

Meeting Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly held on Tuesday 8th May 2018 at Great Wood Hall at 7.15pm

Attendees: Councillors – Cllr P Wilkinson (Chair), Cllr C Pearce (Vice Chair), Cllr S Akerman & Cllr D Ball – S Morgan-Owen (Clerk) and 9 representatives from 5 different community groups.

Apologies Received From: Cllr K Flunder, Cllr T Wilkinson, Cllr A Wilkinson & Cllr D Trigger.

Absent: Cllrs P McCormack, B Stubbs & A Hulme

Chairman's Welcome: Cllr Wilkinson thanked everyone for taking the time to come, impressed by the community group turn out. However, was a little disappointed in the councillor turn out.

1. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** The minutes of the annual parish assembly held on 9th May 2017 have been circulated. They have been confirmed as an accurate and true record and signed by the chairman Cllr Wilkinson.

Proposed: Cllr C Pearce - Second: Cllr S Akerman

2. **Chairman's Annual Report:**

Cllr Wilkinson would like to thank fellow Councillors, the Clerk and community volunteers for all their support, hard work and contribution to the community over the last twelve months. "It has been a team effort, and may it continue."

Cllr Wilkinson then gave an overview of what the Parish Council have been involved in over the last twelve months including the development of The Wentlows play area, the councils bitter disappointment over SMDC passing the traveller's site, completion of Great Wood Hall's car park, an overview of NDP progress (report provided by Cllr Flunder and available on request) and the huge success of the Christmas Lights Procession and Switch On. Cllr Wilkinson would also like to thank Cllr Pearce, Stubbs, Akerman & Trigger for their involvement in obtaining the S106 monies and the development of The Wentlows play area.

(Full report is available on request from the clerk).

Cllr Pearce would like it noting that The Wentlows project was a team effort. He would also like to commend the Chairman and the Clerk for doing such an excellent job this year.

3. **Financial Statement:**

The clerk explained why the precept had increase by 0.996% and gave a financial summary for the year ending 31st March 2018 (available on request from the clerk).

Barry Davies as an electorate of the parish would like it minuting what a great job Malcolm Price does as the parish litterpicker.

4. **Register of Interests - Review:**

All councillors must provide "Register of Interests" on election. It is the Councillors responsibility to ensure this documentation is up to date. As part of best practice all councillors we're asked via email (or hardcopy) on 6th April 2018 and verbally on 8th May 2018 to review their register of interests via

<https://democracy.staffs Moorlands.gov.uk/mgParishCouncilDetails.aspx?ID=222&LS=3> Any changes must be forwarded to SMDC as soon as possible.

5. **Reports from representatives on Outside Bodies:**

Christine Wells – Tean Youth Club: Youth Club is now entering its 5th year of providing a safe and creative environment for our community young people on a Friday evening. Membership is currently at 56 and the average weekly attendance is 36 members. 35 members come from within Checkley Parish (Upper Tean, Lower Tean, Hollington, Checkley, Fole & Winnothdale) with approx. 21 coming from further afield. Mrs Wells gave her annual report outlining all the trips the Youth Club have been on (subsidised by the Youth Club), training courses the volunteers have been on and that many previous members are going on to become Young Leaders. They are thinking of increasing the weekly fee and also looking into funding grants to develop the outside area. (Full report available on request from the clerk).

Tean Youth Club would like to take the opportunity to say a big thank you to Checkley Parish Council for their continued support.

Cllr Wilkinson would like to stress how important Tean Youth Club is as a community asset and Checkley Parish Council will endeavour to support them anyway they can.

Denise Wheat – Great Wood Community Hall Committee: Annual accounts are currently being finalised however, a small profit of £1,000 has been achieved this year. The committee would like to thank the Council for their ongoing support. Also, would like to thank Cllr Pearce for contribution from the initiative fund and Cllr Trigger for time and works dedicated to the fire plan. Mrs Wheat gave an annual report which included future projects possibly being lighting over the back door, sports pitches in the rear outside area, history display area and an access gate for the left-hand side of the premises. There is a Halloween party scheduled for 27th October and the Pantomime will be 5th January 2019 and is Sinbad. A decision is yet to be made regarding New Years Eve Party. (Full report available on request from Denise Wheat).

Jim Tams – Checkley Community Centre Committee: Mr Tams provided a copy of the annual accounts prepared to 28th February 2018. Several improvements have been made over the last 12 months including roof repairs, redecorating of foyer and toilets and the installation of Wifi. Facing a huge issue this year, as the suspended wooden floor is starting to shrink and lift. It will be a big job to rectify and will shut the hall approx. 3 weeks. Have received 3 quotes and to rectify and replace the floor will cost approx. £30,000. The committee are seeking funding from a variety of community grants but would also like to enrol the support of the Council. (Full report available on request from Jim Tams).

Council advised that once CCC know how much they have raised from various areas, to then approach the Parish Council for support. Cllr Pearce also mentioned to CCC that the parish maybe able to cover their buildings insurance under the councils policy. Clerk to enquire and put on next meeting agenda.

Barry Davies & John Smith – Tean Churches Together: Mr Davies advises that Tean Churches Together is made up of St Thomas, Christchurch, Tean Christian Fellowship and Gorsty Hill Methodist churches. Would like to thank Checkley Parish Council for their continued support and recognition. Mr Davies then gave an overview of Lent, Christian Aid week and Festival of Carols. Also advised that they have purchased a portable public-address amplifier, this is available for use for a small charitable donation. (Full report is available on request from clerk). Cllr Wilkinson thanks TCT.

Denise Wheat – GWH Social Club: Advised this is a slow burner, but those that have attended have enjoyed the sessions. Local PCSO's have been dropping in to speak to the community. Leaflets have gone out to the majority of the parish, just a few more to go. Thanks the Parish Council for creating and funding the leaflet.

Denise Wheat – Tean Rainbows: Meet every Thursday 4.30pm. Applications received via Girl Guiding website. Mrs Wheat also advised that from 1st June 2018 she will be the area Guide Commissioner for 11 units for the next 3 years. Checkley Parish Council congratulates Mrs Wheat on her new appointment.

6. **Public Participation:**

No questions.

Cllr Wilkinson thanks everyone for their involvement and hard work within the community.

No other business – meeting was closed 20.26

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

Signed: (Chairman) _____

Date: _____