

# **CUDDESDON AND DENTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

7th November 2023 in the Village Hall

Present:	Chris Luke (Chairman)	CL
	Robin Baylie	RB
	Evie Bennett	EB
	Stuart Flockton	SF
	Arthur Smith-Fitchett	ASF
	Philip Spinks	PS
	Louisa Vincent	LV
	Tim Bearder (OCC)	TB
	Sam James-Lawrie (SODC)	SJL
	Mike Mount (Clerk)	MM

## **89 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no new declarations of interest.

## **90 COUNTY COUNCIL (TB)**

- TB wanted to correct any previous implication of a lack of objectivity regarding ACV decisions by SODC.
- The introduction of 20mph speed limit pilots in various villages had resulted in a slight reduction in average speeds.
- There had been some success in introducing additional buses locally.

## **91 PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- The meeting was well attended and many spoke in opposition to the introduction of a 20mph speed limit. The view was also expressed that the recent canvassing of village views on the matter had not been sufficiently rigorous.
- Nicko King had ordered a replacement tree for the High Street.

## **92 REGISTERING THE BAT AND BALL AS AN ASSET OF COMMUNITY VALUE**

- SODC had agreed to register the Bat and Ball as an ACV. The registration would apply for five years.
- Admiral had said they had selected someone to take over the pub. Nicko King agreed to clarify this with them.
- It was agreed to review in January whether a business plan should be developed.

## **93 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

- Rewording of the minute about the canvassing of views on a 20mph speed limit was agreed.
- The revised minutes of September's meeting were approved.

## **94 MATTERS ARISING**

### **94.1 Drain Clearing**

OCC had said they would clear the drains according to their schedule.

## 94.2 Slowing traffic through the village

- Electric speed displaying sign costs varied between about £2100 and £3500, with a solar panel and stand costing about an additional £1000. It was agreed to investigate whether grants were available for this. **Action: MM**
- Plastic speed gates were available, costing between £400 and £700, depending on their width. It was agreed to measure for size at the proposed location. **Action: MM**
- OCC had suggested that introduction of a “slow” marking in the road near Wellbourne should be delayed because they had heard that a 20mph speed limit might be introduced.
- The result of the canvassing of community views on a 20mph limit had been:

In favour:	65%
Opposed:	31%
Don't know:	4%
Total responses:	100
Not at home:	35
Homes visited:	135
- It was agreed that this result should not be taken as conclusive and that it was not to be seen as binding.

## 94.3 Dove House Development

- OCC had advised that the new path behind the wall was private and its maintenance was the responsibility of the landowner (Magdalen College).
- OCC had adopted the relevant areas at the development and had reduced Natta's financial bond.
- It was agreed that charging Magdalen for verge cutting near the new path would be investigated. **Action: MM**

## 94.4 Bonfire Night

The event had been very successful, with 248 tickets sold.

## 94.5 Footpaths Across Fields

David Keene had said that he tried to keep the footpaths across his fields accessible.

## 94.6 Play Equipment

- An application had been made to replace the goal frames using funding from SODC's Councillor Community Grant.
- The roundabout had been modified to eliminate the finger traps.

## 95 PLANNING

- SODC had refused planning permission for the application to erect a garage at 1 Dove House Lane (P23/S1892/HH).
- It was agreed to support an application for an extension at 27 Parkside (P23/3259/HH).

## 96 FINANCE

### 96.1 Payments

Landscape Group	Grass cutting September	£707.28
Dee Murray	Daffodil bulbs	£267.60
M Mount	Safety Buyer: No parking sign	£56.33
Grindforce	Stump grinding	£240.00
M Mount	SODC: Temporary Event Notice	£21.00
Newsletter	Fireworks adverts	£48.00
Shield Maintenance	Dog bin October	£10.39

Fantastic Fireworks	Fireworks	£840.00
C Luke	Sausages for fireworks	£67.88

#### 96.2 Receipt

All Saints' Church	Wreath payment	£20.00
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#### 96.3 Budget

The latest budget was presented.

#### 96.4 Internal Auditor

It was agreed to use Eugenia Skelly as the internal auditor for 2023/24, at the same cost as this year.

### 97 PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

ASF had reported the potholes and raised centre on the road to Chiselhampton.

ASF had also reported some fly tipped rubbish.

ASF had again reported the poor state of the footpath in the High Street opposite the pub.

CL thanked Dee Murray for organising the bulb planting on Cuddesdon Green.

CL would like to have the footpath and brook in Denton cleared of vegetation. This might cost £300.

CL asked for the potholes at the end of Brook Lane to be reported. **Action: MM**

### 98 CLERK'S BUSINESS

- There had been a request to use the recreation ground and village hall for a seventeenth century reenactment group. More information was requested about this. **Action: MM**
- OCC had issued a new grass cutting agreement and it was agreed that this should be signed. **Action: MM**
- The Chiselhampton Road near the sewage works was going to be closed for the day on 16th January for sewer cleaning.
- A Land Rover Discovery had been parked in the High Street for some time. ASF acknowledged that it was his and agreed to investigate its removal.

### 99 CHRISTMAS TREE

It was agreed that David Keene would be asked if he could obtain a Christmas Tree.

**Action: MM**

### 100 CHRISTMAS CAROLS

It was agreed to have the carols round the tree on 17th December at 5.00pm. Mark Chapman would be asked to lead. **Action: CL**