

## Checkendon Parish Council

The minutes of a meeting of Checkendon Parish Council held of 1<sup>st</sup> September 2008.

### **1. Present**

Mr D. Griggs, Mr. M. Wickens, Miss K. Palmer-Stevens, Mr. A. Bennett and Mr. Corbishley

### **2. Apologies**

Apologies were received from, Mrs D. Stanworth, Kathy Brooks CPSO, and Cllr. D. Nimmo Smith.

### **3. Confirmation of the minutes of 7<sup>th</sup> July 2008**

These minutes were agreed and signed by the chairman.

### **4. Matters Arising from minutes**

#### **a. Church Floor**

A final letter had been sent to the dioceses and it was now considered that this matter was closed.

#### **b. Post on small triangle at turning to Hammonds**

OCC had agreed to remove and restore the finger post in the near future.

#### **c. Memorial to Cliff Blackburn**

This was still being considered.

#### **d. Telephone kiosk**

The parish council had been consulted via SODC on the future of the phone box. Councillors felt that it was a village amenity but wondered on the current usage. Clerk had asked for it to be retained but all present felt that if it was to remain BT should not ignore requests to replace the broken glass and improve its overall appearance.

#### **e. Walking map for village**

The proposed site was not acceptable to the owner but chairman would try to persuade the owner to rethink.

### **5. Current issues affecting the village**

#### **a. Recruitment of school crossing patrol officer/ barrier near main school exit**

The parish council fully supported the head teacher in whatever measures she considered necessary for the safety of the children.

#### **b. Vandalism of Bus Shelter**

As much paint as possible had been removed but it had stained the soft wood backing. Mr Corbishley would line the back of shelter with wood to enhance the appearance.

### **6. Sports Club Report**

The Cricket Club had avoided relegation by winning their last 2 matches of the Division I Berkshire League. Mr Wickens thanked Stan Wilcox for returning from his holiday early to cut the outfield. Despite the wet summer the ground was still really

good. The reformed Checkendon FC had played four friendly matches in their pre season warm up and would begin their league games this weekend.

### **7. Playground Report**

The report book was signed.

The playground was in good condition. Creosoting session would be needed in the autumn which Mr Corbishley would organise. Mr Griggs had replaced shavings and the bins would be emptied later in the week.

### **8. Footpath Report**

Nothing to report

### **9. Village Hall Report**

The disabled access and alteration to the hall were in progress and would be completed in autumn.

100 club winners August No.24 and 5, September No.37 and 28.

### **10. Correspondence**

1. Air Ambulance – request for donation £100 agreed
2. Forestry Commission- Harvesting operations at Burnt Platt, Ipsden, Greyhone and Borough Court

### **11. Finance**

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

The following cheques were agreed for payment:

16.7.08

0830 M. Russ

Work around village

£1, 1416.00

0831 RJS(IA) Ltd

Internal Audit

£185.79

1.9.08

0832 T. Dunk

Graffiti clearance at bus shelter

£60.00

0833 C Dunk

Clerk's salary and petty cash

£454.18

0834 Thames Valley Air Ambulance

Donation

£100.00

Although this was not in the budget a donation had not been made since 2006 and councillors wished to recognise the valuable work.

b. Cheques received

OCC grass cutting grant £1,299.00

**12. Planning**

The following application had been received since the last meeting:

P08/E0779 Hinds Farm Neals Lane

Single storey extension and pool

Parish Council No strong views

SODC Granted

P08/E0723 Checkendon Equestrian Centre

Extension of indoor riding school and refurbishment of existing stables

Parish Council No strong views

P08/E0864 Hartslock Whitehall Lane

Erection of double garage

Parish Council No strong views

Enforcement Notice

Dowderry Whitehall Lane had been served on 1<sup>st</sup> September 08

To ensure the removal of a fence, gate and gateposts

**13. Any other business**

a. Surgery Bus

Stephen Fisher had come forward to help on Thursday mornings. Clerk would send out a revised rota to drivers. Councillors agreed that they reimburse mileage for any drivers who used their own vehicles.

b. Wildflowers for bees

Councillors agreed that areas should be set aside for wildflowers throughout the parish. Katie Palmer Stevens would look into the cost of seed and councillors look at sites that may be used in this way.

**14. Next meeting**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 08 at 7.45pm Village Hall