

## Checkendon Parish Council

The minutes of the meeting of Checkendon Parish Council held on 1<sup>st</sup> March 05

### **1. Present**

Mrs. M. Weller, Mr. D. Griggs, Mr. M. Wickens, Mrs F. Chancellor and Mr. T. Corbishley

Also present PC Ian Roy (part time) and Cllr. J. Thomson.

### **2. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Mr A. Bennett, and Cllr. T. Crabbe.

### **3. Confirmation of the minutes of 4<sup>th</sup> January 2005**

These minutes were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

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

Pc Roy reported that crime remained low within Checkendon. 2 road traffic accidents, 1 lost dog and criminal damage to a quiet lane post.

The new landlord at The Four Horseshoes had resulted in the end to underage drinking. PC Roy was meeting with Checkendon School to promote cycling proficiency and the road awareness programme for young children.

Mrs Chancellor asked PC Roy to promote safer parking near the school during morning and afternoon pick up and drop times and asked if his presence in the village at this time would be possible.

Mrs Weller expressed concerns at the speed of Vanalloys driver going through the village. PC Roy asked for times and dates to be recorded and registration number if possible.

A police surgery was to be held on 7<sup>th</sup> March between 6-10pm.

### **5. Matters Arising from minutes**

#### **a. Arrangement for 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration of Josh Main**

All arrangements were in place for the celebrations on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2005.

#### **b. Road and Pavement at Greenacres**

Mrs Chancellor had contacted OCC who had been out to clean the drains on 3 consecutive days. Clerk to send defect card notifying OCC of remedial works required to repair kerb, pavement, and embankment. Clerk also to send defect card regarding loose cracking drain cover in middle of road Main Street by Hartley Cottage/Bellmans.

### **6. Countryways**

Work was scheduled to begin on 14<sup>th</sup> March to reinstate the road narrowing between Four Horseshoes and Rose Cottage. Traffic calming in the centre of the village would follow on shortly afterwards.

Councillors agreed to that the Speed activated device should read "30" slow down.

### **7. Housing Needs**

The owners at site No. 1 did not wish to proceed with the sale of land. Suzanne Willers ORCC to contact second preferred option.

### **8. Parish Council Website**

This was now live. The parish council recorded their thanks to Alan Kendall for his hard work and commitment to the site.

### **9. Sports Club Report**

Parish council agreed to £1,038.25 for the cost of the cylinders being replaced in gang mowers.

### **10. Playground Report**

The report book was signed.

Michael Weller was resigning after 25 years of regularly inspecting the playground on a regular 2 week basis. The parish council recorded their thanks for his work over the many years.

Arm rest on the seat was still missing. Mr Corbishley had a spring programme of work on refurbishment of playground. Mrs Weller hoped that the sensory house and space net would be added to the playground in the near future.

### **11. Village Hall Report**

The AGM of the village hall would be held on 15<sup>th</sup> May, with the approval of the accounts for the last year. Confusion over the trustee status of the hall, whether it was individual parish councillors or the parish council as a named body had not yet been resolved and Mr Corbishley and Mr Blackburn to seek clarification.

Plans for a disability access were being worked on and under consideration by Management Committee.

100 club –winners numbers 98 £125 and 18 £50

### **12. Correspondence**

1. M. Weller – resignation of Mary Weller from Parish Council from 10<sup>th</sup> May 05. Parish Council recorded their thanks for the hard work she had put into parish council since 1987 and were sorry she was leaving and wished her well for the future.
2. Childline – Request for donation – declined
3. Homestart – Request for donation – declined
4. Cookseys – Transfer of licence Four Horseshoes- noted
5. WRVS – Request for donation – declined
6. SODC – Environmental Improvement Schemes – no projects for consideration
7. Area Forum – 8.3.05 Agenda
8. ORCC – Best kept village – declined to enter
9. SODC – Burial Grounds – pass to Rev Davies
10. Standards Board – Review of the Code of Conduct – councillors to reply as individuals if they wish.
11. SE Regional Plan – M. Wickens to reply

12. SODC – Environmental Improvement Grant – no projects for consideration.

### **13. Footpaths**

Work at C21 has been completed.

### **14. Finance**

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

The following cheques were agreed for payment:

#### **11.1.05**

0611 Checkendon Village Hall

Hire of hall for meetings

£91.00

0612 HLBAV

External Audit

£141.00

#### **21.2.05**

0613 Angela Spencer Harper

Photographs – village day

£28.00

0614 Alan Kendal

Reimbursement website hosting

#### **1.3.05**

0615 C. K. Dunk

Clerk's salary, allowance and expenses

£333.36

0616 M. Wickens

Reimbursement plaque

£16.00

### **15. Planning**

The following application had been received since the last meeting:

#### **P04/E0579 Larchdown Farm**

Demolition of existing single store/ garage-Erection of new with games room over  
Parish council no strong views

#### **P04/E0031 + Amendment 1 Hankley Whitehall Lane**

Demolition of single storey dwelling- Erection of 2 two storey dwellings with garages  
Parish council object to overdevelopment of site

#### **P04/E0079 + Amendment 1 Michaelmas Cottage Whitehall Lane**

New double garage with hobby room over

Parish council objected as it is overlooking the neighbours and unneighbourly

P05/E0184 2. Neals Farm Cottages

Garage with games room over  
Parish council no strong views

The following decisions have been received:

P04/E01312/13Lb The Highwayman (Amendment)

Alterations and extensions  
SODC granted

P04/E01412 Land at rear of The Forge Checkendon

SODC Granted

P04/E1445 The Paddock rear of Michaelmas Cottage

SODC granted

Withdrawn – P04/E1488LB The Highwayman

**16. Report by Cllr. T. Crabbe**

Cllr. Thomson gave details of SODC budget. The parish council increase of £34.80 for Band D was above average of £30.00 for smaller villages.

**17. Any other business**

**a. Disabled bay outside church**

Clerk had emailed parish council approval to Rev. Davies in the autumn. She would contact secretary of parochial church council.

**18. Next Meeting**

22<sup>nd</sup> March 05 Annual Electors Meeting

10<sup>th</sup> May 05 at 7.30pm