

Checkendon Parish Council

The minutes of the meeting of Checkendon Parish Council held of 7th March 2006.

The meeting began with a minutes silence in memory of Stephen Hart former parish councillor and a notable villager who had been involved in so many village activities over the last 50 years.

1. Present

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

Also present Cllr. D. Nimmo Smith (part time)

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr. A. Bennett, Mrs F. Chancellor, and Cllr. J. Thomson.

3. Confirmation of the minutes of 3rd January 2006

These minutes were agreed and signed by the chairman.

4. Matters Arising from minutes

a. Bus timetable post near seat at Whitehall Lane

Mr Griggs had now erected the timetable.

b. Update on affordable housing

No progress had been made – the owner of the parcel of land in Whitehall Lane was not responding to ORCC/SODC. Chairman to advise clerk over ownership of another parcel of land at the end of Whitehall Lane.

c. Vacancy at Balfours' Field

This had been allocated to Mrs Smith.

d. Grips around Checkendon

These had been promptly cleared – clerk to email thanks.

e. Vehicle Activated Sign

Installation of the sign had been attempted by OCC but SEC had not installed the power properly so when sign manufacturer went to install it they were unable to do so. OCC have apologised for a service which falls below an acceptable standard and will continue to push SEC.

5. Report by Cllr. D. Nimmo Smith

Cllr. Nimmo Smith raised the following:

- Structure Plan 2016 had been published. It did not have much impact for Checkendon but stated that the rural environment should be maintained.
- The Local Transport Plan would shortly be placed on deposit.

6. Sports Club Report

Jo Rush had replaced some tiles but a bigger section of asbestos slates at the back of pavilion had deteriorated and an estimate was awaited.

Provisionally booked - a marquee would be placed on recreation ground on 5th May at 2.30pm for Stephen Hart's memorial service. School planned a fete on Saturday 24th June using recreation ground.

Continuing problem with mini bikes using playing field and Whitehall Lane - Clerk to contact PC Ian Roy.

7. Playground Report

The report book was signed.

Disabled entrance gates were still causing problems on being left open. Mr Griggs would look at counter weight closure. Litter bins were inadequate in size – Mr Corbishley would look at buying larger wheelie bin. Mr Griggs had carried out a repair to the ladder and Mr Russ had altered rails to uprights so they could not be climbed on. Shavings would be topped up once it had dried out.

Parish Council felt that provision may be required to build up fund to replace playground in years to come.

8. Footpath Report

No problems to report. Finger posts in Checkendon to be refurbished and replaced by OCC.

9. Village Hall Report

Puppet show had been well attended.

10. Correspondence

1. Henley Town Council – appeal for volunteers for Townlands Steering Group – placed in circulation file.
2. Best Kept Village – Checkendon to enter.

11. Finance

a. Cheques for payment

The following cheques were agreed for payment:

0656 – Cancelled

30th January 2006

0657 Young Musicians Trust
Reimbursement for litter bins
£44.72

5th February 2006

0658 Easyspace Ltd
Web domain and site
£29.38

7th March 2006

0659 C. K. Dunk

Clerk's salary, allowance and expenses

£301.91

0660 Norman Cox and Partners

Materials for post and rails for footpath repairs

£74.87

New cheque book numbers do not follow on consecutively

0721 KL and DW Griggs

Hedge Cutting

£20.00

12. Planning

The following application had been received since the last meeting:

P05/E1338 White Cottage + amendment

Garage extension to provide ancillary studio

Parish Council No Strong Views

SODC Refused

P05/E1001 Black Horse - Mr. Wickens declared an interest and took no part in the decision

Conversion of barns to self contained residential units workshops and offices

Parish Council No strong views

P05/E1267 Checkendon Village Hall Amendment

Disabled access ramp and internal facilities

As holding trustees all parish councillors declared an interest and SODC were asked to make the decision.

SODC Granted

P05/E1339 Broadoak Judges Row

Replacement relocated stable block with 3 bay stable block

Parish Council No strong views

SODC Granted

P05/E1360LD Oakwood Farm

Extensions to dwelling house and ancillary buildings

Parish Council no strong views

SODC Granted

P06/E005 Squires Mount Cottage

Erection of first floor extension- conversion of garage to living room detached car port.

Parish Council No strong views

SODC Granted

P06/E0039 4 Hammonds End – M. Wickens declared an interest and took no part in the decision

2 storey and single storey extension new garage block

Parish council felt the extension was OK but the garage block was too large and out of keeping

P06/E0136 Cedarwood Cottage

To be considered by pc

The following decision has been received:

P05/E1260 Whitehall Cottage

Erection of single storey extension

Granted

To appeal:

P05/E0411Ret Hinds Corner Barn

13. Any Other Business

a. Parish Plan

It was decided not to have a chapter in the Woodcote plan

b. Potholes

Defect cards sent for potholes in Lovesgrove Lane and Black Horse Lane

c. Bus stop marking in road opposite school

Clerk to enquire of OCC why this has been placed

14. Next Meeting

28th March Annual Electors Meeting

2nd May Annual Parish Meeting