

Annual Parish Assembly Minutes of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 10th May 2022 at Greatwood Hall, at 7:15pm

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

Community Representatives: Barry Davies (Tean Churches Together), Janet Sideway (Christchurch) Mary Amos (Checkley Community Centre), Yvonne Grimshaw & Lisa Langridge (Tean Girl Guiding). Cllr Wilkinson will represent Hollington Village Hall and Cllr Akerman will represent Tean Youth Club.

Chairman's Welcome: Chairman welcomes everyone, thanks all for coming and offers apologies from absent Councillors and Ben Admanson, Dave Laws, Denise Wheat and Gaming Potion. He also introduces himself and Cllr Bell as the Chair and Vice-Chair of Checkley Parish Council

1. Chairman's Report: Cllr Hulme reiterates what a difficult year it has been due to the pandemic and what a relief it is to get back to face to face meetings. He explains why the Christmas lights switch on was cancelled last year and the hope to reinstate it this year. Cllr Hulme also gives an overview of project which have been carried out this year by the council including the accessibility path in Recreational Ground, works in Well Meadow Garden, Hollington Village Hall and we are still working to a resolution of the Greatwood Hall lease.

2. Financial Statement/Precept: See appendix 1

3. Reports from Outside Body Representatives:

Cllr Wilkinson – Hollington Village Hall Advises on process taken of last year, from setting up a new committee and refurbing the hall. Thanks Checkley Parish Council for financial contribution.

Barry Davies – Tean Churches Together See appendix 2

Janet Sideway – Christchurch Christchurch hall has struggled over lockdown due to no funding or grant privileges. They have lost the nursery but have managed to take on U3A. Are back to holding events and Christmas events will be back to normal.

May Amos – Checkley Village Hall Advises the transition CCC has been through over the last 12 months and it's current success.

Yvonne & Lisa – Girl Guides Advised Tean Rainbows and how they continued to operate virtually during lockdown and planning on getting involved in community projects.

Cllr Akerman – Tean Youth Club Advises that Youth Club re-opened since the pandemic last Friday with over 50 children attending. Gerald is back as youth leader.

Cllr Stubbs Updates on the current Events Committee and the Jubilee weekend celebrations.

Cllr Bell Updates on what the Parish Council are doing with regards to climate change, the planting of the new orchard, sensory garden, painting of the lampposts, Jubilee Park and current position of the Neighbourhood Plan. Future projects such as establishing a heritage trail and the finalising of the Neighbourhood Plan.

4. Public Participation: No resolutions required

Cllr Hulme on behalf of Checkley Parish Council thanked:

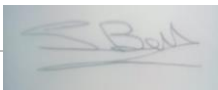
Our community champions for their continued invaluable work within the community.

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CLlr Akerman for her continued work with the events committee.
Siân Morgan-Owen for keeping the parish council running in her role as the Parish Clerk.
Steve Clarke for his commitment as the parish Lengthsman and the work he carries out maintaining the cemetery.
Our community groups such as Churches Together, our Village Halls, British Legion and our local schools.
Our Parish Councillors for their contributions to the community as elected volunteers.

Reminder that the events meeting is Thursday 12th May, 6pm at Greatwood Hall and everyone is welcome to get involved.

No other business – meeting was closed 20.15

I hereby state this is a correct account of the monthly meeting held by Checkley Parish Council.	
Signed: (Chair)	Councillor Bell 
Date:	17/05/2022

Appendix 1

2022 – 2023 Precept

It was agreed at the January 2022 ordinary meeting that the Parish Council would NOT increase the annual precept request, therefore, submitted a 0% change to SMDC. This means the Band D precept charge for 2022/23 remains at £41.99 per year. However, due to the increase of the *Council Tax Base (number of houses) from 1,628 to 1,636 the annual precept has increased from £68,359.72 to £68,695.54 – an increase of £335.82.

* More information can be found on www.gov.uk

Year End Financial Situation

Below is the current financial situation of the Parish Council. The Parish Council use these figures to make informed discussions about local spend.

	Bank Reconciliation at 30/03/2022		
	Cash In Hand 01/04/2021		88,751.84
	ADD Receipts 01/04/2021 - 30/03/2022		86,547.76
			175,299.60
	SUBTRACT Payments 01/04/2021 - 30/03/2022		94,015.70
A	Cash in Hand 30/03/2022 (per Cash Book)		81,283.90
	Cash in hand per Bank Statements		
	Petty Cash 15/02/2022	0.00	
	Business Reserve Account (Car Pa 21/02/2022	19,301.12	
	Business Reserve Account (GWH I 21/01/2022	16,834.17	
	CPC Current Account - 75446650 24/03/2022	48,361.34	
			84,496.63
	Less unrepresented payments		3,212.73
			81,283.90
	Plus unrepresented receipts		
B	Adjusted Bank Balance		81,283.90
	A = B Checks out OK		

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Checkley Parish Council currently has a reserve fund of £48,361 with further access to £36,135 which is monies remaining from completed projects (GWH Car Park & Purchase). This means that Checkley Parish Council's total reserves are currently £81,284. However, these funds are earmarked for projects.

Recommended Contingency Reserves	Recommended Amount
Four Months Free Cash	£30,000
Emergency Contingency	£6,000
TOTAL	£36,000

Earmarked Reserves (EMF)

	Earmarked Amount	Spend Amount to Date	Balance	Known Future Spend
Heritage Trail Project	£1,700	-	£1,700	
Fence Around Wentlows Play Equipment	£4,000	-	£4,000	
Cemetery Fund (Extension/Paths etc)	£15,000	-	£15,000	
Greatwood Hall Meeting Accessibility	£2,000	-	£2,000	
Rec & WMG Project (Inc Acc Path)	£10,000	£4,897	£5,103	£2,265
Jubilee Community Celebration	£4,000	£725	£3,275	£2,269
Hollington Village Hall	£16,000	£11,013	£4,987	£5,213
Greatwood Hall Project	£4,000	£6,707	£-2,707	£138
Christmas Lights Improvement	£2,000	-	£2,000	
Referendum & Completion of NDP	£7,000	£4,765	£2,235	£253
Annual Floral Display/Storage	£1,000	£1,000	-	
TOTAL	£66,700	£29,107	£37,593	£10,138

Looking at the above information we currently have £81,284 in reserve, £75,245 are EMF leaving just £6,039 available to cover any over-spend in ANY area (including precept headings). Although monies can be taken from other earmarked pots Councillors need to be aware that the council will need to find the funding to give it back to the project or removing the project from earmarked until funding can be found. Our external auditors have also advised that earmarked reserves to be recognised must be agreed and minuted in the current year...we do this in January and September.

TEAN CHURCHES TOGETHER

REPORT TO TEAN AND CHECKLEY PARISH ASSEMBLY MAY 10, 2022

Tean Churches Together is an informal grouping of the various Christian denominations in the village which exists to benefit our community through various faith-led events and initiatives. Links are also fostered to the village schools and other local organisations. The group receives no funding other than that kindly donated from time to time by the Parish Council and any monies raised at its events are donated to local, national and international charities. TCT has no formal constitution and meetings are focussed but informal. The people involved are much more interested in simply getting things done than in the formalities of meetings, etc. The group does have the support and endorsement of the local ordained leaders of each church and joint church services are held from time to time. New members to the group are always welcome.

A normal calendar of events would typically be –

- A free simple soup and bread lunch on Ash Wednesday to mark the start of Lent
- The Good Friday Walk of Witness at Easter
- Events to raise funds for the Christian Aid charity during Christian Aid Week in May (e.g. High Street Cake Stall, quiz sheets, etc.)
- The annual village Christmas lights switch-on
- The installation of the Christmas crib in the High Street
- The annual Festival of Carols and Readings for Christmas at Great Wood Hall

Other one-off events are occasionally held such as the celebration of Rural Mission Sunday on Tean Recreation Ground in July 2019 and An Evening with Pottermouth, hosted by John Acres, to raise funds for the CORD charity in October 2021.

The Covid pandemic has naturally had a major impact on the events programme since early 2020 but this year a normal programme has been planned with the Good Friday Walk of Witness having been the best attended for some years.

TCT will be playing an active part in the events to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June and will be holding an open-air service as part of the Picnic in the Park event on June 5. Other events later in the year are planned to follow our normal programme.

Tean Churches Together continues to be enormously appreciative of the support that it receives from Tean and Checkley Parish Council and thanks them sincerely for that support.

Barry Davies (01538 722874, barrydavies2@btinternet.com)

May 9, 2022.