

## **Checkendon Parish Council**

The minutes of the meeting of Checkendon Parish Council held on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2005.

### **1. Present**

Mr. D. Griggs, Mr. M. Wickens, Mrs F. Chancellor and Mr. T. Corbishley  
Also present PC Ian Roy (part time) and Cllr. J. Thomson, and Cllr. D. Nimmo-Smith

### **2. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Mr A. Bennett.

### **3. Election of Chairman for 2005/2006**

Mr D. Griggs was proposed as Chairman by Mr Wickens, seconded by Mr Corbishley and duly elected to the post. Mr Griggs signed the declaration of office.

### **4. Election of Vice-Chairman for 2005/2006**

Mr M. Wickens was proposed as vice chairman by Mrs Chancellor, seconded by Mr Corbishley and duly elected to the post. Mr Wickens signed the declaration of office.

### **5. Responsibilities of Councillors for 2005/06**

- a. Planning – Mr Corbishley/Wickens
- b. Playground – Mr Corbishley/Griggs
- c. Public Transport Representative – Michael Weller
- d. Responsible Financial Officer – Mrs Dunk
- e. Highways – Mrs Chancellor
- f. Footpaths – Mr Bennett
- g. School – Mr Wickens
- h. Village Hall – Mrs Chancellor
- i. Recreation Ground – Mr Griggs/Wickens
- j. Litter – collectively parish councillors

### **6. Confirmation of the minutes of 1<sup>st</sup> March 2005**

These minutes were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

### **7. Report by PC Ian Roy**

Pc Roy reported that crime remained low within Checkendon, with 1 act of criminal damage to public toilet and 1 burglary from a garage.

PC Ian Roy explained to councillors his expanded role in the parishes of Bix and Assendon, Rotherfield Greys and Highmoor.

### **8. Matters Arising from minutes**

#### **a. Notice of Vacancy**

Following the resignation from 10<sup>th</sup> May of Mary Weller the clerk had posted the Notice of Vacancy on the noticeboard.

#### **b. Status of Village Hall**

Individual councillors were asked to agree if they were happy to be a member of holding the trustee of village hall in parish council name. All present agreed and Mr Bennett would be contacted by clerk for his option.

The accounts for the village hall would be presented to parish council for approval at the July meeting.

### **9. Countryways**

Clerk to email OCC regarding dissatisfaction of reply regarding request for road narrowing sign near Rose Cottage and their concerned at a kerb of double sleepers and not a slope to verges which may be dangerous to cyclists/motorcyclists. A number of outstanding works were noted:

- a. No imprint bands in centre of village
- b. Speed activated device not installed
- c. Missing road markings at entrance gates
- d. Village sign at Checkendon
- e. Nuthatch area no 30mph sign in road

### **10. Housing Needs**

The owners at sites No. 1 and 2 did not wish to proceed with the sale of land. Parish council considered other options within village and Mrs Willers will contact planners to access the feasibility.

### **11. Sports Club Report**

There was a continuing problem with weeds and rabbits causing damage to the playing surface. Rotherfield Greys boy's team would continue to use the football facilities next year.

### **12. Playground Report**

The report book was signed.

No replacement to assess the condition of the playground and equipment on a fortnightly basis had been found and clerk would place appeal in Checkendon News.

Shavings had been donated by Cox's and clerk to write letter of thanks.

The rope on tyre swing was still too short. Mr Griggs has missing chain support. The tower upright required attention. The bridge area requires support post, there was a hole in the fence and the disabled entrance required attention as the gate was allowing cycles into play area. Mr Corbishley and Mr Griggs to meet on 15<sup>th</sup> May to attend to these problems.

### **13. Footpath Report**

Mr Bennett had reported a blockage on footpath by equestrian centre with a fallen tree but Mrs Chancellor thought this had already been removed. Mrs Chancellor expressed concern that at Broadoaks the footpath was being moved from its definitive line by 1m. She would email Mr Bennett and ask him to see if this was the case.

### **14. Village Hall Report**

Bluebell Sunday had been very popular with not only raising £130 but also acting as a social event. Plant Sale would be on 21<sup>st</sup> May and Jumble Sale on 21<sup>st</sup> June. The village hall remained in a good state of repair.

## **15. Correspondence**

1. SODC – paper sacks for composting –article placed in Checkendon News
2. SODC – Community Waste service in smaller villages not to be reintroduced. Cllr. Thomson asked to voice disappointment of Checkendon.
3. SODC – Clear sacks for recycling at 25 for £2.50 –article placed in Checkendon News.
4. Cooksey's – Full transfer of licence at Four Horse shoes to Belinda Bowdrey and Martin Veater.
5. OCC – Oxfordshire Structure Plan 2016 modifications to draft deposit. M Wickens to reply if necessary.
6. Mr Lauder – Concern over 30MPH speed. Mr J. Thomson had not seen letter from Mr Lauder and would investigate. Parish Council had asked for 30MPH speed limit in the vicinity of houses.

## **16. Finance**

### **a. Cheques for payment**

The following cheques were agreed for payment:

7.3.05

0617 M. Weller

Reimbursement for village day

£20.97

22.3.05

0618 C. Dunk

Reimbursement for village day

£56.47

0619 OALC

Course on finance

£41.12

0620 D. Griggs

Reimbursement for materials for village hall light

£20.90

0621 N. Bollon

Fitting of light

£36.00

10.05.05

0622 OALC

Annual membership

£119.85

0623 Chiltern Society

Annual membership

£25.00

0624 Allianz Cornhill Insurance plc  
Annual premium  
£582.59

0625 C. K. Dunk  
Clerk's salary, allowance and expenses  
£271.34

0626 Checkendon PCC  
Donation towards upkeep of church yard  
£250.00

0627 South and Vale Carers  
Donation  
£30.00

0628 Spoil

0629 Woodcote Volunteers  
Donation  
£40.00

0630 CAB Henley  
Donation  
£40.00

0631 CAB Didcot  
Donation  
£50.00

0632 Stoke Row Surgery Bus  
Donation towards running costs  
£200.00

0633 Age Concern  
Donation  
£40.00

0634 P Pound  
Ransomes Gang Mowers replacement of cylinders and blades  
£1,028.25

b. Cheques received

SODC precept £4,000

SODC Street Cleansing £58.00

Scottish and Southern Electric Wayleave £1.00

## **17. Planning**

The following application had been received since the last meeting:  
P05/E0410LB Highwayman Inn Exlade Street  
Removal of hoist and staircase-New disabled toilet  
Parish council recommended for refusal

P05/E0471 Greengate Whitehall Lane  
Raise roof to give first floor living accommodation and extensions  
Parish council still to consider

The following decisions have been received

P04/E0031 + Amendment 1 Hankley Whitehall Lane  
Demolition of single storey dwelling- Erection of 2 two storey dwellings with garages  
SODC granted

P04/E0079 + Amendment 1 Michaelmas Cottage Whitehall Lane  
New double garage with hobby room over  
Withdrawn

P05/E0184 1, Neals Farm Cottages  
Garage with games room over  
SODC Granted

## **18. Report by Cllr. D. Nimmo-Smith**

The chairman welcomed Cllr. D. Nimmo-Smith and thanked him for attending Checkendon Parish Council so promptly after his election victory. Cllr. Nimmo-Smith introduced himself and stated he was just learning about his role with an induction course for councillors due to take place on 12.5.05. Mr Griggs asked if he could make enquiries as to why the grips had not been cleared in Whitehall Lane but those not requested in Lovesgrove Lane had been cleared.

## **19. Report by Cllr. J. Thomson**

Cllr. Thomson reported on new paper bags for compost which would go to recycling and not to landfill. He explained that waste disposal would be evolving over the coming months in order to reduce the amount to landfill.

Cllr. Thomson would look into the granting of planning permission for The Highwayman with a car park allocation of just 28 spaces for 102 covers plus staff.

## **20. Any other business**

### **a. Litter collection**

During Mr Weller's convalescence councillors agreed to take responsibility for litter collection as follows:

Scots Corner/Lovesgrove Lane – D. Griggs

Byways/Recreation/Playground – F. Chancellor

Village centre to Four Horseshoes – T. Corbishley

Scots Corner to A4704 – M. Wickens

Clerk to ask for person to look after Whitehall Lane on temporary basis

Clerk to purchase litter pickers and yellow fluorescent jackets

b. Damage to playing field fence

Mr Griggs to ask Mr Russ to repair rotten post on corner near Simons and Lawrence sign.

c. Scanner for Clerk

It was agreed that clerk could purchase scanner up to £50

d. Damaged signs

Clerk had reported damaged 30mph repeater sign near Four Horseshoes PH and directional sign on A4074.

e. Warning signs for horses

This would be repositioned near dip near Nuthatch Farm and one installed from opposite direction.

**20. Next Meeting**

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July at 7.45pm