

CUDDESDON AND DENTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

4th January 2022 by video conferencing

Present:	Chris Luke (Chairman)	CL
	Robin Baylie	RB
	Colin Hessey	CH
	Paddy McGuinness	PM
	Richard Palmer	RP
	Arthur Smith-Fitchett	ASF
	Tim Bearder (OCC)	TB
	Elizabeth Gillespie (SODC)	EG
	Mike Mount (Clerk)	MM
Apologies:	David Keene	DK

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no new declarations of interest.

2 COUNTY COUNCIL (TB)

- Various OCC grants were available.
- OCC was making a financial contribution to the Maple Tree Children's Centre.
- RP asked for a map showing the experimental road closures in Oxford and TB agreed to supply this.

3 DISTRICT COUNCIL (EG)

EG was opposed to a solar farm being constructed near Grenoble Road

4 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

5 MATTERS ARISING

5.1 Road Safety

TB and a road safety officer were going to meet with some of the councillors shortly.

5.2 Footpath Steps

Councillor grant funding had been applied for.

5.3 Registration of Cuddesdon Green and the Recreation Ground as Village Greens

- It was agreed that MM should be the signatory for the application documents.
- The signing had to be witnessed by a solicitor and there would be a small charge for this.



5.4 High Street Trees

- John Paxton had recommended that Mountain Ash (*Sorbus Aucuparia*) should be planted at the location, and it was agreed that this should be done.
- OCC had not yet given their recommendation on the safety of the adjacent tree or removed the chippings from the ground stump.

5.5 Replacement of the Swings

FCC were prepared to accept an estimate of the cost for the grant application, so a firm quote for the swings would be obtained from Online Playgrounds later in the process.

5.6 Fallen Trees below the Recreation Ground

New Leaf Tree Surgery were scheduled to remove the trees on 14th February.

5.7 Christmas Tree

- Some of the lights on each string had failed.
- MM was relinquishing the duty of putting the lights on the tree.

5.8 Parking at the Village Hall

OCC would be asked to enforce parking penalties for vehicles left in the disabled space or in front of the recreation ground entrance after this had been written about in the Newsletter.

Action: MM

5.9 Combining Cuddesdon and Denton Wards into a Single Ward

- SODC were not prepared to confirm that there would still be seven councillors if the wards were combined.
- It was agreed that an application to combine the wards should be drafted, and submitted if it was agreed.

Action: MM

6 PLANNING

- P21/S4424/FUL 2 Dove House Lane. New garden shed and stone wall between plots 2 and 3. SODC had granted this application.
- P21/S4573/HH Appletree Cottage Denton. New garage and annexe. This application had been withdrawn.
- P21/S3304/HH 1 Dove House Lane. Amendment to include walls at the western and eastern boundaries and a gate at the eastern boundary. It was agreed to support this application.

7 FINANCE

7.1 Payments

David Keene	Christmas tree	£100.00
Easykey	Annual website fee	£397.68
M Mount	Salary Oct-Dec	£449.67
Unity Trust	Bank charge	£18.00

7.2 Cashbook

The latest cashbook was presented.

7.3 Bank Reconciliation

The latest bank reconciliation was presented.



8 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

- RP agreed to obtain some scalplings so the far end of the footpath next to Denton Brook could be levelled and the entrance to the recreation ground could be filled in.
- RB asked about the possibility of even a limited bus service running to Wheatley. It was agreed that TB should be contacted about this. **Action: MM**
- ASF had observed that the street light at The Green was not working. This had been reported to OCC.
- ASF had received complaints about fireworks being let off on the recreation ground at the New Year, and the increasing amount of dog fouling on the recreation ground. This would be written about in the Newsletter. **Action: MM**
- CL was still holding the £500 covid fund and felt it would soon be appropriate to transfer it to the Parish Council account.
- CL noted that there was a suggestion that communities should light beacons in celebration of the Queen's platinum jubilee.

9 CLERK'S BUSINESS

It was agreed that Graeme Sellar should be asked to trim the recreation ground hedge.
Action: MM

Chairman: 

Clerk: 

Date: 1/2/2022

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