

## **Checkendon Parish Council**

The minutes of a meeting of Checkendon Parish Council held of 7<sup>th</sup> July 2008.

### **1. Present**

Mr D. Griggs, Mr. M. Wickens, and Mr. Corbishley

Also present part time Kathy Brooks CPSO

### **2. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Miss K. Palmer-Stevens, Mr. A. Bennett, Mrs D. Stanworth, Cllr. D. Nimmo Smith, and Cllr. M. Newland

### **3. Confirmation of the minutes of 12<sup>th</sup> May 2008**

These minutes were agreed and signed by the chairman.

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

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

Mr Corbishley had drafted a letter to dioceses and PCC which councillors agreed to send.

#### **b. Copper Beech on Village Green**

This had now been reduced in height and the crown lifted.

#### **c. Post on small triangle at turning to Hammonds Lane**

Clerk to ask Cllr. Nimmo Smith to have post restored or removed.

#### **d. Memorial to Cliff Blackburn**

The Cricket Club would be organising a suitable memorial with either numbers for the scoreboard or a wooden seat. The parish council would make a contribution.

### **5. Report by Kathy Brooks CPSO**

Regular patrols were taking place in Checkendon taking in areas where trouble had been reported. The mobile device for detecting speeding had developed a fault and a replacement was awaited.

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

The Cricket Club were not doing too well this season though the players remained enthusiastic. The former South Stoke team would be fielding two teams in the Sunday League and playing under the Checkendon name.

Regrettably the goal that had been given to the youth to prevent them kicking balls against the green shed and village hall had been vandalised by those it was meant to be used by.

The playgroup fair had been a success in village if not financial terms and would be repeated next year.

### **7. Playground Report**

The report book was signed.

The playground was in good condition but at times due to the heavy rain had been water logged. The chains and hinges to the former disabled access area that had now been re-fenced required removing. The fixings to the tyre swing required tightening. The bark required forking over.

### **8. Footpath Report**

The inaugural walk with the Reading Association for the Blind led by Alan Futter from Chiltern Society's had taken place on 23<sup>rd</sup> June. Six stiles had been replaced by kissing gates to give better access to young and old and those with a disability.

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

The disabled access and alteration to the hall would begin at the end of July.

The Plant Sale had been extremely successful raising over £600. Mr and Mrs. Weller retirement from service to the village hall had been marked by a gathering of villagers and presentation.

### **10. Correspondence**

1. Chilterns AONB - Pruning of copper beech considered to be routine maintenance and not applicable for grant
2. P. Venters – Hammonds Pole and Village Green – clerk to reply

### **11. Finance**

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

The following cheques were agreed for payment:

19.6.08

0825 Norman Cox and Partners

Kissing gates for circular less abled walk

£752.00

Although this is not in the budget the full cost will be covered by TOE Grant

22.6.08

0826 Landmark Partnership

10% reduction of copper beech on village green

£570.00

7.7.08

0827 C Dunk

Clerk's salary

£333.32

0828 Grundon Waste Management

10% third party funding for village hall disabled access TOE grant

£550.80

0829 Village Hall Committee

Grant for disabled access

£449.20

b. Cheques received

Trust for the Environment £1,775.00

c. Accounts for Year Ending 31.3.08

These were agreed by all councillors and signed by the Chairman and Responsible Financial Officer

d. Statement of Accounts

These were agreed by all councillors and signed by the Chairman and Responsible Financial Officer

e. Annual Governance Statement

This was agreed by all councillors and signed by the Chairman and Clerk

**12. Planning**

The following application had been received since the last meeting:

P08/E0615 Hartslock Whitehall Lane

Erection of double garage

Withdrawn

The following decision has been received:

P08/E0400 10a Emmens Close

Single storey rear extension

SODC Granted

To Appeal

P08/E0110/LD Larchdown Farm

Insertion of partition at 1<sup>st</sup> floor level of garage building to be used as ancillary accommodation

This will now be dealt with by written submissions

Enforcement Notice

Downderry Whitehall Lane

To ensure the removal of a fence, gate and gateposts which have been erected in breach of planning control.

**13. Next meeting**

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 08 at 7.45pm Village Hall