



Cheswick Green Parish Council

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CHESWICK GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

Thursday 11th June 2026 7pm Cheswick Green Village Hall

Present: Cheswick Green Parish Councillors: Simon Coles, Margaret Gosling, Sarah Hall, Linda Heslington, Aimee Moloney, Paul Scarborough and Mick Swain.

Clerk: Marie Zizzi

4 members of the public

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

43.1 No apologies all Parish Councillors present. Cllr. Scarborough was welcomed.

44. Declarations of Interest.

44.1 Cllr. Coles declared an interest, due to him now being an elected Borough Councillor. It was agreed this would apply at all CGPC meetings.

45. Public Participation (15 Minutes).

45.1 No matters were raised.

46. To resolve to accept the Minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday 14th May 2026 (circulated to Parish Cllrs. with the agenda).

Resolved; proposed Cllr. Coles, seconded Cllr. Heslington – the minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.

47. 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 (issued to Parish Cllrs. with the agenda).

Payee	Reason	Total
Countrywide GM	Monthly grounds maintenance May 2026	£918.72
M. Zizzi	Instant ink	£13.49
Countrywide GM	Replace bump stops on gates Recreation Ground	£66.22
NMK Planning	Write planning objection for PL/2026/00176/PPFL (Total cost was £1006.25 less deposit paid £250)	£756.25
Mr. W. J. Robinson	2026 internal audit	£274.00
Sydney Mitchell	Work on the lease between CGPC & CGVHMC (after £600 prepayment)	£2746.80
Solicitors	Email hosting	£72.00
Vision ICT	Two cameras for CCTV (£355.80 - £148.25 deposit)	£148.25
KSV Solutions Ltd.	Use of the pump track for event	£4200.00
The Dirt Factory	2,500 copies of CGPC Newsletter	£187.00
Minuteman Press	Remainder due for shelter, delivery, installation	£5699.40
Bailey Street		
Furniture		
Countrywide GM	Fill sink hole	£242.00
Countrywide GM	Repair ground where goalposts were	£1858.49
Radius	Remainder due for car park resurfacing	£25737.16
More in confidential section.		
Petty cash £95.41		

Resolved; proposed Cllr. Moloney, seconded Cllr. Heslington – all payments were approved.

47.1 Cllr. Heslington said the shelter had cost £11,698.80 in total (including vat), with installation/shipping and compensation. (£9749 Net).

47.2 It was noted Solihull MBC had sent its fee proposal for the switching on of the Christmas tree lights for 2026; it was £299 + VAT. It was agreed to accept this; Clerk to sign form and return it to Solihull MBC.

48. To accept the Internal Auditors report *(sent to Parish Cllrs. by email 27/05/2026).*

48.1 Cllr. Swain said it was a good report, there were no issues.

49. To consider planning applications *(send separately by email to Parish Cllrs.)* **and to discuss local developments Blythe Valley including Christmas tree/flooding and Cheswick Place, including adoption by Solihull MBC.**

PL/2026/01007/MINFHO - 52 Creynolds Lane Cheswick Green Solihull B90 4ER;

Retrospective application for the construction of a detached garage.

49.1 It was agreed to object to this being approved retrospectively.

49.2 Cllr. Swain spoke about the approved planning application for 196 Creynolds Lane; which the PC had queried, he said the PC had gone as far as it could in relation to this.

49.3 There were comments about objecting to a planning application for a bungalow by the school, which was out of keeping with the existing street scene; there were comments about orange roof tiles and that the building needed rendering.

49.4 Cllr. Swain spoke about the access/egress at Tanworth Lane/Cheswick Place; he said Solihull MBCs Head of Highways had said it meets the necessary regulations for roads. There were comments about car parking spaces not keeping up with the times.

49.5 An email a resident had sent to Solihull MBC and Bloor Homes, which had been copied to the PC was noted. Cllr. Coles said the bushes at this location had been chopped down now, the remains were still on site. Cllr. Gosling said Bloor's had stated there would be some cutting back carried out, she added it was dangerous there.

49.5.1 Cllr. Moloney said there was a need to be careful, it was not any worse than the Tanworth Lane/Watery Lane turning.

49.5.2 Cllr. Coles said he had looked, you could just about get in and out, it was not a two-vehicle road. Cllr. Gosling said the parking on Saxon Wood Road was horrendous tonight, drivers could not see. Cllr. Moloney said there was a need to drive carefully and slowly.

49.6 In relation to Cheswick Place; Cllr. Swain said someone visiting the area would not know there were swales, because they were so overgrown; he referred to wood in water that would rot.

49.7 Cllr. Moloney spoke about a house next to Cheswick Place, which was for sale; she said this did not include the land, it was just the house and a manicured garden; even the driveway in and out was not on the Deeds; only the fenced off garden was included, but not the massive piece of land. Cllr. Coles said this land could have been sold when Cheswick Place was being built.

49.8 Cllr. Swain spoke about a Grade 2 listed building, that had been there once, he said it had burned down, the owners lost out on an insurance claim; the house was demolished, then a complete replacement house was built, a mock Tudor, which had taken ages.

49.9 In relation to Blythe Valley; emails about a flooding issue were noted, in relation to the football pitch; Cllr. Hall said someone had mentioned this at a meeting, the land was a bit boggy; she had checked this, it was not an issue and no-one had complained. The football pitch and the BMX area were not flooded.

49.9.1 In relation to the Christmas tree and lights; a letter had been produced to be delivered to residents, who would be affected by this. Cllr. Hall said she would talk to the residents; it was suggested to allow 28 days for any comments/responses. An email from Solihull MBC was noted.

49.10 Cllr. Moloney spoke about two houses behind where she lived; she said someone was in the white house now, she said they were burning rubbish and clearing it out. The old cottage was empty, it was falling apart, the walls were decaying inside; there was some land with it; it was derelict inside and was being sold by auction.

49.11 There were comments about another property with sitting tenants; another house being cleared, one that had been brought being rendered and about one property in Cheswick Green parish, which was on the Boundary, on Tanworth Lane, which could either fall into Dickens Heath PC or Tidbury Green PC; Lady Lane being the divider.

50. To discuss a Neighbourhood Plan. (NP)

- 50.1 Cllr. Gosling said she had sent Cllr. Moloney a lot of information, from what had been done previously. Cllr. Moloney said much of it was out of date.
- 50.2 Cllr. Moloney said she had contacted other people regarding NPs and looked at NPs. She thought the best one she had seen was between Knowle and Dorridge combined, it had been done in 2018, was approved until 2028, however they were trying to extend this now.
- 50.3 Cllr. Moloney said they had got key people in the area to work on this NP, they had set up a mailing list, and items went out to those on the list every so often. She said there were 6 people with different skills in different areas. It had been difficult to get it off the ground, she commented about keeping on top of it.
- 50.4 Cllr. Moloney said it was too much for 7 people on the PC to do. Cllr. Swain commented about it being disjointed.
- 50.5 Cllr. Moloney asked if she could approach Dickens Heath PC and Tidbury Green PC; to look at doing something combined with CGPC. She said there would be no benefit involving Hockley Heath PC due to the M42.
- 50.6 Cllr. Moloney spoke about getting people involved to grow this and take in the neighbouring areas.
- 50.7 Cllr. Gosling referred to previous Parish Councillors who had been involved with the NP.
- 50.8 Cllr. Coles said to discuss local parishes in the area, he referred to obtaining 25% Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), rather than 15%; he referred to planning applications for Dickens Heath and Tidbury Green.
- 50.9 There were comments about Winterton Farm and BV and the joining up of settlements.
- 50.10 Cllr. Swain said Solihull MBCs Head of Planning, had pointed out having a NP counted.
- 50.11 It was noted Hockley Heath had a lot of developments coming.
- 50.12 It was stated 12,000 properties needed to be built in Solihull, at some point building would take place in Tidbury Green.
- 50.13 Cllr. Moloney reiterated that she would like to approach Dickens Heath PC and Tidbury Green PC. Cllr. Coles suggested talking to Dermot Reed (*Solihull MBC candidate for the Reform Party*).
- 50.14 Cllr. Swain said they should take up developing a NP again. He commented about not knowing what influence the Greenbelt had now. Cllr. Moloney said there was no Greenbelt here now. It was agreed having a NP was financially viable.
- 50.15 It was noted Cllr. Gosling and Cllr. Swain were due to attend a workshop (*Wednesday 24th June at 2pm*), which Solihull MBC was running about infrastructure planning in the south of the Borough.
- 50.16 Cllr. Coles spoke about roads, GPs surgeries and schools all coming into the Local Plan; he said this would go to the Full Council soon, the 12,000 properties had to be built somewhere.
- 50.17 Cllr. Swain said an application may get approved, but that did not mean it would get build. Cllr. Coles said developers were still applying for permission, then they had 3 years to start work.
- 50.18 It was agreed Cllr. Moloney could contact Dickens Heath PC and Dermott Reed, to see if Tidbury Green was looking into doing anything and if so, to interact. If these others were interested, a meeting could be arranged to discuss this.
- 50.19 Cllr. Moloney said she had looked at the WALC website, there were lots of templates and guidance, as well as a lot of data out there now. She said the hardest thing would be getting people's responses. Cllr. Swain said when the PC had carried out a survey previously, the response rate had been very good, there had been 25-30% responses, 15% was considered good.
- 50.20 Cllr. Coles suggested also contacting the Vice Chair of Hockley Heath PC, who had spoken at a Solihull MBCs Planning Committee meeting.
- 50.21 Cllr. Gosling said one of the reasons she had joined the PC, was to be involved with a NP; they had got too bogged down with it. It was noted the PC had received a grant towards a NP in the past. It was stated once a NP was in place, to keep the momentum going.
- 50.22 Cllr. Swain thanked Cllr. Moloney.

51. To discuss the name and number of seats on Cheswick Green Parish Council.

- 51.1 It was stated this had come about due to it being noted some residents of BV, did not realise BV was part of Cheswick Green Parish. It was stated Blythe was also a Ward.

51.2 There were comments about developments on Dog Kennel Lane, also being in Cheswick Green Parish.

51.3 It was noted originally CGPC had 5 seats, this had been increased to 7. It was pointed out that this was the first time, for a while, all 7 seats had been filled.

51.4 It was stated change was going to happen over time and queried if there were any more people interested in joining the PC.

51.5 There were suggestions about the name of the PC; Cheswick, Blythe and Illshaw Heath PC or Cheswick Green and Blythe Valley PC.

51.6 It was agreed to leave this for now, whatever it was some people would not like it. It was stated to make a change for the right reasons and to possibly carry out a survey.

51.7 Cllr. Swain said when the PC had asked residents what to spend CIL on; replies had been re-tarmacking roads; people did not understand; if the PC did a survey to offer options for people to select from.

52. To discuss monthly site audits of Parish Council owned land.

52.1 It was stated trees had been planted on the Village Green and one on Foxland Close; it was thought Solihull MBC had done this.

52.2 It was stated the shelter was full of litter and people had been using it due to the rain. Someone had commented that there was no protection from the sun. Cllr. Heslington said it was UV protected. It was noted someone had commented about having to be in the park with their children, while their children were playing.

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

53.1 Cllr. Swain spoke about No. 15 The Dingle, he said there had been a sink hole, which had been caused by the PC removing a tree many years ago. It was just a hole in the ground, there was no water and it was not a burrow, it went quite far along. This had been filled in now and the resident was thankful.

53.2 Cllr. Coles spoke about the bike track event, he said it had been very popular. The Dirt Factory had serviced bikes; he referred to the sign being removed. It was noted there had been great feedback all week, including residents from BV. The PC had been asked to consider having this again and even to think about having it as a permanent fixture.

53.2.1 Cllr. Heslington said it had been great to see the wide age range who had used it, from little kids on scooters, to teenagers on bikes.

53.3 Cllr. Coles said the bug hotel had been moved into the stream, he had taken it out, but it had been pulled back into the stream. It was being used to cross the water, like a mini ferry.

53.4 A presentation sent to the PC, about a proposal for a holiday activity was noted; Cllr. Heslington said this would be sent to the VHMC to consider, it was quite nice and it was for children with special educational needs, for three dates in July 4-8pm (*for 15 youngsters aged 11-16 living in CG*).

54. Update/report from Village Hall Management Committee (VHMC) (*Year end accounts sent to Parish Cllrs. by email 01/06/2026*). To resolve to sign the lease. To discuss solar panels for the VH.

54.1 Cllr. Swain said the lease had now been signed, sealed and delivered. Cllr. Gosling had signed it on behalf of CGPC.

54.2 It was pointed out that previously, it had been more of a gentlemen's agreement between the PC and the VHMC, however this could not be maintained now the VHMC was a Charitable Trust.

54.3 Cllr. Swain explained that it had been necessary to have 2 copies of the lease, signed by 4 people, due to the PC not having a 'seal'. He pointed out the VHMC had needed a third-party signature, which was going to cost £150, however they had been told this should not cost any more than £10 in the end, they had managed to get this done for £5.

54.4 Cllr. Coles spoke about solar panels, he said the VHMC accounts had increased over a number of years now, he suggested the VHMC considered getting solar panels for the roof, as this would be an investment and they would recoup the costs in 5-6 years. He said he was aware there were concerns about vandalism.

54.4.1 Cllr. Coles said he had solar panels on his property, when he purchased the house, he had recently had them fixed, by an electrician and his bill had dropped by three quarters. He referred to the size of the VH roof, he said this was future proof, in his opinion, there would be a payback and it would make a real difference.

54.4.2 There were comments about having a conversation about the increase in money and what it would be used to pay for, having a commercial investment.

54.4.3 It was noted at a previous Solihull Area Meeting (SAM) Cllr. Heslington and Cllr. Swain had attended, someone from Tidbury Green PC had spoken about an expert in this field; it was suggested to possibly ask for a quote.

54.4.4 Cllr. Heslington said she had 21 solar panels on her roof, she had used a company from the Cotswolds and also looked at Octopus, she said they had saved a lot in 12 months, it was less than half what they were paying, they had money back in credit.

54.4.5 There were comments about the location for a battery; it was stated there was space in the cupboard, the batteries were not that big, they could go flat against a wall, they were no bigger than a radiator.

54.4.6 Cllr. Swain said it was a sound investment; he commented about insurance cover for any vandalism. It was pointed out solar panels had been installed at the Village Surgery, there had not been any vandalism.

54.4.7 There were lots more positive comments about solar panels and it was suggested the VHMC obtained 3 quotes.

55. To discuss issues raised with SMBC/speed signs.

55.1 Cllr. Heslington had issued stats and data from the speed sign to all Parish Cllrs. It was stated Solihull MBC had been late moving the sign again, it was due to be moved again now. Cllr. Heslington said the schedule was out all the time.

55.1.1 Cllr. Scarborough said at the BVRA meeting last week, they had discussed the possibility of adding a second camera to catch data for BV. It was stated having a second camera had been discussed before, it was pointed out the PC was waiting for the roads to be adopted.

It was agreed to look at the costs for a second sign and the rotation costs involved.

55.1.2 There were comments about having one by the Virgin Active Centre and Wedges, to obtain data from either end of BV.

55.1.3 Cllr. Heslington said if they went ahead with a second camera, maybe Cllr. Hall and Cllr. Scarborough could have the App. To download the data and the software, to convert the data for BV.

55.1.4 It was noted the camera was currently on Creynolds Lane.

55.2 Notes from Cllr. Swain and the Clerks quarterly meeting with Solihull MBCs Head of Highways, had been circulated to all Parish Cllrs.

56. To discuss CGPCs Action Plan.

56.1 Noted.

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

57.1 Information/emails received from Phonely/Liquid11; regarding free resources for residents, in relation to landline switch-off, with checklist were noted.

57.2 An email from Solihull MBC about a Councillor workshop – 'Infrastructure planning in the south of the Borough'; had already been mentioned (see 50.15).

57.3 An email from WALC regarding its Project Keystone Survey was noted.

57.4 Emails from a resident about Noble Way had already been discussed (see 49.5).

57.5 An invitation from Solihull MBC to a Civic Service, St Alphege church and Civic Suite, Sunday 12 July 2026; was noted, no-one was available to attend this.

57.6 The presentation regarding a holiday activity for children with special educational needs, for three dates in July 4-8pm (for 15 youngsters aged 11-16 living in CG), had already been discussed (see 53.4).

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

58.1 Noted.

59. Agenda items for next meeting.

59.1 Remembrance Sunday, Christmas including BV event and Music Licence.

59.1.1 It was noted the CG Christmas tree lights switch on, was due to take place on Sunday 6th December 2026; with Santa 4.30pm, light switch on 5-5.15pm and Disco 5.30pm. Cllr. Hall spoke about contacting Shirley Round Table, to see if they would attend BV.

59.2 Cllr. Heslington said she would not be available to attend the next meeting and gave her apology.

60. 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.

Resolved; proposed Cllr. Swain; that the members of the public left the meeting; all in favour.

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

61.1 In confidential section of the minutes.

62. PAYE, payroll and Pension Scheme.

62.1 In confidential section of the minutes.

Meeting closed 20:35pm

Signed

Dated