

CUDDESDON AND DENTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

8th May 2012 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

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| Present: | Martyn Percy (Chairman) | MP |
| | Kathy Hawley | KH |
| | Kevin Jones | KJ |
| | David Keene | DK |
| | Stuart Lacey | SL |
| | Michael Raynor | MR |
| | Cyril Sellar | CS |
| | Elizabeth Gillespie (SODC) | EG |
| | David Turner (OCC) | DT |
| | Mike Mount (Clerk) | MM |

39 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

It was unanimously agreed that MP should continue as chairman.

40 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

It was agreed not to have a vice chairman and that a temporary chairman would be elected at a meeting if MP was not present.

41 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no new declarations of interest.

42 CUDDESDON GREEN REFURBISHMENT

- John Cooke, Gilbert Howes, John Paxton and CS from the Cuddesdon Green sub-committee were present. They agreed to consider what further improvements could be made to the Green and report back at the next meeting.
- Gilbert Howes had obtained a quote for £2200 for a metal bench to go around the horse chestnut tree, and other benches were available for about £1000. The possibility of having an ordinary straight bench was also suggested.
- John Paxton asked for the guard around the tree in Denton to be put round the walnut tree at the Green to protect it. **Action: MM**

43 PUBLIC COMMENTS

Keith Hawley expressed concern about the reduction of parish council reserves over a number of years, and the recent increase in the precept.

44 DISTRICT COUNCIL

The core strategy was nearing completion and EG hoped it would include clauses about preservation of the green belt and restrictions on the building of wind turbines.

45 ANNUAL MEETING BUSINESS

- 45.1 It was agreed that the standing orders required no changes.
- 45.2 It was agreed that the financial regulations required no changes.
- 45.2 It was agreed that the risk assessment required no changes.
- 45.4 The asset register was approved.
- 45.5 It was agreed that the insurance cover was satisfactory.
- 45.6 No councillors were members of other bodies.
- 45.7 It was agreed that the freedom of information procedures were satisfactory.
- 45.8 The only current declarations of interest were:
MP's involvement with the building work at Ripon College (College Principal).
DK's interest in the possible development of Dovehouse Farm (tenant).
- 45.9 It was agreed that the meetings for the coming year would be at 7.30pm in the village hall on the first Tuesday of each month.

46 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

47 MATTERS ARISING

47.1 Diamond Jubilee Celebration

It was agreed that the parish council would donate up to £300 for the celebration.

47.2 Play Area Surface Repair

- The application for funding from the Big Society Fund had not been successful, although DT was pursuing this.
- EG suggested that funding might be available from the Leader Grant or the Community Investment Fund. It was agreed to investigate this with a view to replacing all the surfaces.

Action: MM

48 PLANNING

SODC had granted planning permission for the side extension and basement garage at 1 College Cottages (P11/W2261)

49 FINANCE

49.1 Budget

- a) A budget was presented which showed a deficit for the year of £887:
- DK pointed out that the budget was distorted because of the significant spending required for the play area.
 - MR commented that this expenditure could recur.
 - KH was pessimistic about the play area expenditure being funded from grants.
- b) It was agreed to investigate reduction of payment for the website. **Action: MM**
- c) It was also agreed that further revision of the budget might be necessary.

49.2 Payments

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| Aon | Insurance | £401.78 |
| Berinsfield | Grass cutting (March) | £342.48 |
| M Mount | Expenses for trip to internal auditor | £16.00 |

49.3 The annual accounts were approved.

49.4 The accounting statements of the annual return were approved.

49.5 The annual governance statement of the annual return was approved.

49.6 It was agreed that the internal audit had satisfied the internal audit review.

50 COUNTY COUNCIL

- DT agreed to investigate whether any traffic data was available for the road to Cuddesdon Mill.
- He also agreed to report that the Chiselhampton beech hedge had not yet been cut back.

51 PARISH COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

CS asked KJ when the security cameras would be installed, and KJ said it would be happening soon.

Action: KJ

52 CLERK'S BUSINESS

A new code of conduct was due to come into force on 1st July but SODC could not yet draft a new code because they did not yet know what the new regulations were.

53 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- A stile in Denton was broken and it was agreed to write to John Luke asking for it to be repaired.
- It was agreed that the next meeting would be on 12th June.

Action: MM