

CHECKLEY

PARISH COUNCIL

Checkley Parish Council Minutes Tuesday 22 July 2025 – 7:15pm Greatwood Hall

Clerk to the Council – Dawn Plant 07919 911938

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Present Chairman Akerman, V C Pearce, Cllr Stubbs, Cllr Hulme, Cllr S Buckley, Cllr G Buckley, Cllr Wilkinson

Members of the public .Mr & Mrs Bloor – Overton Farm

Agenda Item	Description	Requested by / Standard item
1	Apologies – To receive apologies for absence Cllr Peck, Cllr Flunder	Standard
2	Declarations of Interest and Dispensations (from agenda) – Councillors must declare any personal or prejudicial interests in items on the agenda and their nature, and leave the room for the relevant items.	Standard
3	Minutes: to consider for accuracy and to approve the minutes of the last meeting: June 2025 Proposed Cllr Hulme Seconded Cllr S Buckley Unanimously agreed to approve	Standard
4	Public Participation Mr & Mrs Bloor from Overton Farm were present regarding planning application SMD/2025/0295 to convert an outbuilding to a potential one bedroom building. Cllr Wilkinson and Cllr Bloor made no comments.	Standard
5	County and District Councillor reports to include reports from representatives attending outside meetings. to update Council with any relevant information. County Cllr Bentley gave a report on the recent progress at the County Council, he had supplied a cutting schedule from SCC for the grass. The signs on New Road was on going. The junction at Brookhouses were about to under go improvements for safety reasons.	Standard

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	The dismantled Railway project was ongoing. Useful contacts have been made with a local quarry. The hedge on Gorsty Hill is a private hedge. County Cllr Bentley has a budget of 7.5K He was hoping to spread this amongst his Parishes. Clerk to get a quote. The crossing on New Road is still on the plan for 25/26 capital budget. Cllr Wilkinson – stated that Parish should be taking on more services with a view to Devolution. Cllr Hulme and Cllr Wilkinson gave an update on devolution and the recent voting at SMDC.	
6	Actions and Updates from Previous meetings. Nothing to report	Standard
7	Planning Applications and related planning issues from the planning coordinators – No planning received. None received	Standard

8	Accounts/ Finance: to consider/approve a) July accounts for approval Audited by Cllr S Buckley, Authorised by Cllr G Buckley b) Bank Reconciliation (previously circulated by email and available on the web site)	Standard
9	To elect members to outside bodies and committees. Chairman ex officio	

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	Lengthsman Coordinators – Cllr Stubbs, Cllr Hollington, Cllr S Buckley, Cllr Pearce Police Coordinators – Cllr Pearce Planning Coordinators – Cllr S Buckley, Cllr G Buckley, Cllr Pearce. Councillors are happy for Councillors to respond on Councils behalf in time restricted applications. GWH Management Committee – Cllr S Buckley, Cllr Pearce, Cllr Stubbs Checkley Community Centre – Cllr Stubbs, Cllr Hulme Hollington Village Hall – Cllr Wilkinson, Cllr Peck SPCA – Clerk SMDC Parish Assembly – Cllr Stubbs, Cllr Pearce, Cllr Flunder, Cllr S Buckley, Cllr G Buckley Lafarge Liaison – Cllr Wilkinson, Cllr Peck Youth Committee -Cllr G Buckley Events Committee – Cllr S Buckley, Cllr Pearce, Cllr Hulme, Cllr Stubbs	
10	Highways Issues The drivers are still coming through Hollington to JCB. Signs that are being erected from the new developments – concerns over the height and being in a conservation.	
11	River Tean Flood Action update The meeting with STW had taken place and Chairman Akerman gave a brief update. A presentation had been given which had been sent to Councillors. There was a paper version in the notice board. Cllr S Buckley asked that the issues with the river needed picking up with the EA.	Chairman Akerman
12	Village Halls Chairman passed to VC Pearce GWH – Chairman Akerman displayed the plan for the new bar area, quotes for the work were being obtained. Cllr S Buckley had completed the survey.	Standard

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	Bookings were healthy. Extra volunteers were needed for the Longest Yarn event. Several grants have been applied for. Checkley – Cllr Stubbs gave an update and all was fine, they had received some funding from JCB for the Village Hall Hollington – Funding has been received from JCB 10k towards the St Johns Bells and 8K for the VH floor. SPF funding had been applied for extra solar panels.	
13	Youth Club Chairman Akerman gave an update. One of the where's wallaby trail wallaby's had been designed by the youth club. An enquiry had been made about keeping the wallaby in the Parish. Youth Club has now broken up for the summer. There was going to be a slight increase in prices. £5 to join, £3 for members and £4 for non members. A new leader position has now been advertised.	Standard
14	Events committee updates Cllr S Buckley reported that there was a meeting in September which will be the start of the discussions about Christmas.	Standard
15	Items for the next agenda Lengthsman role and duties – Cllr Stubbs Long term strategy for promotion of the Parish – G Buckley	Standard
	Meeting closed 21:15	