainage from the roof will be guttering and down pipe into a water butt and/or soak away).

58.6 Comments to be submitted were that the applicant should ensure this development does not overlook the property at the back of its garden.

**59. 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.**

59.1 It was stated that no quotes had been received from anyone.

**60. To discuss the area outside the shops and litter.**

60.1 There were comments about the scheme when the shops and surgery had all paid a monthly amount, for a regular litter pick and tidy up outside their areas.

60.2 It was suggested to possibly write to the Managing Agent about the litter again and again.

60.3 There were comments about A-frames outside the Post Office, it was stated there should only be 2 but there were 4.

60.4 Cllr. Cresswell said the pub had moved its fence from where it had been to exclude an edge with weeds.

60.5 Cllr. Gosling referred to pools of water outside the shops, that froze in the winter.

60.6 It was stated that the drains in front of the chemist and the Post Office were blocked and to inform the Managing Agent about these.

**61. To discuss speeding motorists in Cheswick Green.**

61.1 It was reiterated there needed to be a discussion about the possibility of obtaining slow down signs.

**62. To discuss parking in Cheswick Green.**

62.1 Cllr. Gosling said sometimes cars were parked so pavements were blocked and it was not possible to walk through. She said it was difficult to stop people doing this. She referred to Snowhill Drive being a problem for years.

62.2 There were comments about emergency and refuse vehicles being unable to get through. That people needed to leave enough space on pavements for wheelchairs and prams to get by.

62.3 Cllr. Cresswell said it was not illegal to park on pavements, it was a bad habit that had become the normal. He said it was illegal to park on grass, SMBC had a byelaw in relation to this and people could be charged. He referred to a van parked on Saxon Wood Road that took the whole of the pavement at one stage. He said if drivers were challenged about this, some said it was to let traffic get passed.

62.4 Cllr. Smith referred to the ticketed scheme in Dickens Heath, she said if they did this in Cheswick Green people would not be able to get in/out of Snowhill Drive.

62.5 It was stated parking was an issue everywhere, that people did not use their garages and that modern developments had less parking, possibly one and a half spaces per house, there was not enough space.

62.6 Cllr. Cresswell the Dickens Heath scenario had taken a long time to happen, the Parish Council had engaged with the police and SMBC. It was hard to implement but it was working.

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62.7 It was suggested to have a scheme like this implemented in Cheswick Green for everywhere except Snowhill Drive. It was stated it would be very difficult to do it here.

62.8 Cllr. Gosling suggested they asked people to be more considerate, to think about where and how they parked.

62.9 There were comments about rows of garages, security/sensory lighting and these areas being privately owned.

62.10 Cllr. Cresswell said they could ask the police and the Borough Council to come and talk to the Parish Council.

62.11 It was agreed to keep this item on the agenda.

### **63. To receive any reports from Councillors and/or the Clerk.**

63.1 Cllr. Townsend reiterated he had a quote for the toilets and they could look at this at the next meeting.

63.2 Cllr. Smith said Cheswick Green school had a netball team, that had played in a tournament and won 1<sup>st</sup> place. She said the school would not fund the team to have a kit. She wondered if the Parish Council could do anything for them and the football team, if the Parish Council could sponsor them.

63.2.1 Cllr. Cresswell said if they did this, they would have to do it for St. Patricks as well, as it was in the parish but not in the catchment area.

63.2.2 It was queried whether the PTA had been asked and stated that this could be considered in the future

63.3 Cllr. Gosling said she would try and obtain a quote from Openreach again. It was stated that people were not keen to have Virgin, as it was unreliable.

63.3.1 Cllr. Cresswell referred to a plan for the whole village to be done.

63.3.2 Cllr. Gosling said that because the village had Virgin, they were not eligible for grants, she said trying to get fibre was a way forward, Creynolds Lane could have it and it could go to the cabinet by the school, it may not cost too much.

63.3.3 Cllr. Cresswell commented about putting pressure on SMBC, the Borough Councillors and their MP.

### **64. Update/report from Village Hall Management Committee (VHMC).**

64.1 Cllr. Gosling said as Cllr. Swain was not present there was no-one to update/report. She said she was pleased with the way things were going, the hall was looking really nice, it was a good environment and very well used.

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

65.1 Correspondence from WALC regarding VE Day was noted.

65.1.1 Cllr. Cresswell said next year Cheswick Green would be 50 years old, since the start of the village and he requested this was on the agenda for the next meeting. He queried what they were going to do, he said the village could celebrate.

65.2 The information from Vision ICT regarding Operation London Bridge and Prince Philip and Prince Charles was noted, it was agreed to go ahead with this.

65.3 Information from Warwickshire County Council was noted.

65.4 An email from the Manager from the Saxon pub, regarding an idea for a party was noted. It was stated there needed to be a meeting to discuss this further.

65.4.1 It was noted that the proposal was for it to be a ticketed event, for locals, that was Marshalled.

65.4.2 There were comments about fencing off the park area for this. Cllr. Cresswell said this could not be done, as it was a public footpath.

65.4.3 Councillors queried this and it was stated that surely the park could be closed for a few hours. There was a need to oversee any obstacles that were in the way.

Councillors commented about roads being closed for street parties etc.

65.4.4 It was stated the Parish Council would need to give permission.

65.4.5 It was noted that the request was to have a meeting to discuss this. It was suggested to offer Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June at 10am and stated the Village Hall would need to be booked.

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65.5 An email from a local resident offering to tidy up a planter on Creynolds Lane was noted. It was stated this person had done this before last year, sent in receipts for what they had spent and the Parish Council had reimbursed the costs. It was agreed that this could go ahead. Cllr. Cresswell said he would mend it.

65.6 It was noted that a person who had booked the Village Hall on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June, to hold a fundraising event had been in contact with the Clerk, regarding the possibility of selling alcohol on the car park. Members were not in agreement to this. It was noted the car park was jointly owned by the brewery, Carver Estates and the Parish Council, it was agreed it was not appropriate to have a mobile bar on the car park. The Clerk was instructed to let the person know.

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

66.1 Noted.

**67. Agenda items for next meeting.**

67.1 It was stated a few had been mentioned during the meeting.

**68. 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.**

68.1 Cllr. Gosling proposed the members of the public left the meeting. There was nothing further to discuss.

Members of the public left at 20:50

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

69.1 There were none.

**70. PAYE, payroll and Pension Scheme.**

**Meeting closed 8:50pm**