

CUDDESDON AND DENTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

5th April 2016 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present:	Chris Luke (Chairman)	CL
	David Keene	DK
	Ken Meek	KM
	Richard Palmer	RP
	Michael Raynor	MR
	Paul Sellar	PS
	Arthur Smith-Fitchett	ASF
	Mike Mount (Clerk)	MM
Apologies	Elizabeth Gillespie (SODC)	EG
	Anne Purse (OCC)	AP

32 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no new declarations of interest.

33 PUBLIC COMMENTS

At the previous meeting there had been discussion about replacement of the Parkside sign. Concern was expressed that the question of whether there were any thanks for work done in the village (particularly changes to the bus shelter) had been used as an argument not to replace the sign. The opinion was voiced that such factors should not be a part of the decision making.

34 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

35 MATTERS ARISING

35.1 Building Work at The White Cottage

A letter had been received expressing concern about possible damage to Denton Green when the building work was done at The White Cottage. RP agreed to talk to the owners about this, and this would be followed up with a letter.

Action: RP, MM

35.2 Disturbances at 3A Parkside

I Sellar from Parkside had written complaining that the report in the previous Newsletter had been demeaning. CL agreed to write to him about this.

Action: CL

35.3 Bus Service

AP had advised ASF that she was investigating the possibility of members of the public using the school buses.

35.4 Denton Green

- OCC had supplied a document confirming that the Parish Council were owners of The Green.
- OCC had also supplied a map of The Green confirming that it did not include the turning circle at the top of The Green, but did include the grass area within the turning circle.



- NALC's legal department had responded to the request for further information in fairly vague terms but they had stated that:
 - Long use was 20 years after which an easement would be granted.
 - The conditions of an easement depended on its agreement.
 - Parking on The Green was not permitted.
- It was agreed to discuss this matter further at the next meeting.

35.5 Parkside Sign

SODC had agreed to replace the sign.

35.6 Horse Chestnut Trees on Denton Green

An OCC inspector had checked the two trees near the track. His view was:

- They were safe.
 - The straps should be left although they were not correctly positioned, were too tight, and their strength had reduced through ageing.
 - The trees should be inspected every few years.
 - The volume of the two trees should be progressively reduced to make them two thirds as large.
- Action: MM**

35.7 Roundabout Refurbishment

RP was investigating alternative materials for the roundabout refurbishment.

Action: RP

36 PLANNING

- There was a planning application for an electrical enclosure to be installed near the phone box in the High Street (P16/S0881/T28). This application was for information only and did not allow for any consultation.
- Broadband Oxfordshire had advised that the new cabinet would allow a fibre connection to be made to the Wheatley exchange, which would eventually result in higher broadband speeds.

37 FINANCE

37.1 Payments

M Mount	Salary	£410.55
All Saints' Church	Churchyard donation	£500.00
Oxford Green Belt Network	Subscription	£15.00
Newsletter	Advertisements	£10.00
SODC	Dog bin emptying	£50.23

37.2 Receipt

SODC	First half of precept	£3600.00
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37.3 Grass Cutting Grant

OCC had advised that the grass cutting grant would be the same as last year (£554.73).

37.4 Accounts

The provisional year end accounts were presented, showing a surplus of £462.

CGC

38 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

- DK continued to receive concerns about parking on the verge on the north side of The High Street. It was agreed to discuss this at the next meeting.
- ASF confirmed that he had reported the apparently abandoned car in The High Street near The Lane to the police.
- MR reported that the bridge parapet at Cuddesdon Mill had not been repaired.
Action: MM
- DK considered that the road near Wellbourne needed permanent repair, since it had been in a bad state for a number of years.
Action: MM

39 CLERK'S BUSINESS

- SODC's Community Infrastructure Levy would make infrastructure grants to the Parish Council of 15% of the value of new developments, and this would be 25% if there was a neighbourhood plan. It was agreed to discuss this at the next meeting.
- Roger Bell from Wheatley had written asking if the overgrowth could be removed from the grass verge in front of Coombe Wood on the Wheatley Road. **Action: MM**
- A footbridge in Denton near the brook had partly collapsed and OCC had agreed to repair it.
- SODC would make a grant of £164 towards the Queen's 90th birthday celebrations. It was agreed to ask the Village Hall Committee to fill in the application form for this.
Action: MM

Chairman:



Clerk:



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