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CHESWICK GREEN PARISH COUNCIL
Wednesday 6th May 2020 3pm via Zoom

Present: Cheswick Green Parish Councillors: Cllr. Len Cresswell, Cllr. Margaret Gosling (Chair), Cllr. Sam Sedgley (Vice Chair), Cllr. Michelle Smith, Cllr. Mick Swain and Cllr. Peter Townsend.
 Clerk: Marie Zizzi

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

288.1 Not applicable all Councillors present.

289. Declarations of Interest.

289.1 There were none.

290. Dispensations.

290.1 There were none.

291. To resolve to accept the Minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 11th March 2020 (issued with the agenda).

Resolved; proposed Cllr. Sedgley; seconded Cllr. Swain – the Minutes were accepted.

292. 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 with the agenda).

Payment to be agreed from Co-op acc Exercise Class May 2020 PC meeting

100166	Exercise instructor March 2020	£81.00
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Chgs/Electronic payment transactions to be approved May 2020 PC meeting

Payee	Reason	Total
M. Swain	reimbursement for padlocks	£ 50.97
Meadowfields GM	Empty bin SWR Feb/March	£108.00
WALC	Annual membership	£785.00
Marie Zizzi	Reimbursement for ink	£ 40.07
CG VHMC	Use of hall Jan-March	£ 26.00

More in confidential section.

Petty cash £95.06.

The Clerk had increased Meadowfields GM bank Standing Order amount from £926.40 per month to £1000.00 per month from 1st April; however she had realised this should not have happened until 1st May 2020, as the payment was one month in arrears. She had consulted with Meadowfields and agreed to revert the payment back to £926.40 for the 1st June for one month only to rectify the situation.

Resolved; proposed Cllr. Townsend; seconded Cllr. Smith – all payments approved.

293. To resolve the year-end figures, the asset register, internal controls and risk review (issued with the agenda).

Resolved; proposed Cllr. Swain; seconded Cllr. Townsend – all documents were approved.

293.1 It was noted that it was not possible to hold a period to exercise public rights.

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294. To provisionally agree 2020-21 meeting dates, to possibly take place by Zoom for foreseeable future to consider times to hold meetings (*issued with the agenda*).

294.1 Meeting dates were provisionally agreed, it was stated that for the time being meetings would be decided one at a time and would take place at 3pm.

295. To consider any planning applications received (*circulated by email*) **and local development including progress regarding Cheswick Place/Mount Dairy Farm and Blythe Valley Business Park/IM.**

PL/2020/00692/MINFHO - 205 Creynolds Lane Cheswick Green Solihull B90 4ES; Convert existing conservatory to breakfast room and reroof including sitting room with lantern roof lights and internal alterations.

295.1 There were no comments.

PL/2020/00702/MINFHO - 7 Coppice Close Cheswick Green Solihull B90 4HX; Single storey front extension and new pitched roof to existing side extension.

295.1.1 There were no comments.

PL/2020/00828/PPRM - Blythe Valley Park Blythe Gate Shirley Solihull; Erection of 114 residential dwellings with parking, internal access roads, landscaping and all other details required by condition No. 3 relating to the reserved matters of layout, scale, appearance and landscaping pursuant to planning permission reference PL/2016/00863/MAOOT.

295.1.2 It was stated that the only thing being provided was a coffee shop. For all the applications for housing development on Blythe Valley there was absolutely nothing being provided, for example no shops, therefore residents would need to use their cars to go to shops.

295.1.2.1 Members were not impressed. It was pointed out that there had been a lot of objection when SMBC had formally approved that Blythe Valley Park could be used for 750 houses etc. There were comments about a second entrance and that the existing houses were built right next to all the existing buildings.

295.1.2.2 It was suggested to reiterate about the lack of services, as this had been highlighted previously and that the houses appeared to be crammed together.

PL/2020/00871/PN - Telecom Tower Opposite McDonalds Stratford Road Shirley Solihull; The installation of a 20m slim-line column supporting 6 No. antennas, 1No. transmission dishes, 2 No. equipment cabinets and ancillary development thereto including a GPS module and 3 No. Remote Radio Units (RRUs).

295.1.3 There were various concerns and comments about this; there were already two telecom towers on the Stratford Rod; it was above the tree canopy; that there could end up being a line of these etc. However, it was pointed out that it was not located here, near the golf club it could end up being near housing and this could cause health problems.

295.1.3.1 It was stated that it was 5G, therefore it would go ahead.

295.1.3.2 It was stated that at least it would provide a service and suggested to ask if it could possibly be reduced in size, as there were concerns about the height.

295.1.3.3 It was noted that the latter two planning application notifications both stated 'Shirley', which was incorrect as they were both in Cheswick Green. It was agreed that SMBC should be reminded about this.

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

296.1 Cllr. Gosling said she had spoken to Openreach regarding the speed of her Broadband and it had improved. She said when things began to return to normal there should be more concentration on Wi-Fi, with people working from home, rather than on roads.

296.1.1 Cllr. Swain referred to Sky Sports offering refunds/reductions. It was stated that there had been a number of problems with Virgin last week.

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296.2 Cllr. Sedgley said the planned party for Friday 8th May was not taking place now. She had circulated information from Combat Stress about things people could do to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of VE Day at home, which included how to make bunting and details about the 40's. She said the RA had added this to its Facebook page.

297. Update/report from Village Hall Management Committee (VHMC).

297.1 Cllr. Swain said there had been a request from a Village Hall hirer, to borrow a large urn. When the person had been asked what it was for, they had been informed it was for a street party and therefore the VHMC had said no.

297.2 Cllr. Swain said the Village Hall insurers had requested that the inside and the outside of the building were checked once a week during shut down.

297.3 Cllr. Swain said that due to the Coronavirus work on the floor in the large hall and internal decoration had been postponed.

298. Any matters related to the Covid-19 virus.

298.1 There were concerns that vulnerable people in the village were not getting help.

298.2 There were comments about the RA green/red stickers and who was checking up on these, it was stated no telephone numbers had been provided, it had been a good idea but there was no safety net for people shielding, no medicine or food was being taken to these people.

298.2.1 It was noted the RA had excess funds and felt these should be used to help residents.

298.3 It was stated that neighbours appeared to be helping each other.

298.4 Cllr. Gosling said her husband had been contacted by someone from SMBC to see if they were okay and by the doctors as well, so obviously somethings were being done.

298.5 Cllr. Smith said she had asked the doctors to check if people were okay, but the person she had spoken to did not seem very interested, she had left her telephone number but no-one had come back to her.

298.5.1 It was suggested the doctors did not have the resources to deal with this.

298.6 It was noted that information from SMBC had been added to the Parish Councils website, it was suggested this was also sent to the RA, to enable the RA to promote this via its channels.

298.7 Cllr. Smith said she had given her telephone number to a few people; she had put a note through some doors with her number if people needed help. There had been an issue with a lady on Boscobel that was not coping and an older man having problems paying a bill, but that had been sorted out now.

298.8 An email from Cllr. Ken Hawkins regarding Food Banks was discussed. It was stated he was asking for donations for around Solihull but this was not going to benefit the people in Cheswick Green.

298.9 It was felt that some people would not admit they had a problem and needed help. It was stated there needed to be a safety net of younger people in the village to help with deliveries.

298.10 There were comments about the services Wedges Bakery and RJS Catering were offering.

299. Agenda items for next meeting.

299.1 There were none.

300. PAYE, payroll and pension scheme.

Confidential section.

Meeting ended 3:45pm.