

## Meeting Minutes of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at Great Wood Hall at 7.15pm

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**Attendees:** Councillors – Cllr A Hulme (Chair), Cllr C Pearce, Cllr D Ball, Cllr P Wilkinson & Cllr P McCormack – S Morgan-Owen (Clerk) and 18 members of the public.

1. **Chairman’s Welcome:**

Due to number of public attendance it was agreed to move item 5 (Public Participation) up the agenda.

5. **Public Participation:**

a) **Colin Knibbs – Checkley Community Hall – Asset of Community Value**

Mr Knibbs advised that the parish council are custodial trustees and would appreciate the Council’s support as this process protects the community from the hall being sold off if it was no longer viable. Decision was made to put this on the next agenda.

b) **John Wren - JMW Planning – Planning Application SMD/2017/0151 (In Favour)**

Mr Wren advised that minor changes had been made the application and schemes updated and they are available on SMDC website.

He also advised that this is the 3<sup>rd</sup> application. Original application was for 25no dwellings, but SMDC advised only frontage to be developed, so the application for 7no dwellings and this was turned down due to being opposite to listed buildings. Current scheme is for 6no houses.

**Andrew McPhee (CTD Architects) – Planning Application SMD/2017/0151 (In Favour)**

Mr McPhee advised that they have tried to resolve issues raised from previous refusals with direct consultation. They are addressing concerns with flooding and looking at surface water sub-schemes. They are also willing to accept a condition from SMDC saying that nothing is to be developed until a sufficient flooding scheme is in place.

**Ken Durose (Crosby, Liverpool) – Planning Application SMD/2017/0151 (In Opposition)**

Mr Durose advised he is speaking in opposition to the application and listed three technical objections. He also referred to the “Local Plan” and three points of due diligence. He also advised that not all written objections are on SMDC’s website and neither is the petition with at least sixty names on.

2. **Apologies Received From:** Cllrs K Flunder, T Wilkinson, S Akerman, B Stubbs & A Wilkinson – Absent Cllr D Trigger.

3. **Declaration of Interest:** Nothing in addition to the normal.

4. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** The minutes of the monthly meeting of the council held on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2017 have been circulated. They have been confirmed as an accurate and true record and signed by the chairman.

**Proposed: Cllr P Wilkinson - Second: Cllr D Ball – all in favour**

Cllr Pearce has requested that Sunny House Farm provide a list of what to expect in the floral displays this year.

5. **Public Participation:**

See above.

6. **Chairmans Announcements:**

Chair reiterated that the Annual Parish Assembly is being held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May and all councillors are required to attend.

7. **Matters Arising:**

a) **Document Transfer (Natwest to Whiteheads)** – Clerk advised that this is scheduled to happen on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2017 with Cllrs Hulme and P Wilkinson.

- b) **GWH Defibrillator** – Clerk advised still awaiting information, deferred to next months agenda.

**8. Correspondence:**

Date	From	Subject	Outcome
<b>For Consideration</b>			
a) 23/03/2017	Creative Play	Service & Inspection due - COSTS	Clerk to email – <i>(CPC/2017/010)</i>
b) 22/03/2017	SCC – Rights of Way	Bids for Community Path Initiative	Cllr P Wilkinson thinks we should request more money for a stimmer. Clerk to as Lengthsman what needs doing.
<b>For Information</b>			
c) March 2017	Natwest Cheadle	Branch Closure 05/10/2017	

**9. Planning Applications:**

Applications For Consideration		
a) DET/2017/0009	Hilltop Farm, Hares Lane, Highshutt	Agricultural Building for Calf Rearing
Not within the Parish of Checkley		
b) SMD/2017/0151	Land between Willowgate & Heybridge Cottage, Uttoxeter Road, Lower Tean	Proposed 6 dwellings and new vehicular access from Heath House Lane
Councillors discussed how they would prefer Fole Dairy to be developed. <b>Proposed:</b> Mr Durose to provide clerk with points raised and council to seek further clarification on flooding scheme, ecology report from SMDC and ask SMDC to defer this again. <b>Cllr D Ball - Second: Cllr P Wilkinson – 4 in favour, 1 abstain</b> <b>Amendment:</b> Council to vote tonight. <b>Cllr C Pearce - Second: No one</b>		
c) SMD/2017/0188	Cross Farm, Main Rd, Hollington	Proposed outdoor arena and horse walker
No objection – Clerk to submit through SMDC portal.		

**10. Financial Matters:**

Authorisation of the below was carried out by Cllr P McCormack in the absence of Cllr A Wilkinson

Payee	Goods/Services	VAT	Total Amount	Cheque no
TalkTalk Business	GWH Broadband and telephone	£5.79	£34.74	Direct Debit
SMDC	Cemetery Rates	-	£430.24	3241
Eon	High Street Power Supply – 28/12/16 – 6/4/17	£1.39	£29.10	3242
N & S Hurst	Hedge Cutting – Wentlows, Cemetery & Village Hall	£22.00	£132.00	3243
G Crookes	Youth Club Leader – 2/12/16 – 31/3/17	-	£390.00	3244
New Haden Metals Ltd	Cemetery Skip Exchange	£20.00	£120.00	3245
Great Wood Hall	March Meeting Room Hire	-	£40.00	3246
S Clarke	Lengthsman Fee & Expenses	-	£828.00	3247
S Clarke	Noticeboard Project	-	£95.00	3247
M Price	Litterpicking Fee	-	£246.75	3248
S Morgan-Owen	Clerk Fee's	-	£576.00	3249
S Morgan-Owen	Clerks Expenses	-	£17.56	3249
<b>Monies In</b>				<b>Pay In Ref</b>
Cemetery Fee's	Various	-	£540.00	100413

**Proposed: Cllr C Pearce - Second: Cllr D Ball – All in favour**

Copy of the most recent current account bank statement and reconciliation was signed by Cllr McCormack. Copies of the current account reconciliation and precept spend to date are provided in councillors meeting packs.

11. **District Councillor's Announcements:** No announcements.

12. **County Councillor's Announcements:** Cllr Deaville not in attendance.

**13. Recommendation from Great Wood Working Group:**

**GWH Car Park** – Cllr McCormack that only two out of the three quotes had been received. It was agreed that quotes would not be opened until the next meeting after the third quote is received. Cllr McCormack to chase the third quote. Cllr Ball raised a concern regarding the drainage and Cllr McCormack advised this is being addressed.

**14. Checkley & Tean Sport Club Recommendations from Working Group:**

Cllr Hulme advised that someone had come forward and volunteered to build a skate ramp at Checkley Recreational Ground. Councillor Hulme to bring details to the next meeting. Clerk advised that due to the safety implications she would seek advice from Insurance company regarding how we would be covered if this was not built by a ramp “company”.

**15. Neighbourhood Plan Recommendations from Steering Group:**

Clerk gave an overview of up and coming meetings.

**16. Financial Regulations Recommendations from Working Group:**

All councillors had received copies of the regulations and a proposal was made to sign them off.  
**Proposed: Cllr C Pearce - Second: Cllr P McCormack – All in favour**

**17. Lengthsman’s Brief:**

Nothing to report but Lengthsman would like clarification on how often he is to cut the Wentlows as he was previously advised to reduce the amount as the Council we going to approach Tean Albion to take care of any other cuts they may require. Councillors advised that Lengthsman is to continue as last year and not reduce the number of cuts.

Cllr Ball advised that Tean High Street needs weeding – clerk will notify Lengthsman in Cllr Akermans absence.

Issue of dog foul was once again raised – clerk to look into costs of hiring a dog warden.

**18. Wentlows Report:**

In the absence Cllr Flunder this has been pushed to next months meeting.

**19. Cemetery Complaint:**

Clerk reads a letter from “Big John” who is complaining on behalf of a Mr B Mahoney that a strimming incident took the head of a flower that Mr Mahoney had planted on his mother’s grave. “Big John” apparently also submitted this grievance to the local newspaper for printing.

Clerk pointed out that as per point 4 on the Burial Regulations (last revised 1<sup>st</sup> July 2016) it states ‘The front of the memorial must remain grassed, no trees, shrubs or plants may be planted on the grave.’ These regulations are in the noticeboard at the cemetery, on our website and available on request.

Proposal was made to not write to the newspaper but write *(CPC/2017/011)* to “Big John” and request Mr Mahoney’s address so we can deal with his complaint direct and to provide a copy of the burial regulations.

**Proposed: Cllr D Ball - Second: Cllr P Wilkinson – All in favour**

**20. Dangerous Dogs:**

Cllr P Wilkinson advises that on 24<sup>th</sup> March, on Quarry Road, Hollington near the picnic area an incident occurred. A local resident was attacked by another resident’s dog. Cllr Wilkinson has been advised that this is the second occasion that this dog and attacked someone. The incident was reported to the police who have visited the owner, and the owner has said they will walk a different way. A proposal was made that a “strongly” worded letter *(CPC/2017/012)* be written to the owner asking them to ensure the dog remains on a lead and is muzzled.

**Proposed: Cllr P Wilkinson - Second: Cllr P McCormack**

Clerk advises councillors that a “strongly” worded letter may not be the best approach, maybe a request letter as the police have already spoken to them, and ‘dangerous dogs’ generally come under the District Council’s remit.

21. **Matters Pertaining to Issues in the Parish or for the Next Meeting (16<sup>th</sup> May 2017):**

No matters raised.

***No other business – meeting was closed 21.01***

I hereby state this is a correct account of the monthly meeting held by Checkley Parish Council.

Signed: (Chairman) \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_