

Annual Parish Assembly Minutes of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 5th March 2019 at Great Wood Hall at 7.15pm

Attendees: Councillors – Cllr Pearce (Chair), Cllr Akerman (Vice-Chair), Cllr P Wilkinson, Cllr Hulme, Cllr Flunder & Cllr Stubbs – S Morgan-Owen (Clerk).

Community Representatives: Chris Wells (Tean Youth Club), Barry Davies (Tean Churches Together), Denise Wheat (GWH Social Club), Helen Smytheman (GWH), Alana Wheat (Gaming Potion), Lisa Langridge (Tean Rainbows).

Chairman's Welcome: Chairman welcomes everyone, thanks all for coming and offers apologies from Cllrs McCormack, Wilkinson, Wilkinson and Ball.

1. Minutes of the previous Annual Parish Assembly:

The minutes of the monthly meeting of the council held on 8th May 2018, have been circulated. They have been confirmed as an accurate and true record:

Signed by the chairman and **Proposed: Cllr Flunder – Second: Cllr Hulme – All in Favour**

2. Chairman's Report:

Cllr Pearce invited previous chairman's for this term to speak on their years as Chair.

Cllr Flunder 2015/16: Gave an overview of his tenure including setting up of the football club, starting the Neighbourhood Development Plan, the lifting of the S106 from Tean Mills, the flood alleviation scheme at Lower Tean, bridging the gap between surrounding parish councils. Cllr Flunder would also like to say a special thank you to the late Mr Tom Christopher and Mr Bruno Harrison for all their support and help in the objection to the contentious planning application on Cheadle Road.

Cllr Hulme 2016/17: Gave an overview of his tenure including £4.2k spend on the cremation section of the cemetery and would also like to thank the Lengthsman for his continued hard work in maintaining an excellent cemetery. Forming of the community events group, with special thanks to Tean Churches Together, Great Wood Hall, Tean Youth Club and the local schools.

Cllr P Wilkinson 2017/18: Advised that everything the council has achieved is a team effort and hopefully it will continue after the next election. The council also wouldn't be able to achieve everything without the continued support of our community volunteers. Overview of his tenure included The Wentlows project secured with grants totalling £31k and S106 monies totalling £22k, thank you to Cllrs Pearce, Akerman and Stubbs for playing a key role. Completion of the GWH car park (lines should be sorted soon). Continuation of the NDP thanks to Cllr Flunder, continued success of the annual lights switch on thanks to Cllr Hulme, monies spend on defibrillators and community training. Disappointed with the outcome of the traveller's site and feels that Checkley was SMDC's sacrificial lamb.

Cllr Pearce 2018/present: Since purchasing GWH the council have been paying £17k a year. The outstanding amount is now £99k and should be paid in 5/6 years. The council has supported Checkley Community Centre with £12k towards a new floor, we have resurfaced play areas at Tean and Checkley to the value of £8k, thank you Cllr Akerman for driving the project. In an era of contentious planning applications, the council continues to support the community to fight developers and planning and where fights have failed the council has officially staked a claim in S106 monies to ensure it is reinvested into community areas and projects. The NDP should be completed this year and should hopefully slow down development applications, thank you to Cllr Flunder and those resident groups involved. Thank you to all those involved in the Christmas Lights Switch on, this is becoming a greatly anticipated calendar event. The council will continue to support Tean Youth Club and the invaluable work they do for the young adults in the community. The Council would like to thank Alana Wheat,

Alex Wood and committee for taking over Gaming Potion after the sad loss of Cllr Steve Jones. I'm sure he would be exceptional pleased that it is continuing in good hands. The Council would like to thank Steve Clarke the Parish Lengthsman and Malcolm Price the Parish Litterpicker for their continue hard work in maintaining the parish. On behalf of the Council and community we would also like to pay tribute to Siân Morgan-Owen for her continued support even through a very tough year.

Checkley Parish is a work in progress and continues to achieve with the ongoing support of our volunteers and community groups, so thank you all. (full copy of chairman's report available on request).

3. Financial Statement/Precept: Clerk gave a brief outline of estimated annual spend and advised that the parish council had voted to not increase the precept this year. (report available on request)

4. Reports from Outside Body Representatives:

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| Chris Wells – Tean Youth Club Secretary | See Appendix 1 |
| Barry Davies – Tean Churches Together | See Appendix 2 |
| Helen Smytheman – Great Wood Hall | Last years events successful. Due to completion of the kitchen not a lot has been planned for this year, refurbishment of gents toilets is now on hold until nursery issues sorted. |
| Denise Wheat – GWH Social Club | Thanks to the council for financial support advertising club, open day went really well but just couldn't get numbers up. Idea was for club members to run it but not enough interest so club has had to fold due to lack of interest. |
| Lisa Langridge – Tean Rainbows | There is a strong guiding community in the area. They are always full and have a waiting list. Strong links with Great Wood Primary. Number of leaders are raising money so they can go to Kenya to take part in the Mombasa building project July 2020. Need to fund raise £3k each. The council are happy to support with advertising fund raising projects on their social media and website. |
| Alana Wheat – Gaming Potion | Took over the club in Sept 2018, had 3 sessions with membership of over 20 people. Potion days are usually structured as nerf battles in the morning and board games etc in the afternoon. Gaming Potion would like to thank Cllr Flunder and Cllr Jones family for their support. In keeping with Steve Jones wishes they do not charge for the days, however they do get charged by GWH for the use of the hall for the day. |

5. Public Participation: No public in attendance.

Cllr Pearce once again thanks our community champions for their continued invaluable work within the community.

No other business – meeting was closed 20.37

I hereby state this is a correct account of the monthly meeting held by Checkley Parish Council.	
Signed: (Chair)	Councillor
Date:	

APPENDIX 1

Tean Youth Club

Annual Update to Checkley Parish Council

Tuesday 5th March 2019

Renewed/ New Membership from September 2018 – 53 ... 34 males ...19 females

The average weekly attendance is in the mid-twenties. over half of the members are from the Tean area.

Weekly activities – indoor games, Xbox, table tennis, dodge ball, table football, air hockey, arts and crafts, outdoor football and basketball.

Special nights...Pizza night (now cooked in our kitchen) chip butty night, bingo, Quiz Night, Bouncy Castle, Smoothies, cupcake making, Hungry Hippos, Tie Dying and fabric painting the Youth Club Banner, Youth Parliament Discussions and voting. Glo in the dark night.

Out of Club - Crazy Golf at Alton Towers, Christmas Meal at Chandni Cottage, participated in the Cheadle Carnival parade and Tean Light Switch on with Santa and 4 very helpful Elves.

Volunteers

The Youth Club have a dedicated group of volunteers, Denise, Helen, Chris, Deb, Cheryl, Alana, Alex, Dale, Fran and our newest recruit Steph – who support Gerald the Youth Leader. All volunteers over 18 have DBS check. We only have one young leader Korey.

Sadly, one of our regular volunteers, Steve Jones, died unexpectedly at the end of August last year. He had become a regular member of the team bringing his own special gaming interests to share with the youth club members. The Youth Club have erected a plaque in his memory.

Volunteers and the new Young Volunteers out and about

- Aidan and Dale attended the Bremen Project with SCVYS July/Aug 2018
- Alex, Aidan, Dale attended a young leaders weekend course, Level 1, at Larches Wood, Wolverhampton
- Helen and Chris attended a course 'Challenging Behaviour'
- Helen, Alana, Alex and Deb have renewed their First Aid Training

- Denise, Helen, Alana and Alex attended a 3-day course – Level 2 Youth Award – 4 modules of work – lots of homework 😊
- Alana and Alex attended a course 'Special Educational Needs and Disabilities'
- Helen completed her 'Food Hygiene'

Alana and Alex have been very busy setting up a Facebook page sharing the big events which happen at youth club. On Instagram they share 'stories' about the club – potential members can see what we do on club nights. On You Tube they have created and shared a Steve Jones Tribute Video.

Alana and Alex have updated the membership pack and code of conduct Sept 2019
Funding

SCVYS have supported the youth club with funding to support the art activities for the Cheadle Carnival and money towards a new cooker. Thank you Councillor Pearce – 2 grants, one for the purchase of a Karaoke Machine and the other to repair the pool table and purchase new cues. Thank you Steve Jones' funeral donation – was given to the Youth Club as one of his named benefactors from the collection at the funeral. Thank you.

Cheadle Rotary donated £500 for replacement of damaged sports equipment. Thank you

And....A big Thank You to Checkley Parish Council for your continuing financial support.

Looking ahead....

- Broadening our range of activities to engage the larger number of male club members. Alana and Alex have been collecting suggestions from the youth club members.
- Update 'e' policy and 'safe touching policy'
- Blackpool Trip in the Summer 2019
- Participating in Cheadle Carnival 2019

Christine Wells – Youth club Secretary

APPENDIX 2

TEAN CHURCHES TOGETHER

REPORT FOR THE ANNUAL TEAN AND CHECKLEY PARISH ASSEMBLY, MARCH 5, 2019

In 2018, TCT enjoyed another busy year, promoting Christian values in our community and raising money for charities locally, nationally and internationally.

The group does not fundraise for its own ends and remains extremely grateful for the support and encouragement it receives from the village churches, from the Parish Council and from other community groups.

The pattern of TCT activities in 2018 followed that established over recent years and began at the Easter season.

- Ash Wednesday – a simple free lunch of soup and bread to mark the beginning of Lent. Each church contributes the soup and bread in rotation and all are welcome. The 2019 lunch will be at Tean Methodist Church (Gorsty Hill Road) at 12:30 on Wednesday, March 6.
- Good Friday – the annual Walk of Witness around the village, with stops for prayer and reflection at key places in the village, followed by refreshments, including hot cross buns, at one of our churches.
- Christian Aid Week (May) – the group uses CAW, which is a national event, as an opportunity to fundraise for this international Christian charity. The traditional door-to-door collection has in recent years been superseded by individual events such as a cake stall in the High Street (thanks to the Co-op for putting up with us) and the sale of quiz sheets. This year's cake stall will be on the morning of Saturday, May 19. Also this year a sponsored walk is planned for Sunday May 12. The walk will be from Tean to Croxden Abbey, with a shorter route option for the less able.
- The Christmas season is very important to TCT for obvious reasons.
 - The group is always delighted to be part of the annual Festival of Lights, which is held on the Friday before Advent Sunday, the beginning of the four weeks marking the lead up to Christmas. The event continues to grow each year and is a credit to everyone involved.
 - The Festival of Carols and Readings for Christmas was held for the fifth successive year in 2018 and remains as popular as ever. The group wishes to acknowledge the wonderful help given by the committee of Great Wood Hall in staging this event which is free to anyone who wishes to attend, with a charity collection being taken and distributed to local, national and international charities. The group also wishes to acknowledge the support of our local civic dignitaries and local clergy of all denominations for this event.
 - On Christmas Eve, following our individual church services, we gather at the crib in the High Street to place the baby Jesus in the manger. From just a handful of people a few years ago, this has grown into a large but simple and poignant event, with so many children eager to help place the baby in the crib.
- The pattern of events planned for 2019 will follow that of past years with the amendments and additions as noted above but the group is also planning a new event for this summer. The second Sunday in July is designated nationally as Rural Mission Sunday and following the example set by other rural communities nationally and locally, TCT will be hosting an outdoor service and family picnic on Tean Rec (by kind permission of the Parish Council) on the afternoon of Sunday July 14. Details are still being worked out but Uttoxeter Town Band will be providing the music and the

“Beacon Boys” vocal harmony group will be singing. The service will start at 3pm with the picnic to follow. (Free drinks and cake will be available but people are asked to bring their own picnic food and chairs). It is hoped that the village will turn out in large numbers to support this first summer event on the Rec for many years.

- In recent months, a pattern has been established of holding joint church services on the fifth Sunday where there are five Sundays in the month. It is planned that this pattern of worship will continue throughout 2019.

Finally, TCT is a very informal, small group of very enthusiastic people who are always grateful for all the help that they receive but if anyone would like to become more actively involved they will be very welcome. To learn more please contact any of the village churches.

Barry Davies, March 3, 2019.