

EXTRAORDINARY Meeting Minutes of the Parish Council held on Thursday 26th November 2020 remotely via Zoom at 7pm

Attendees: Councillors – Cllr Stubbs (Chair), Cllr Wilkinson (Vice Chair), Cllr Akerman, Cllr Hulme, Cllr Pearce, Cllr Peck & Cllr Bell – S Morgan-Owen (Clerk) and 0 members of the public.

1. Chair’s Welcome:

- a) Cllr Wilkinson stands in briefly for Cllr Stubbs while he joins the meeting.
Cllr Wilkinson advises that the reason this meeting has been called is to provide clarity regarding the position of Checkley Parish Council concerning the options outlined in the Cushman and Wakefield report regarding the development of Cheadle Town.

2. Apologies Received from:

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| Cllr Trigger | Unwell |
| Cllr McCormack | Work Commitments |
| Cllr Buckley | Unwell |
| Cllr Flunder | Work Commitments |

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| Cllr Buckley | ABSENT – Cllr Buckley did not offer apologies nor attend the meeting |
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3. Declaration of Interest: In addition to the normal:

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| Cllr Wilkinson | Business on Cheadle High Street |
| Cllr Pearce | Chairman of Cheadle, Checkley and Forsbrook Conservative Branch |
| Cllr Hulme | Member of the Conservative Branch |

4. Clarification of Checkley Parish Councils position concerning SMDC’s plan regarding the future of Cheadle Hospital and Cheadle Leisure Centre.

Cllr Stubbs reiterates that the meeting is to clarify and reinforce where Checkley Parish Council stand with regards to the redevelopment of Cheadle. The Parish Council feels we may have been misrepresented at SMDC’s Service Delivery Overview & Scrutiny Panel on Wednesday, 18th November 2020

https://staffsmoorlands.public-i.tv/core/portal/webcast_interactive/518610

Cllr Wilkinson advised that himself, Independent Leader Cllr Linda Malyon and 4 District Councillors from Cheadle called in the cabinet report. Although the object is to form a Cheadle Town Centre Delivery Board, supported by a stakeholder panel. Councillors are concerned that the Cheadle Masterplan and the investment strategy is based around a commissioned report by Cushman and Wakefield which contains development options which include the demolishing of Cheadle Leisure Centre and Cheadle Hospital to be redeveloped into homes and the development of Tape Street car park into a community hub with the loss of valuable parking for an amenity that requires extra parking. These options have been included without representation of any local stakeholders including surrounding villages.

The proposal will now go back to cabinet as Cllr Flunder abstained from the vote. Checkley Parish Council would like to note thanks and appreciation to Cllr Flunder for his fortitude.

Checkley Parish are also concerned that correspondence received from Sir Bill Cash MP was not read out and therefore reflects a transparency issue.

Cllr Bell makes reference to comments made by Cllr Sybil Ralphs MBE referring to attracting tourism to the Cheadle area and there is not reference of this made in the Local Plan.

Cllr Pearce feels we should support Cllr Flunders ideas

5. Proposed Way Forward:

Proposal made for a letter (2020/026) to be written to include the following points:

- Advise that CPC feel that they have been misrepresented at the Service Delivery meeting.
- Reinforce CPC's opinion with regards to the options outlined in the Cushman and Wakefield report.
- Support Cllr Flunders proposal to remove pages 18 – 21 of the forementioned report that relates to the options and anything in the report that refers to those pages. Also the requirement of only the one stakeholder group.
- The stakeholder group as well as including Cheadle councillors and representatives it should also include representative of the local surrounding Parish Councils: - Checkley, Forsbrook, Kingsley, Dilhorne, Draycott etc.
- Concern for not reading out Sir Bill Cash MP's letter.


Copies of the letter to be sent to: Sir Bill Cash, All members of SMDC Cabinet, Andrew Stokes, Cllr Ross Ward, Scrutiny Panel, Cllr Mark Deaville, Cheadle Town Council, Local/National Press, The Right Honourable Boris Johnson MP

Additional letter to be sent:

(2020/027) – Sir Bill Cash – Letter of thanks to include our authorisation for him to share our letter with his political colleagues and if he could possibly raise this issue in 'Prime Minister Questions'

Proposer: Cllr C Pearce – Seconded: Cllr S Bell – Unanimous, 7 in favour (6 visual, 1 verbal) – motion carried.

Meeting was closed 19.40

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| I hereby state this is a correct account of the monthly meeting held by Checkley Parish Council. | |
| Signed: (Chair) | Councillor  |
| Date: | 15/12/2020 |
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