

CHECKLEY

PARISH COUNCIL

Checkley Parish Council
Agenda
Tuesday 17 February 2026 – 7:15pm
Greatwood Hall

Clerk to the Council – Dawn Plant 07919 911938
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Present:- Chairman Akerman, Cllr S Buckley, Cllr Stubbs, Cllr Hulme, Cllr Pearce, Cllr G Buckley, Cllr Flunder, Cllr Flunder, Cllr Wilkinson.

County Cllr Bentley

Agenda Item	Description	Requested by / Standard item
1	<p>A minute's silence was held for the former Parish litter picker Malcom Price VC Pearce presented Chairman Akerman with flowers for her and Leanda for their excellent efforts with the Longest Yard.</p> <p>Apologies – To receive apologies for absence Cllr Peck.</p>	Standard
2	<p>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.</p>	Standard
3	<p>Minutes: to consider for accuracy and to approve the minutes of the last meeting: January 2025 Proposed Cllr G Buckley Seconded Cllr Stubbs Unanimous</p>	Standard
4	<p>Public Participation. No one present</p>	Standard
5	<p>County and District Councillor reports County Cllr Bentley gave an update on The crossing on New Road – This has been delayed by SCC due to services under the highway. This is anticipated to start in May. He had also asked for an update on the New Road / St Thomas Road. He had signed the monies of for the job so it should be imminent.</p> <p>The hedges in Gorsty Hill were on going, SCC had not given any information to Cllr Bentley regarding land ownership, he was investigating other means of actioning it.</p> <p>Christmas Trees – Cllr Bentley can help with 50% of the cost. A number of prices were discussed.</p>	Standard

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	<p>Cllr Wilkinson expressed concerns about the highways officers not attending the planning meetings at SMDC. SMDC were having to ask independent consultants to look at highways officers' comments.</p> <p>Proposal from Cllr Wilkinson that the Parish Council write to Benn Haywood Planning manager at SMDC stating that highways officers attend planning meetings. Seconded Cllr Stubbs</p> <p>Cllr Flunder gave a report about the local planning appeals training that the Councillors had received at SMDC.</p> <p>LGR – Locality meetings have not been agreed. The government consultation is now live until 26.03.2026 Elections were now going ahead, Action for Cllr Flunder to contact SMDC for the readings of the particulate matter stations.</p> <p>Green Spaces strategy 25K for Parishes. Clerk would circulate the details. Clerk would apply for the funding for benches at Hollington Picnic area.</p> <p>SCC have now inspected the dismantled railway line. Cllr Wilkinson has asked SMDC for clarification on the service delivery committee. Proposal Cllr Wilkinson to ask if the 25K fund for green space strategy to commission a report of the condition of the railway. Seconded Chairman Akerman</p> <p>The Clerk would email Sarah Bentley and Mark Briand to give support the project. Contact would also be made with Draycott and Cheadle</p>	
6	<p>Actions and Updates from Previous meetings</p> <p>Quote from Mark Knapper for the gate at GWH - £380 Proposal Cllr Stubbs Seconded Cllr Hulme</p>	Standard

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	<p>Unanimous.</p> <p>Quote for the Parish lectern in Hollington – Unanimously agreed to order the lighter shade of lectern.</p>	
7	<p>Planning Applications and related planning issues from the planning coordinators – See appendix</p> <p>S106 contributions and progress – Cllr Wilkinson has been chasing the contributions with SMDC. No response had been received. It appears that the trigger point had been hit for occupancy. However the S106 monies had not been received by Checkley Parish Council. Concerns that the same developer is now developing Daisy Bank.</p> <p>Proposal to write to SMDC planning regarding the lack of S106 concerns and children’s safety. Chairman Akerman. Seconded Cllr Pearce.</p> <p>Cllr G Buckley – had reviewed the applications. See below. Cllr Pearce declared an interest as he is a tenant of the Heath House estate.</p>	Standard
8	<p>Accounts/ Finance: to consider/approve</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) February accounts for approval Cllr G Buckley had audited the accounts. b) Bank Reconciliation (previously circulated by email and available on the web site) c) Earmarking reserves – deferred due to the NatWest Statement not being received. 	Standard
10	<p>Highways Issues</p> <p>Discussed in County Cllrs report</p>	
11	<p>Village Halls</p> <p>GWH – Chairman Akerman gave a report on the meeting of the committee. There were now 14 committee members working together. The Longest Yard made £10.5K (3.5K from donations and 6K from the café) The accounts are running at a slight loss, so funding opportunities would need to be sought. Cllr Subbs stated that the structural fabric was the responsibility of the Parish Council. Chairman Akerman would formally email the Parish Council with the costs of the recent structural works. Cllr Flunder suggested employing a heating specialist to look at the hall.</p> <p>Chairman Akerman thanked Cllr Pearce for sorting the hedge. Chairman Akerman stated the lease needed updated as the committee has changed and it was undated.</p>	Standard

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	<p>Chairman Akerman – SCC had been in touch with GWH stating that they were now liable for business rates at the potential cost of 16K Chairman Akerman thanked Cllr Stubbs for putting the toilet roll holders up.</p> <p>GWH had received a letter from SMDC about business rates. Clerk will contact SMDC to ascertain the rates.</p> <p>Hollington – Cllr Wilkinson committee meeting took place in January. There is one community fund now to support the church and village hall. Cllr Wilkinson was heading up the project to replace the bell and other projects.</p>	
12	<p>Youth Club Chairman Akerman gave an update 61 children were present at the last session. The AGM was 10.04.2026 at 6pm</p>	Standard
13	<p>Events committee updates Cllr S Buckley gave an update on the upcoming events including the Christmas lights switch on May Picnic in the park 04.05.2026 Duck race and event 05.09.2026 Cllr S Buckley proposed that the events committee sits within GWH so that the hall benefits from the monies. He would report back to the committee. Seconded by Cllr G Buckley</p>	Standard
14	<p>Litter picking Cllr G Buckley proposal that we contact Allison Gardner MP to get Malcolm and formal mention in Hansard. No seconder. Chairman Akerman has had residents ask about fundraising for a bench. Clerk to draft an advert for a replacement to bring to the next meeting.</p>	Clerk
15	<p>Email hosting – one quote has been reviewed, and the clerk would get two more.</p>	Clerk
16	<p>Items for the next agenda GWH structural works Litter picking Email services</p>	

Meetings closed 21:35 hours

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Application number: SMD/2026/0039

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COMMENTS:

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Checkley Parish Council has no objection to this application.

The proposals comprise essential repairs, sympathetic refurbishment and modest alterations to the Grade II listed North Lodge, together with a small rear orangery extension. The submitted heritage statement, detailed drawings and ecology reports demonstrate that the works use appropriate traditional materials and detailing, cause no harm to the special architectural or historic interest of the listed building or its setting (including views to and from the nearby Grade I listed Heath House), and include suitable mitigation for protected species. The external changes are limited and respect the rural character of the area.

We reserve the right to amend or add to these comments should further information or consultee responses come to light during the determination process.

Application numbers:

SMD/2026/0010

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Application type: Full - Minor & Listed Building Consent - Alteration

Site address: THE HEATH HOUSE, Hollington Road, Winnothdale, Staffordshire, ST10 4HA

COMMENTS:

Checkley Parish Council has reviewed applications SMD/2026/0010 & SMD/2026/0011.

We have no objection to these applications. The temporary structures cause less than substantial harm to the settings of the Grade II* Heath House and Grade II walled garden, which is outweighed by the public benefits of enabling walled garden repairs, reinstating historic horticultural use, and supporting estate self-sufficiency and employment. The proposal preserves rural character and aligns with relevant policies in the Neighbourhood Development Plan, Local Plan, and NPPF. There are no significant impacts on archaeology, ecology, or amenities. The Council reserves the right to amend or withdraw this position should further material information come to light. If Approval is being recommended we would request a condition requiring removal of all structures and site restoration after five years.