

Cuddesdon and Denton Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council meeting duly convened and held on
Tuesday, 5th November 2024 hosted at Cuddesdon Village Hall

Attendees – Councillors:	Apologies noted:
Louisa Vincent (LV)	Sam James-Lawrie (SJL) District Councillor
Robin Baylie (RB)	Chris Luke – Chair (CL)
Stuart Flockton (SF) (Chair for this meeting)	Evie Bennett (EB)
Philip Spinks (PS)	Arthur Smith-Fitchett (ASF)
Tim Bearder (TB) County Councillor	
	In Attendance:
	Denise Corney – Clerk
	3 members of the public were in attendance

The meeting opened at 7.30pm

	ACTION
<p>1. Welcome, Apologies and Quorate The Chair welcomed all to the meeting. The meeting was quorate.</p>	
<p>2. Public Participation (15 minutes maximum) A member of the public brought to attention the following: The increase in traffic was substantial during the Milton Road closure. Ditches continue to overflow and need clearing. Drains blocked at Manor Farmhouse, Denton which needs clearing. The Clerk agreed to investigate and submit issues as a Fix my Street Super User. A member of the public commented that cycling through chicanes continued to be an issue for safety reasons. TB confirmed that he had spoken to Sustrans to encourage improvements and new designs.</p>	
<p>3. Declarations of personal and prejudicial interest PS confirmed that he is Chair of Friends of All Saints Church.</p>	
<p>4. Report from SODC Councillor No report received and apologies noted.</p>	
<p>5. County Councillor Report Tim Bearder (TB) explained that there were continued pressures on the OCC budget. Highways cost approximately £45M to maintain annually, with a £15M grant from the Government. Therefore, deterioration is a constant issue. Continuing to prioritise statutory services and social care. Cycling also continued to be encouraged where possible. TB reported that he had attended the OCC budget meeting on 5th November which showed a significant improvement on the previous year deficit. The Chair thanked TB for his attendance and updates.</p>	

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6.	<p>To Report: Bonfire Night Philip Spinks (PS) reported that Bonfire Night had been a great success and well attended. Cash taken on the night would be paid into a bank designated by Unity Trust and the Clerk would check details. PS would confirm takings and the Clerk would pay outstanding costs for food and fireworks. Councillors RESOLVED to donate any profit to Friends of All Saints Church. The Parish Council noted thanks to the volunteers and to those who donated/contributed, which made the evening a success.</p>	RESOLVED
7.	<p>Community Orchard The Community Grant fund had been approved and money transferred to CDPC during November. The Clerk would confirm when the payment was received. Ron Stern agreed to contact the owners and solicitors to confirm that the lease signing to go ahead. RS confirmed that the TOE grant application had been submitted. Councillors asked the Clerk to thank Sam James-Lawrie (DC) for the funding.</p>	CLERK
8.	<p>Approval of Minutes of meeting on 3rd September 2024 15th Oct .24 The Minutes Tuesday, 1st October 2024 were APPROVED and would be uploaded to the website.</p>	APPROVED
9.	<p>Clerk's Report The report had been circulated prior to the meeting and uploaded to the CD Village website. Items noted were Finance (see item 13) CCTV; Community Orchard progress and website. No further items to report.</p>	
10.	<p>Updates from Councillors including CCTV discussion The Clerk had written to SODC for advice regarding use of CCTV and had not yet received a reply. The Clerk would follow up and reach out to SJL (District Councillor) for advice. There had been another incident of fly tipping by the farm which had been listed in Fix my Street. LV asked the Clerk to contact the Clerk from Great Milton PC to investigate aggregate for the layby on Church Road (approaching Great Milton). Councillors AGREED for the Christmas carol singing around the tree to take place on 22nd December at 5pm. Mulled wine and mince pies would be provided. Councillors drew attention to the solar farm at Dodwells and the planning approval P22/S2220/FUL for installation of cabling from the solar farm to Cowley. The Clerk would check the planning application to establish possible timescales when the work would take place. Water gauges for water levels at the bridge – LV asked the Clerk to investigate – contact Environment Agency.</p>	CLERK CLERK CLERK CLERK

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3.12.24

11	<p>Chairman's Report CL had sent apologies and forwarded which is summarised below: "ORCHARD – Note to thank Sam – District Councillor for grant funding. -BONFIRE NIGHT – A great success and a big thank you to Ben from the Bat and Ball along with all other volunteers and those who donated and contributed. Excess funds to be calculated and recipient of donation to be agreed. CHRISTMAS TREE & CAROLS - Christmas Tree to be supplied through David Keene. Ron Stern is organising a Church Carol Concert featuring the 'Intermezzo choir' will start at 6pm on Sunday 22nd December. Village Carols Around the Tree to be at 5pm prior to the concert. Mince pies and mulled wine will be offered. POTHOLES – continue to be an issue and Dee will be investigating further as a Fix My Street SuperUser.</p>	NOTED
12	<p>To Note: Pay review for Clerk agreed by National Association of Local Councils; SCP18 - £15.84 per hour.</p>	
13	<p>Finance: Budget Variation Report and Bank Reconciliation Bank Reconciliation on 31st October 2024 - £15994.97. Budget Variation - Community Orchard, grant funding approved £1500.00</p>	
14	<p>To agree for payment: Clerk Salary – October including HMRC £274.56 Clerk expenses – Talk Mobile phone month dd (Sept and Oct) £11.90 Print cartridge (Amazon) £16.07 Shield Maintenance (dog bins) x £13.26 Payments made since previous meeting approvals: The Landscape Group of Oxford £511.44 Expenses – C Luke (food for bonfire) £105.00 M Mount – Clerk salary July and August 2024 £330.98</p>	<p>AGREED AGREED AGREED AGREED AGREED AGREED</p>
15	<p>To Discuss: Planning Applications None</p>	
16	<p>Items for report and inclusion on next agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget planning and precept • CCTV research • Community Orchard • Councillors' roles and responsibilities 	
17	<p>Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday, 3rd December 2024</p> <p>Confirmed Dates for 2025: 7th January, 4th February, 4th March, 1st April, 6th May, 3rd June, 1st July, 2nd September, 7th October, 4th November, 2nd December.</p>	

The meeting closed at 9pm

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