

Cuddesdon and Denton Parish Council
Minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council meeting duly convened and held on
Tuesday, 14th January 2025 at Cuddesdon Village Hall

Attendees – Councillors:	Apologies noted:
Chris Luke – Chair (CL)	Louisa Vincent (LV)
Evie Bennett (EB)	
Stuart Flockton (SF)	
Arthur Smith-Fitchett (ASF)	
Philip Spinks (PS)	Denise Corney - Clerk

The meeting opened at 7.30pm. Notes were taken by the Chair in the absence of the Clerk.

1.	Welcome, Apologies and Quorate The Chair welcomed all to the meeting. The meeting was quorate.	ACTION
2.	Public Participation None	
3.	Declarations of personal and prejudicial interest None for this meeting.	
	Community Orchard <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. PC approved acceptance of TOE Grant & CL signed the paperwork. Nicko King, Ron Stern & DC can now finalise relevant documentation b. PC authorised Orchard Group to begin purchase of trees and other items c. PC approved Orchard Management plan which will be sent to landlord d. PC noted that works would begin in Orchard, including handrail below Rec, subject to weather 	DC and Orchard Group
5.	Approval of minutes of previous meeting Delayed until next regular meeting. NOTED that system of circulating and displaying agendas and minutes needs to be clarified.	DC
6.	Finance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. PC approved 2025/26 Budget but would like some clarifications and a run-through at February Meeting, as a few things were not entirely clear in the absence of DC. b. PC approved an Uplift in the Precept of 9.5%, raising it to around £9,636 from £8,800. c. Councillors felt that an uplift was certainly required due to rising costs, inflation and the need to ensure a responsible reserve but did not consider it reasonable to make a larger percentage uplift than 9½ %. d. PC approved financial regulations and also agreed that PS should be our new Internal Financial Auditor, as Robin Baylie has stepped down from the Council. 	
7.	Payments The following were approved:	

	Clerk's Salary – (including HMRC) January 2025	£274.56	
	Clerk's expenses: Talk Mobile phone monthly direct debit	£5.95	
	Shield Maintenance (dog bin emptying) invoice 8371	£13.26	
	Christmas Tree	£200.00	
	EasyKey (website fees)	£397.68	
	Expenses – L Vincent- mince pies for carol singing	£11.25	
	Adkin – Legal fees Community Orchard	£3600.00	
8.	Items for report and inclusion on next agenda		
	a. To double-check on 2025/26 Budget with DC present.		
	b. To discuss parking in Cuddesdon and give Mrs Boucher a formal response		
	c. To discuss repair or replacement of the Parish Noticeboard.		
	d. To discuss moving meetings to Thursday evenings		
9.	Next meeting		
	Confirmed for Tuesday February 4 th 2025 at 7.30pm		
10.	Any other business		
	a. PC thanked Robin Baylie for all his help on the PC. We are sad to see him step down. Election of a replacement will take place if sufficient notice is given by electors to SODC; otherwise co-option will be required.		
	b. CL has reported the water leak on Denton Green at Manor Farm House. This is an ongoing issue and DC will be asked to follow up. This is very hazardous as black ice forms whenever it is cold.		
	c. The PC thanked Graham Sellar for removing the village Christmas Tree and Robin Baylie for removing the lights. The lights are now stored with CL.		

Signed: