

MINUTES OF CHESWICK GREEN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION
MONTHLY MEETING

FRIDAY 2ND JUNE 2017

THOSE PRESENT:

CGRA COMMITTEE

George, Greg, Barbara, Ian, Lisa, Becky, Bob, Debbie

RESIDENTS

Vicky Atkinson

AGENDA ITEMS:

WELCOME & APOLOGIES

- George welcomed all present to the meeting.
- Apologies were received from Helen and Martin.

VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT

- None of the CGRA committee members present at the June 2017 meeting wished to be involved with the new Village Hall Management Committee. However, Martin and Mark should be given the opportunity to participate.
- George undertook to inform the Parish Council.
- It was agreed that a watchful eye needed to be maintained and therefore the Village Hall would be included on future agendas.

MINUTES FROM MAY (AGM)

- These were approved as presented.

PURPOSES

- Reasons for having a CGRA committee were discussed and agreed as follows:
 - Feels like the right thing to do.
 - To generate action as there was limited interest from most residents on matters affecting the community.
 - To decide what is right or wrong and act accordingly.
 - Represent residents in a democratic manner.
- Friction with the Parish Council was discussed and in particular, their imposition of a 41.7% increase in fees and the unofficial promotion of land for housing. It was agreed that a 3-month moratorium should be maintained, but after this period we should aim to work together.
- It was emphasised that the committee should be kept friendly and to this end a curry evening (or similar) was recommended after Party in the Park.

PEOPLE

- It was noted that Cheswick Green resident, Kelly Russell, had run a marathon for charity. The committee asked that an acknowledgement should be put on the CGRA website.

PENNIES

- Additional subscriptions to the value of £83:50 have been received.
- George to organise auditing of the CGRA accounts YE March 2017

PLANNING

- The only planning application was for a smoking shelter outside the Saxon pub
 - No objections

PARTY IN THE PARK

- Party In The Park was confirmed for 8th July with set-up starting at 1:00pm.
- The Risk Assessment resubmitted by George has been approved.
- It was agreed not to ask the Parish Council for a financial contribution.
- Becky to liaise with Debbie to organise raffle prizes.
- George undertook to issue a list of all tasks with a name against each one.

WEBSITE AND COMMUNITY COMMUNICATION

- Nothing to report

POLICE

- Community Speedwatch has been delayed by 1 month due to other priorities

PUB AND SHOPS

- A refurbishment of the pub has commenced.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Although not discussed, Martin has delivered welcome letters to the occupied houses on Mount Dairy Farm.
- It was reported that the War Memorial, planned to be positioned between MDF and Coppice Walk, requires significant refurbishment. The Parish Council are investigating the opportunities for funding
- Greg updated the Committee on progress to remove an H Frame pylon which had been positioned immediately behind houses on Saxonwood Road. A high level of support had been given by Dame Caroline Spelman.
- Vicky Atkinson proposed a Christmas Window Dressing programme to run throughout the village. Support in principle was agreed with further discussion at the October 2017 meeting. In the interim: Vicky to liaise with Ian to put a section on the CGRA website from which Residents could get information and potentially view a map or register their home as a participant.

Next meeting to be held on **14th July** and include a review of Party In The Park

The meeting closed at 9:30pm