

## Checkendon Parish Council

The minutes of a meeting of Checkendon Parish Council held of 5<sup>th</sup> January 2009.

### **1. Present**

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

Also Cllr. D. Nimmo Smith and CPSO Cathy Brooks (part time)

### **2. Confirmation of the minutes of 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2008**

These minutes were agreed and signed by the chairman.

### **3. Report by CPSO Cathy Brooks**

Cathy Brooks reported that there had been no incidents in Checkendon over the last couple of months although regular patrols still took place with special attention to the Village Hall and School.

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

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

OCC had now removed the post for refurbishment.

#### **b. Memorial to Cliff Blackburn**

This item was on going.

#### **c. Backing Board for Bus Shelter**

Mr Corbishley would erect backing board as soon as possible.

#### **d. Broken seat Whitehall Lane**

A replacement seat had been supplied by Jewsons and was waiting installation.

#### **e. Hedge at playing field behind 14 Whitehall Lane**

Soha had spoken with tenant and explained that parish council contractor would cut the top of hedge and outside edge with playing field only. Soha had arranged for contractor to cut dead elms by their garages.

### **5. Report by Councillor Nimmo-Smith**

The road gritting budget was already overspent with the early snow in November and icy roads during the current freeze. This meant that some potholes would not be repaired until the new financial year.

The recycling market had bottomed out and waste was currently being stored as there was no market for the material at present.

Mr Griggs asked that Cllr. Nimmo Smith look into potholes in Lovesgrove Lane and by Scott's Farm that had been notified to OCC but remained.

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

Checkendon FC had managed only two games since the last meeting. A fund raising evening for the Cricket Club would be held with a race night on 24<sup>th</sup> January 09 at 7pm.

## **7. Playground Report**

The report book was signed.

The playground remained in a good condition. Mr Corbishley would tighten bolts on seat and secure the ramp to the tower.

## **8. Footpath Report**

The hawthorn tree on the footpath to the north of the Equestrian Centre had now been cut down.

## **9. Village Hall Report**

The touring company's performance on 6<sup>th</sup> December had only secured the sale of 57 seats but it was hoped a small profit had been made. The Phileas P Souper tour production would take place on 21<sup>st</sup> February 09. A full events programme would be arranged at the next village hall meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> January. The secretary was resigning and a vacancy would occur.

No progress had been made on completing the disabled facilities.

## **10. Correspondence**

1. Air Ambulance – Thank you for £100 donation
2. The Church of England – St Peter and St Paul's Church reply to pc letter of 10/7/08- comments noted.
3. SODC -4/5 Hammonds End to be known as Hammond End House

## **11. Finance**

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

The following cheques were agreed for payment:

#### **5.1.09**

0839 C Dunk

Clerk's salary and petty cash

£352.19

### **b. Cheques received**

Scottish and Southern Energy way leave £1.00

### **c. Precept for 2009-2010**

Councillors discussed the budget and Mr D. Griggs proposed seconded by Mr. T. Corbishley and agreed by all councillors that the precept be increased by £500 to £8,500. It was agreed that the clerk's salary be increased from £2,000 p.a. to £2,100 p.a. with effect from 1.4.09.

## **12. Planning**

The following application had been received since the last meeting:

### **P08/E1354 Hollyshaw Checkendon**

Single storey extension.

Parish Council still to consider

### **P08/E1336 Lilac House Whitehall Lane Checkendon**

Erection of log cabin outbuilding

Parish Council still to consider

P08/E1326 Barnhouse Lovegroves Lane Checkendon

Change of use of agricultural land to extend residential garden. Erection of single storey side and rear extension, greenhouse, bicycle and log store -creation of swimming pool and plant/changing rooms.

Parish Council still to consider

The following decisions had been received:

P08/E01066 5, Hammond's Lane Bradley Street

Proposed dormer and French windows and internal alterations

SODC Granted

On appeal Larchdown Farm Whitehall Lane Checkendon

Insertion of internal partitions at first floor level of garage building approved under P04/E0759 to allow for the creation of a bedroom, en-suite bathroom and kitchenette to be used as ancillary accommodation.

Certificate of lawful use granted.

**13. Any other business**

**a. Freedom of Information Document**

Agreed by all councillors and to be posted on parish council website

**14. Next meeting**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2009