

Checkendon Parish Council

The minutes of the meeting of Checkendon Parish Council held of 8th November 2005.

1. Present

Mr. M. Wickens, Mrs D. Stanworth, Mrs F. Chancellor, Mr. A. Bennett, and Mr. T. Corbishley

Also present Mrs S. Willers (ORCC), Cllr. D. Nimmo Smith and Cllr. J. Thomson (part time)

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr D. Griggs

3. Confirmation of the minutes of 6th September 2005

The following amendments were agreed:

Item 4 should read cricket sight screens

Item 9 should read mid table

Item 16 should read painting

These minutes were agreed and signed by the vice chairman.

4. Presentation by Mrs Willers ORCC Rural Housing Enabler

Mrs Willers gave an update regarding the current position of negotiations on the land owned by Liz Underwood. Agreement had not yet been reached over the price for the land.

5. Matters Arising from minutes

a. Bus timetable post near seat at Whitehall Lane

Mr Corbishley still to erect.

b. Broken rail to fence at playing fields

This had now been mended.

6. Report from Cllr. J. Thomson

SODC were currently working on the budget for 2006/07

Cllr. Thomson asked that if anyone had comments to make on trial garden waste scheme they should sent them to SODC.

7. Report by Cllr. D. Nimmo Smith

Cllr. Nimmo Smith raised the following

- The 3rd Bridge over the river Thames at Reading was again being raised. This would have a serious knock on effect on the infrastructure and on development in South Oxfordshire. OCC and SODC remained opposed.
- Cllr. Nimmo Smith was now on the Chiltern Area Board
- The protest at threat of closure at Townlands had seen the petition handed in to the Prime Ministers Office.

8. Countryways

The pole for the vehicle activated device had been erected. Connection to the electric supply had been delayed as Stoke Row PC wished to change the location of their sign. OCC would not take any action regarding the removal of Quiet Lane signs.

9. Sports Club Report

Rotherfield Boys U17 team remained second in their league.

10. Playground Report

The report book was signed.

Disabled entrance gates were still causing problems on being left open. Mr Corbishley to purchase "Close gate" signs. Installation of a larger rubbish bin was still awaited. Remedial work had been carried out to stabilise the tower. Mr Corbishley to purchase Mrs Chancellor socket to open rubbish bin lid for emptying. The new picnic table had been delivered and was awaiting installation.

11. Footpath Report

C12 at the top end of the equestrian centre – gate had now been left open adjacent to unusable stile.

C35 Howard Dell of Chiltern Society had cut undergrowth along length for winter use but major clearance required for spring.

12. Village Hall Report

The food fayre had been socially successful but not very profitable. A Quiz Night had been held and a Salsa Evening was scheduled for November.

13. Correspondence

1. C. Madeley Bottom Farm House copy of correspondence with OCC regarding flooding at this point. Clerk advised owners to follow up with Cllr. Nimmo Smith
2. Invitation to CAB Tuesday 29th November 05 – nobody available to attend clerk to reply.
3. Patient and public Involvement Forum – presentation arranged Stoke Row Village Hall Wednesday 1st February 2006 at 7.15pm

14. Finance

a. Cheques for payment

The following cheques were agreed for payment:

16th September 2005

0645 SODC

Fee for planning permission for disabled access for village hall
£135.00

0646 Mark A Langrick

Plans for installation and alterations for disabled access for village hall
£428.00

5th October 2005

0647 Allum Signs
Refurbishment of noticeboard
£211.50

8th November 2005

0648 ORCC
Annual membership
£20.00

0649 OPFA
Annual membership
£25.00

0650 C. K. Dunk
Clerk's salary, allowance and expenses
£263.93

0651 Norman Cox
Picnic bench and wood
£150.05

b. Budget requirements for 2006/07

Clerk asked that all considerations for the budget be submitted to her by not later than 10th December 05

15. Planning

The following application had been received since the last meeting:

Mr Wickens declared an interest

P05/E1001 Black Horse

Conversion of existing barn to self contained residential units workshop and offices
Parish Council No strong views

P05/E1101 The Cottage Beechwood Farm

Conversion and extension to outbuilding to create 2 bed/2 bathrooms with single storey extension and breakfast room.

Parish Council No strong views

The following decisions had been received:

Copyhold Hammonds Lane P05/E0893/896LB and 893

Demolition of existing garage erection of new garage and 2 storey extensions to dwelling

SODC Granted

P05/E0704 Webbs Garage Checkendon

Change of use of garage workshop to offices and reproofing entire building to include a domestic garage.

SODC Granted

16. Any other business

a. Vacancy at Balfours Field

Clerk to consult with SODC and Mary Weller.

17. Dates for forthcoming year

All Tuesday at 7.45pm in Village Hall

3rd January

7th March

28th March Annual Electors Meeting

2nd May Annual Parish meeting

4th July

12th September

7th November