



Cheswick Green Parish Council

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CHESWICK GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

Wednesday 9th October 2019 7:30pm Cheswick Green Village Hall

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

Clerk: Marie Zizzi

1 member of the public

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

128.1 Apologies were received from Cllr. Sedgley and Cllr. Swain, they were accepted.

129. Declarations of Interest.

129.1 There were none.

130. Dispensations.

130.1 There were none.

131. Public Participation (15 Minutes).

131.1 Borough Cllr. Ken Hawkins was in attendance, he acknowledged that he had not been to a Parish Council meeting for a few months and said he could not always get here. He spoke about SMBCs climate emergency motion being agreed with a declaration in relation to saving money, energy, carbon and LED lighting.

131.2 Cllr. Hawkins said the Local Plan was plodding away, but there would not be anything soon.

131.3 Cllr. Hawkins referred to local issues Cllr. James Butler was involved with. He said he had met with Kieron Bridges, Area Manager - Transport Operations, Birmingham, Solihull & Coventry, Transport for the West Midlands (TfWM), at the Road Show. Kieron had sent him an email confirming the reasons for changes to the S7-8 service, he referred to there not being enough time capacity.

131.3.1 It was stated that the timetable was nonsense. Cllr. Hawkins referred to school dropping off times and reverting to going up Cheswick Way, he said TfWM would review this if parking restrictions were in place on Cheswick Way.

131.3.2 There were comments about the bus stop on the corner of Creynolds Lane, the 40-mph speed limit not being adhered to, there being no bus stop for the A8 and that drivers had been told not to stop.

131.3.3 Cllr. Cresswell asked Cllr. Hawkins about Cheswick Way in the morning and what he anticipated it to be like in 2 years' time due to the Blythe Valley development.

131.3.4 Cllr. Hawkins said Cheswick Green was the identified school, but Officers did not agree, children would go to Monkspath, he said half of the children, 330 came from outside Monkspath.

131.3.5 There were comments about the school increasing in capacity and this not meaning people would drive there. Cllr. Hawkins said there would be a school bus for Blythe Valley from the Section 106 funding.

131.3.6 Cllr. Cresswell said the size of Cheswick Green was to double, he referred to making capacity and the previous Parish Council wanting an access from the rear, across the field SMBC owned, he said this would solve the problem. There were already 24 cars parked per day from the school, a proper road was needed from Creynolds Lane to the back of the school.

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131.3.7 Cllr. Gosling said there had been too many objections to this. Cllr. Cresswell responded that the objections were from the Residents Association people.

131.3.8 Cllr. Hawkins said something would need to be done, it would be a good few years before people moved in to Blythe Valley, he referred to the trickle effect and the catchment area, he said half the pupils at Cheswick Green school came from outside Cheswick Green, he had the exact figures from 3 years ago.

131.3.9 Cllr. Cresswell said he thought Cllr. Hawkins was wrong, he added that his wife was a governor at the school.

131.3.10 Cllr. Smith queried how many children from Cheswick Place were going to Cheswick Green school.

131.3.11 Cllr. Cresswell replied plenty and he commented about it taking 2 years for Cheswick Place to be built.

131.3.12 Cllr. Smith asked when building work would take place at Cheswick Green school.

131.3.13 Cllr. Hawkins said the key was the number of houses sold, he said in relation to schools' people would go all over the place.

131.3.14 It was stated that once Blythe Valley was up and running, there would be a problem and it was the same at every single school.

131.3.15 Cllr. Cresswell reiterated entering the school from the back would solve the issue.

131.1.16 Cllr. Gosling disagreed, she said that area was the only gap between Cheswick Green and the rest of the town, if this area was built across they would lose the field. Cllr. Cresswell said only the width of a road was needed, he reiterated it was solvable.

131.3.17 Cllr. Hawkins referred to making the school a 'School Street Zone'.

131.1.18 Cllr. Smith asked if parking restrictions were introduced if the buses would go though. Cllr. Hawkins said he believed so.

131.1.19 Cllr. Townsend said if the problem outside the school was sorted out, it would just move to somewhere else.

131.1.20 Cllr. Hawkins said if they did nothing there were consequences and if they did something there were consequences.

131.1.21 Cllr. Gosling asked when the lights on the Stratford Road were being taken down.

131.1.22 Cllr. Hawkins said possibly in the new year, he said resurfacing was needed and to realign the lane, he referred to a left turn to Creynolds Lane and having two for straight on.

At 19:50 Cllr. Hawkins left the meeting.

132. To resolve to accept the Minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 11th September 2019 (circulated to Parish Cllrs. with the agenda).

132.1 One small amendment had been requested by Cllr. Swain, this was noted and subject to this;

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

133. 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 (circulated to Parish Cllrs. with the agenda).

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

100158	Exercise class instructor for Sept 2019	£81.00
100159	CG VHMC use of hall July-Sep	£77.00

Chgs/Electronic payment transactions to be approved Oct 2019 PC meeting

Payee	Reason	Total
Meadowfields	Cutting ivy from tree Saxon Wood Road	£ 60.00
Meadowfields	Empty bin on Saxon Wood Road	£ 48.00
Zurich	Insurance renewal	£ 932.72
RBL	Poppy wreaths x 3	£ 60.00
CGVHMC	Use of hall July-Sep	£ 26.00

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Aquaquip <i>(in partnership with Dennison plumbing)</i>	Materials to refurbish Village Hall toilets	£10,000.00
Meadowfields GM	Re-welding of the gate post Rec. ground	£ 144.00
	Empty bin Saxon Wood Rd	£ 60.00
	Repair post and rail on car park	£ 198.00
	Trim back branches overgrowing footpath	£ 60.00
	Recreation ground	Total £ 462.00
Marie Zizzi	Petty cash top up	£ 58.00

More in confidential section.

It was noted that when the agenda was issued petty cash had been £77.48, however since then the Clerk had purchased a multi pack of ink for home printer costing £36 leaving £41.48 therefore petty cash needed to be topped up.

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

134. To receive second quarter (April-Sept 2019) expenditure sheets and bank reconciliation *(issued to Parish Councillors with the agenda).*

134.1 There were no queries in relation to what had been issued.

135. To resolve to accept updated Financial Regulations *(draft circulated to Parish Councillors by email 30/09/3019).*

135.1 The members went through the suggested amendments and agreed these. It was noted 4.4 stated 'the salary budgets are to be reviewed at least annually in October...'; it was agreed to defer this until Cllr. Swain was back as he was a member of the Staffing Panel.

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

136. To arrange date and time to discuss 2020-21 budget.

136.1 It was noted that the Recreation Committee was meeting on Wednesday 6th November and this was to be followed by a meeting with Mr. David Kearney from SMBC, to discuss the possibility of installing slow down signage. It was suggested members that were present could look at the budget after this, depending on the time.

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

137.1 It was suggested some of the CIL money could be used for the refurbishment of the toilets in the Village Hall and for the Recreation Ground project.

137.2 Cllr. Gosling said in relation to Open Reach and fibre, she may have a price for this by 21st October. She referred to the 'fibre first' project that was taking place in Solihull, virtually surrounding Cheswick Green, she said if that was the case the Parish Council should not have to pay for this.

137.2.1 Cllr. Cresswell referred to the new build and Blythe Valley providing this.

137.2.2 Cllr. Gosling said residents of Cheswick Place could have Virgin or BT, not all of it was fibre. There were comments about fibre not being put in very deep into the ground.

137.2.3 Cllr. Gosling said they could push for Open Reach/fibre, if it was coming anyway and she commented about the time spent on finding out who was interested in having this.

137.2.4 Cllr. Cresswell suggested to try and get some support from the Borough Councillors.

137.3 Cllr. Gosling said they could also use some of the CIL for improvements to the parts of the car park the Parish Council owned, she said it flooded chronically. Cllr. Cresswell said that it drained quickly. Cllr. Gosling said there were ponds.

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

138.1 There were comments about the 'hacking' that had taken place on the Stratford Road and about the trees on Boscobel not being done.

138.2 Cllr. Cresswell referred to the WW1 flowerbed memorial, he said this needed discussing.

138.2.1 Cllr. Gosling said the roses were not thriving at all, she said work was to be done on the Recreation Ground and they needed advice on what would survive in the flowerbed.

138.2.2 Cllr. Cresswell said what had been there had survived, but it had been neglected for 3 years. He said there could be 12 individual plants there, it needed topsoil due to being on top of building material. He said he had previously put 3 bags of topsoil there 3 years ago.

138.2.3 It was stated it was to be weeded and tidied up. Cllr. Cresswell said the hedge at the back needed trimming.

138.2.4 There were comments about asking a local person for advice about this, as this person had planted the shrub beds in front of the shops.

138.3 There were comments about the SMBC bin in front of the shops being too small, that the SMBC bin by the pub was bigger and to possibly swap these. It was stated that the shops used the bins and they should not be doing this.

139. To review form to be completed to use the Recreation Ground.

139.1 Item deferred.

140. To receive any reports or recommendations from the Planning Committee and any update in relation to the Neighbourhood Plan and other planning matters.

140.1 There was nothing to discuss.

141. To consider any planning applications received and local development including progress regarding Cheswick Place/Mount Dairy Farm and Blythe Valley Business Park/IM.

PL/2019/02489/MINFHO – 41 Illshaw Heath Road; Replacement conservatory with orangery (following withdrawn planning application PL/2019/01890/MINFHO)

141.1 Cllr. Smith said she had looked at this, it did not appear to impact on anyone. There were no comments to be submitted.

141.2 In relation to Cheswick Place it was stated all the foundations were in.

141.3 It was stated Blythe Valley was being done and that people were living there already.

142. To discuss the possibility of having an event on Remembrance Sunday.

142.1 Cllr. Gosling said the man that had laid a wreath on behalf of the military, at the opening event had said he would do this in the afternoon this year. She said Cllr. Sedgley was happy to liaise with him and to lay a wreath from the Parish Council at the same time.

142.2 Cllr. Gosling said she would attend the SMBC event and Cllr. Swain usually put the wreath on the WW1 flowerbed.

142.3 In relation to having an event, Cllr. Gosling suggested this was something to think about for the future.

143. To discuss Cheswick Green being 50 years old in 2020 and 75th anniversary of VE Day, if/how the village should/could celebrate these events.

143.1 Cllr. Smith said about 12 people had attended the first Working Party meeting about this.

143.2 It had been suggested that the charities would be Help for Hero's, the Royal British Legion and a local charity.

143.3 In relation to road closures, Coppice Walk to Spinney Drive, in front of the shops to the Spinney Drive junction should be closed.

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143.4 Discussions had been about having a short service to begin with at the War Memorial, followed by a parade to the Village Green, led by the Brownies and to have Maypole dancing.

143.5 In relation to food, to have a Hog Roast and fish and chip vans, as well as cream teas in the Village Hall.

143.6 The local Ukulele orchestra and local dance school could be involved. There would be bunting which would be made by the Brownies.

143.7 The Working Party had also discussed inviting the Police, Military and Fire Brigade and for them to bring old vehicles and uniforms. There had been an idea to have a photographic display/exhibition, with a competition, to invite people to donate their photographs of Cheswick Green over the last 50 years, one competition for adults and one competition for children. This could be judged and voted on by members of the public.

143.8 It had also been suggested that the school should be contacted to discuss how it could get involved, it was pointed out that the PTA should also be contacted.

143.9 Cllr. Smith said there was a need to liaise with Craft Inns as no representative had been present at the meeting, she commented about possibly having bands and a disco.

144. To discuss speeding motorists, parking and any other road related matters in Cheswick Green.

144.1 It was noted that a meeting was due to take place on Wednesday 6th November with David Kearny from SMBC to discuss speeding signs. Cllr. Cresswell said he did not think the Parish Council should pay for these; it should be SMBC.

144.2 There were comments about the lines SMBC installed on roads to check the speed cars were driving at. It was stated if there was one line it only counted the number of cars, if there were two lines the number of cars and the speed they were travelling at was recorded.

144.3 There were comments about having a Speed Watch group in Cheswick Green, as there were too many speeding cars. Cllr. Cresswell said they had a group in Illshaw Heath, he said the members had received lots of abuse. Cllr. Gosling said it was 20 mph there now. Cllr. Cresswell said there had also been a group in Tidbury Green and the police had done their jobs by issuing two warning letters to drivers and then taking proceedings.

145. To discuss bus services.

145.1 It was felt this had been covered during public participation.

145.2 Cllr. Cresswell said there needed to be a timetable for the service on the Stratford Road. Cllr. Gosling said this was not in their parish Cllr. Cresswell said parishioners used this service and a timetable was needed at the bus stop.

146. To discuss and agree what the Parish Councils involvement is to be in relation to 'Cheswick Green – The First Forty Years' publication.

146.1 Cllr. Gosling said if the Parish Council contributed towards the cost of getting this published, Mr. Pettinger would provide them with a number of copies to sell. She said Cllr. Sedgley had suggested they could use some of the money made from selling the books for the May 2020 celebrations.

146.2 Cllr. Gosling had circulated an introduction she had been asked to write for the book, she asked if members agreed to this. She said Cllr. Sedgley had looked at it before she went away and she was happy with it.

146.3 Cllr. Cresswell said the last paragraph was irrelevant and that the personal parts could not be from the Parish Council. He commented about the book being about the last 40 years and reference to Cheswick Place.

146.4 Cllr. Gosling said she did not think Cheswick Place should be excluded.

146.5 Cllr. Townsend said if they were each asked to write something, they would all do something different.

146.6 Cllr. Gosling read what she had drafted. Cllr. Smith said she thought it was a good point to mention that Cllr. Gosling's family had moved from one house to another in Cheswick Green, because lots of people had done this.

146.7 Cllr. Cresswell said he could not agree with Cllr. Gosling's personal comments.

146.8 Cllr. Smith said it could be tweaked a bit, but she thought it was very nice and it was lovely. She pointed out that the part about Cllr. Gosling moving within the village also included 'like a considerable number of others'.

146.9 Cllr. Townsend said it was written as a personal statement, to see what Mr. Pettinger thought, what his comments were, he should have the final say on this.

146.10 It was queried when the book was to be published and whether there was a deadline for the introduction.

146.11 Cllr. Cresswell suggested looking at this at the next Parish Council meeting.

146.12 Cllr. Gosling said they needed to move forward with this.

146.13 Cllr. Cresswell said he would give his notes and changes to Mr. Pettinger, he would not vote on it being from the Parish Council, it should state 'we' and not 'I', he disagreed with this, with it being personal, to get rid of the 'I'. He said he put a proposition forward that it comes from the Parish Council and not one person.

146.14 It was reiterated to let Mr. Pettinger see it. Cllr. Gosling said she would talk to Mr. Pettinger, it may not be what he wanted.

146.15 Cllr. Townsend said Cllr. Gosling's version had been submitted to Mr. Pettinger, some Councillors did not think there needed to be any/many changes. He suggested Cllr. Cresswell put his proposal to Mr. Pettinger and to let him decide.

146.16 Cllr. Cresswell enquired whether members thought it was okay to include stuff about the last 10 years in a book about the past 40 years.

146.17 Cllr. Townsend said he thought reference to Cheswick Place should be kept in.

146.18 Cllr. Cresswell said it was either a personal statement from Cllr. Gosling as an individual and not from the Parish Council.

146.19 Cllr. Gosling reiterated the Cllr. Sedgley was happy with it and pointed out that Cllr. Swain was not present.

146.20 Cllr. Townsend said it was Mr. Pettinger's book and it was up to him.

146.21 Cllr. Gosling said they needed to decide what they would do financially, she said it was likely to cost £12-1400.

Resolved; proposed Cllr. Cresswell that the Parish Council should pay half of the cost; Cllr. Townsend agreed.

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

147.1 There were none.

148. Update/report from Village Hall Management Committee.

148.1 Cllr. Swain had submitted a report which Cllr. Gosling read; *'The vents in both halls have been bricked up. Internally the vent covers will remain in place until the halls are redecorated. All wiring has been made safe or removed.*

Plastering – the window reveals have been plastered following renewal of the windows. Toilets – were due to have commenced this week. Unfortunately, one of the materials chosen is no longer available and the contractor did not want to opt for an alternative. I met with the contractor last week agreed new material and works will commence by the end of October'.

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

149.1 It was noted there had been an invitation to a Locality event on Friday 15th November 930-1pm.

149.2 It was noted WALC had circulated an elections survey for individual Councillors and the Council to complete by 20th December 2019.

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

150.1 It was noted that arrangements were in place for the switching on of the Christmas tree lights.

151. Agenda items for next meeting.

151.1 It was suggested the introduction to the book could be formally agreed.

152. 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.

152.1 There were no members of the press or public present and there was nothing further to discuss.

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

154. PAYE, payroll and pension scheme.

Meeting closed 20:55pm