

Meeting Minutes of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 19th April 2022 at Greatwood Hall at 7.15pm

Minute Ref Code prefix: 04/2022

Members Present:

Cllr Alan Hulme (Chair)	Cllr Stephen Bell (Vice Chair)	Cllr Pete Wilkinson	Cllr Steph Akerman
Cllr McCormack	Cllr Colin Pearce	Cllr Bryan Stubbs	

In Attendance:

Denise Wheat – Clerk (in SMO's absence)	
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1. Chairman's Welcome:

Cllr Hulme welcomes everyone.

2. Apologies:

Cllr Tigger	Dispensation granted renewed January 2022
Cllr Buckley	Holiday
Cllr Peck	No reason provided
Cllr Flunder	Another engagement

3. Declaration of Interests:

Member	Agenda Item	Nature
Cllr Bell	14	Vice Chair & Document Control for NDP Group
Cllr Wilkinson	10 13.8.2	Member of SMDC Planning Committee Hollington Village Hall Chair
Cllr Hulme	10 13.10	Member of SMDC Planning Committee Events Committee Chair
Cllr Akerman	8.7 14	Family Member Member of NDP Steering Group
Cllr Stubbs	11.1.7	Cheque
Cllr Pearce	13.7	Land grazing

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 15th March 2022 have been circulated. They have been confirmed as an accurate and true record:

Signed by the Chairman and **Proposed: Cllr Akerman – Second: Cllr Pearce – Motion Carried**

5. Public Participation:

No member of the public present.

6. District Councillor Announcement:

The Conservative Association have elected a new leader Cllr. Paul Roberts.

7. County Councillor Announcements:

Cllr Deaville not in attendance (no apologies received).

8. Actions and Updates from Previous Meetings:

8.1 Boundary Petition: Cllr. Bell asked for Councillors to have a look at the 2nd phase of the Boundary Consultation information and to bring back for a discussion to the next meeting.

8.2 Solar Farms: No response has been received to Cllr. Pearce’s letter to SMDC. Council resolved for as many to attend the Solar meeting with Draycott as possible.

8.3 Football Pitch Lease: Letter needed to Football Club to remove weedkiller – advise not to store in portacabin. Discussion was had about the council doing a spot inspection. **Proposed: Cllr Wilkinson – Second: Cllr Pearce – Motion Carried**

8.4 Memorial Plaques: Council considered the design. Cllr Bell asked for Sian to contact him before ordering the tree plaque as wording needs amending slightly- subject to agreement on the wording. The Council previously agreed to fund a bench in the High Street. Cllr Bell will get a price from Teak design with Union Jack, Cllr Stubbs will get a price for the metal one like the one at Croxden.

8.5 Gateways (Cllr Hulme): Put on Highways Liaison meeting agenda.

8.6 Tree Inspection (Cllr Bell): Cllr. Bell gave a report £1,495 +VAT tree surgery – Proposal was to go ahead with the works pending confirmation of budget availability from the Parish Clerk. **Proposed – Cllr Pearce - Seconded - Cllr. Akerman**

8.7 Old Cemetery Fence: Cllr. Stubbs has not had time yet to look at this. Resident is putting in part of a fence but it will not go all the way.

8.8 Jubilee Park Landscaping Works (Cllr Bell): New quote – money in the budget for this, Weedkiller has been applied on the triangle. Volunteers may do the planting, Cllr. McCormack asked for specification on height of trees. Council Resolved to go ahead with the work. **Proposed Cllr Bell, Seconded Cllr Stubbs**

9. Correspondence:

Report house which joins the car park – Christmas lights on

Cars are drawing up to the curb and hitting the wall on the car park. Permission will be needed to put bollards on the carpark. Cllr. Hulme will research this with the District Council.

10. Planning Applications and Related Issues from the Planning Coordinators: Cllr Bell will comment on this on behalf of the council. All in favour

10.1	Applications for Consideration			
	SMDC No Details can be viewed online	End of Consultation Period * Ext Grant	Address	Proposed Application Details
10.1.1	SMD/2021/0730	21/04/2022*	Blacks Head, Tean	Redevelopment of the site to provide retail at ground floor level and 4no flats at 1 st flr, plus ancillary car parking and delivery area.
<p>Local resident letter – Building appears to be higher than was proposed. Strict rules because it is in a conservation area. New plans the second half is now the same level, whereas on the first it went down to single storey. Currently not got planning permission. Neighbours have also got the same concerns. Residents need to be encouraged to comment on the application on the SMDC website. Email resident and neighbours if possible.</p> <p>Photo evidence of the issue with the footpath needs to be sent to the Planning Committee. Builders are storing bricks on the pavement. Letter needed to County officer/ District. They are in breach of Planning.</p> <p>No detail of how the building is going to plug into the Chiropodist building. This needs to be mentioned.</p> <p>Cllr Wilkinson confirmed it will go to Planning Committee so the Parish Council representatives and resident concerns should be raised at SMDC.</p>				
10.1.2	SMD/2022/0160	04/05/2022	Novus Renewable Services Ltd	Installation of solar farm with battery storage facility and associated works.
<p>Blythe House Farm - Two consultations very well done</p> <p>Not against solar but the Cumulative impact of different location applications – historical area around Totmonslow.</p> <p>Archaeological interest care needs to be taken. Concern over footpaths to be protected and well-marked.</p> <p>Battery storage lithium has gone up in price</p> <p>No objection</p>				

10.2 Other relevant planning issues pertaining to the parish.

11. Financial Matters & Governances:

11.1 Authorisation of Cheques and Payments: Internal Auditor – Cllr Akerman

	Payee	Goods/Service	VAT	Total Amount	Cheque No
11.1.1	Nationwide Paint	Lamp post painting WMG	-	£795.00	3751
11.1.2	The Admin Genie	Jubilee Flags	-	£1483.18	3752
11.1.3	Urban Vision	NDP	£52.50	£315.00	3753
11.1.4	Surrey Hills Solicitors	Lease Project	£27.50	£165.00	3754
11.1.5	EON Next	High St & Rec Power	-	£37.28	3755
11.1.6	SoMarketing	Website Hosting & SSL	£29.00	£174.00	3756
11.1.7	Cllr Bryan Stubbs	Expenses – Jubilee Flags	-	£18.82	3757
11.1.8	Malcolm Price	Litterpicker	-	£283.63	3758
11.1.9	Siân Morgan-Owen	Clerks Salary	-		3759
11.1.10	Siân Morgan-Owen	Clerks Expenses	-	£125.08	3759
11.1.11	HMRC	PAYE/NI Payment	-	£89.69	3760
11.1.12	Staffordshire Pension Fund	Clerks Pension	-	£283.63	3761
11.1.13	Steve Clarke	Lengthsman Fee	-	£592.50	3762
11.1.14	Lymers Doors	Hollington VH	£868.61	£5211.67	3763
	Invoices				
11.1.15	Draycott PC	Jubilee Bunting		£175.10	
11.1.16	Checkley Community Centre	Jubilee Bunting		£175.10	
11.1.17	Christ Church	Jubilee Bunting		£70.05	

Proposed: Cllr Pearce – Second: Cllr Hulme – Motion Carried

11.2 Bank reconciliation has been circulated to councillors

11.3 Skip hire increase from £110 to £120 (+VAT). Noted

11.4 Internal Annual Audit Fee's – Neufield Accountants £110 **Proposed: Cllr Bell – Second: Cllr Akerman – Motion Carried**

11.5 Parish Council Assembly – 10th May

11.6 Annual Meeting of the Parish Council – 17th May

12. Highways Issues (hedges, footpaths etc)

Highways meeting scheduled for 28th April.

13. Environment:

13.1 Lengthsman & Litterpicker Reports: Another Orchard tree has been vandalised

13.2 WMG / Tean Rec: Cllr Stubbs suggested a new notice board for the Recreation Ground. Cllr. Stubbs will get a quotation

13.3 Wentlows: Notice board has been vandalised further. Lengthsman has been to make safe.

13.4 Hollington:

13.4.1 Wall repair - 10 thousand tons have gone in to support the wall. The wall is built onto the tarmac. Highways need to take responsibility for part of this. Cost of traffic lights is immense.

13.4.2 Fatality in Hollington – reduction of speed to 30mph has not worked. A consultation is needed to get traffic calming. Put on Highways agenda.

13.5 Checkley & Lower Tean: Land Grab not resolved – put on highways agenda.

13.6 Health & Safety (inc Play Equip):

13.6.1 Wentlows, Checkley and Tean Playground– Quotations – metal play equipment sandblasted and painted - six pieces of play equipment. It was highlighted on the RosPa report. A discussion was had about Checkley playground is not the responsibility of the Council. It was then agreed that the community of Checkley use the playground a lot so the council should support this.

Quote 1 - £1,500

Quote 2 - £2,100

Proposed – Cllr. Wilkinson – Seconded – Cllr. Pearce – All in favour

13.6.2 Tean Recreation Ground – Bay Tree – sleepers for the slide. Cllr McCormack will request the contractor to fit the planks to the slide.

13.7 Cemetery: Skip is costing more. Tennant is keeping the additional land clear with grazing sheep.

13.8 Village Halls:

13.8.1 Hollington Village Hall: Restoration work is now completed. Disabled facilities Grant has been agreed. Licence to serve alcohol is now granted. A discussion was had regarding the situation with holding trustees and management committee trustees. AGM and Annual accounts will be presented to the Council. Up to date accounts are requested from all the Village Halls. Date to be arranged for the Council to visit the Hall

13.8.3 Checkley Community Centre - Next meeting is on 3rd May. Leaflets are being delivered to promote fish and chip meals for the community. Food vans are regular

13.9 Climate Strategy: Tree planting was discussed. Sustainable trees were discussed that grow quickly and can be harvested. At the moment the ornamental trees like Oak will take many years to grow and can not be used for wooden windows etc. Old estates would have been managed by a woodman, branches kept down. Food Waste is a big contributor to Climate. Suggestion for a piece of land to create an allotment. Good for community. The Council will consider locations. Cllr McCormack mentioned the change of use of land from green belt to brown field site. It would need an access road and a car park. SMDC Moorlands initiative to plant significant number of trees. Where can the council get these trees from.

13.10 Events:

St Johns £168 + VAT, Leaflets and Posters are ready,
Meeting scheduled this Thursday on the Car Park to look at locations.

Bunting has been delivered.

Beacons are in progress being made.

Jubilee Flags have been reinforced by Cllr. Stubb's sister-in-law so they are stronger.

Park Sign needs to be discussed to fit on the children's designs.

Heritage trail was not granted due to the cost of postage.

Volunteers needed to do the painting.

13.11 Youth Projects: Re-opening on May 6th. Cricket pitches in the shed. What do the council want to do with them? Cllr. Akerman will speak to Great Wood School. Cllr Stubbs will speak to the Cricket Club.

13.12 Other Environment and Community Topics: New Flight path – Manchester airport. Denise will ask Cllr. Deaville if he would attend on behalf of Checkley and Draycott.

Resident had no need for a brown bin, could one of the District Councillors ask if you could get him a brown bin.

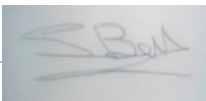
Cllr. Pearce has been to collect a painting of Mrs Philips. One painting needs to be cleaned, and the new acquisition needs a small amount of repair to the frame. Thanks were given to Colin for negotiation and for collecting the frame.

14. Neighbourhood Plan Update: Consultation needs to go back to Regulation 14 – the steering group can take advantage of the feedback and amend the plan. Cllr Bell gave a report to add to the minutes.

15. Matters Pertaining to the Next Council Meeting

Thanks were given to Denise for taking the minutes.

Meeting was closed 21.35

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