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## PARISH COUNCIL

**Checkley Parish Council**  
**Minutes for the Annual Parish Council meeting**  
**Tuesday 19 May 2026 – 7:15pm**  
**Greatwood Hall**

Clerk to the Council – Dawn Plant 07919 911938  
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Agenda Item	Description
	Present Chairman Akerman, VC Pearce, Cllr Stubbs, Cllr Flunder, Cllr G Buckleys, Cllr S Buckley, Cllr Wilkinson, Cllr Hulme.
1	<p><b>Elect a chairman</b>            Proposal from Cllr Stubbs for Cllr Akerman            Seconded by Cllr Pearce</p> <p>Vote for 5</p> <p>Proposal from Cllr Flunder for Cllr G Buckley            Seconded Cllr S Buckley            Vote for 3</p> <p>Chairman Akerman is elected as Chairman</p>
2	<p><b>Elect a Vice Chairman</b>            Proposal from Cllr for</p> <p>Proposal from Cllr Stubbs for Cllr Pearce            Seconded by Cllr Flunder</p> <p>Unanimous</p>
3	<b>Apologies – To receive apologies for absence – County Cllr Bentley</b>
4	<p><b>Declarations of Interest and Dispensations (from agenda) – Councillors</b> must declare any personal or prejudicial interests in items on the agenda and their nature and leave the room for the relevant items.</p> <p>Cllr Wilkinson for planning, HVH            Cllr Flunder Planning and events            Cllr Hulme Planning            Cllr Akerman Events, GWH, YC            Cllr Pearce Events, GWH            Cllr Stubbs GWH, Events, C            Cllr S Buckley GWH, Events, YC            Cllr G Buckley YC, Events</p>
5	<b>Minutes:</b> to consider for accuracy and to approve the minutes of the last meeting: April 2026

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	Proposed S Buckley, Seconded G Buckley
6	<b>Public Participation – Nobody present</b>
7	<p><b>County and District Councillor reports</b> to include reports from representatives attending outside meetings. to update Council with any relevant information.</p> <p>Cllr Pearce – Gorsty Hill – the hedge is still overgrown, and SCC had contacted the wrong landowner.</p> <p>Cllr Wilkinson – Planning committee has Daisy Banks variation of conditions on the agenda for the meeting on 21.05.2026 Cllr Wilkinson has queried the details of the report and has asked that the matter is deferred until those items are clarified Cllr Pearce would speak at planning committee. Clerk will email SMDC</p> <p>Cllr S Buckley will also send a statement via email.</p> <p>Cllr Flunder – gave an update on SMDC meetings.  Cllr Flunder gave an update on the locality teams meeting. The Councillors expressed concerns about the quality of the questions being levelled at the Parish Council from the teams meeting and their ambiguity.  Cllr Flunder said that SMDC were asking businesses to attend a locality meeting, on June 8<sup>th</sup> at 4pm</p>
8	<p><b>Planning Applications and related planning issues from the planning coordinators – See appendix</b></p> <p>No planning to report</p> <p>Unanimously agreed to thank the planning committee for deferring the BES planning application</p>
9	<p><b>Accounts/ Finance:</b> to consider/approve</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) May accounts for approval – unanimously agreed to approve</li> <li>b) Bank Reconciliation unanimously agreed to approve.</li> <li>c) To note any recommendations from the Internal Audit report Proposal</li> </ol> <p>None to report</p>

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	<p>d) To approve the annual governance statement - Unanimously agreed to accept Unanimously agreed</p> <p>e) To approve the annual accounting statement – Unanimously agreed to accept</p> <p>f) To approve the appointment of Kim Squires for the Internal Audit for YE2027- Unanimously agreed to accept</p>
10	<p><b>GWH works updates</b> Cllr Stubbs will chase the window contractor. Cllr Flunder asked if the spaces could be marked out on the carpark. Cllr S Buckley would look at this.</p>
11	<p><b>Village Halls</b> GWH - Charity shop had been moved into a new area, the storage area had been moved around for easier access. The History room was set up. The boiler room was being cleared out. VC Pearce said the committee was working very well now. <b>Checkley</b> – successful events were now being held. <b>Hollington</b> – The new floor work was now underway. Cllr Pearce thanked Cllr Wilkinson for his hard work with the hall.</p>
12	<p><b>Youth Club</b> Cllr G Buckley gave an update on the Youth Club – 49 young people were present at the last session. Chairman Akerman would explore the possibility of applying for funding for netting and multi sports for the playground. AGM took place and succession planning for the older children to move into the youth leader positions.</p>
13	<p><b>Events committee updates</b> A review of the last event would take place at the next events meeting, but it was a great success. Next meeting 02.07.2026 Thank you to the Minshall's for providing the carpark. Thanks to the events committee for their work.</p>
14	<p><b>Update on the Litter picking applications</b> The three contractors had now submitted the supplementary questions, and these would be reviewed in due course.</p>
15	<p><b>Email hosting updates</b> – All emails had now been allocated and the Councillors needed to log into their accounts and be ready for when the old accounts are switched off.</p>
16	<p><b>To elect members to outside committees</b> – Ex officio</p>

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	<p>Contractors Coordinators – Cllr Wilkinson Hollington , Checkley Cllr Flunder, Tean Chairman Akerman          Police - Cllr Pearce, Cllr G Buckley          Planning Coordinators – Cllr S Buckley, Cllr G Buckley, Cllr Pearce          GWH Management Committee – Cllr Pearce, Cllr Stubbs, Cllr S Buckley          Checkley Community Centre – Cllr Flunder, Cllr Stubbs          Hollington Village Hall – Cllr Wilkinson, Cllr Hulme          SPCA – Cllr Flunder          SMDC Parish Assembly – Cllr Stubbs, Cllr Pearce, Cllr Flunder          Lafarge Liaison – Cllr Wilkinson, Cllr Stubbs          Youth Committee – Cllr S Buckley, Cllr Flunder</p>
17	<p><b>To review and approve the financial risk assessment, standing orders, financial regulations for the YE2027</b>          Unanimous.</p>
18	<p><b>LGR Updates – Discussed in the County Councillor section.</b></p>
19	<p><b>Items for the next agenda</b>          Update on GWH works.          LGR updates          Gorsty Hill Hedge          Asset acquisition updates.</p>

Meeting closed 20:50