

# CUDDESDON AND DENTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

6th November 2012 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

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

## **89 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no new declarations of interest.

## **90 COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT (DT)**

- All the previous local road issues requiring rectification had been recorded by OCC Highways.
- OCC Highways had decided that the hump in the road on the way to Chiselhampton was not a safety defect. SL was dissatisfied with this and agreed to respond. **Action: SL**
- More than 7,000 people had signed up to Oxfordshire's Liftshare.
- Volunteers were being trained in improving rights of way in Oxfordshire.
- Oxfordshire's GCSE attainment remained below the national average.
- OCC had signed a national commitment to ensure that businesses continued to get the support they needed to cut waste and increase recycling.
- A review was under way of transport supported by OCC, including school transport and subsidised buses.

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

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

## **92 MATTERS ARISING**

### **92.1 Denton Green Drainage**

- SODC had visited the site with DK, SL and CS and the best solution was considered to be the installation of a 300mm pipe.
- It was agreed to go ahead with the work.
- SODC had said they would not give any financial assistance, although they should be advised of any proposed work. **Action: MM**
- Preliminary costs were:

Excavator (two day weekend hire)	120
Excavator delivery	20
Pipe (7 x 6m x 300mm)	425
Concrete (2 cu m)	<u>200</u>
Total	£765
- DK had kindly offered to assist with funding and the Parish Council was very grateful for this offer.
- In his absence, it was suggested that DK should be the project manager. **Action: MM to contact DK**
- Care would need to be taken with trench digging near the brook where bulbs were planted.

- It was agreed that two of the trees should be felled, but that this was not as urgent as installation of the pipe. SL said he would fell the trees and would charge only for the fuel used. **Action: SL**

### 92.2 Cuddesdon Green Refurbishment

It was agreed that those who had helped councillors with the benches and bulb planting would be thanked in the Newsletter. **Action: MM**

### 92.3 Play Area Surface Replacement

- WREN had said that the Parish Council would have to pay 10% of the project cost (£1,172) rather than £1,000 and it was agreed that this was acceptable.
- WREN had asked for letters of support for the project.
- Biffa ran a similar grant scheme and it was agreed to apply for this. **Action: MM**

### 92.4 Chiselhampton Beech Hedge

- MM had discussed trimming of the hedge with Jenny Efstratiou. She was keen to co-operate but did not want the hedge to be irreparably damaged.
- It was agreed that she should be asked if any further trimming could be done. **Action: MM**
- It was agreed to ask DT if notices asking drivers to slow down could be located near the hedge. **Action: MM**

### 92.5 Chippinghurst Crossing

Barry Coward, Chairman of Little Milton Parish Council had contacted MM. Harry St John of Smiths Gore had attended their October meeting to discuss the crossing. Little Milton Parish Council were not happy with all the footpath realignments, and were concerned about costs associated with applying for the changes.

### 92.6 Security Cameras

KJ had said he would install the cameras shortly.

### 92.7 Bonfire Night

- 256 adults and about 50 children had attended.
- The Parish Council was very grateful to Martin Smith for supplying the food and it was agreed that he should be thanked for this. **Action: MM**
- The finances were:
 

Tickets	782.00
Fireworks:	583.33
Prizes:	6.00
Surplus:	£192.67
- MM confirmed that the Parish Council's insurance covered the event.

## 93 PLANNING APPLICATION

The Council agreed to recommend approval of planning application P12/S2411/HH and P12/S2412/LB for the addition of a single storey sun room at Lower Farm in Denton.

## 94 FINANCE

### 94.1 Payments

Berinsfield	Grass cutting (September)	£413.52
Fantastic Fireworks	Fireworks	£700.00
M Mount	Fireworks prizes	£6.00
M Mount	Salary	£397.80

## 94.2 Receipts

D Keene	Donation for bench	£370.82
Fireworks	Ticket receipts	£782.00

## 94.3 Bank Balance

At 30th September:

Current account:	£3423.32
Deposit account:	<u>£2708.77</u>
Total:	£6132.09

## 94.4 Budget

Costs for play area resurfacing had been removed from the latest budget and so the projected surplus for the year was just over £1000.

## 95 PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

KH asked why the newsletter was being delivered later than the start of the month. MM agreed to investigate. **Action: MM**

## 96 CLERK'S BUSINESS

- Nick King had written asking for the cherry tree on Cuddesdon Green to be replaced and offering to supply one. It was suggested that the view of the church was improved without the tree, and that its replacement needed further consideration. **Action: MM to reply**
- OCC were investigating whether there could be a disabled parking space outside the village hall.
- Linda Collins had written requesting a representative for the village hall committee. It was suggested that KJ had previously volunteered, and should be asked if he would do this. **Action: MM**
- SODC had asked if there was a location which could be used as a drop off point for Christmas trees. It was not felt that there was a suitable one.
- There were moles on the recreation ground which needed removal, and it was agreed that the pest controller should be contacted. **Action: MM**

## 97 HIGH STREET VERGE

- MM confirmed that the verges were OCC's responsibility, although previously they had stated that they would not assist financially with any improvements.
- It was thought that it might be dangerous to place large stones on the verge to dissuade people from parking there, and so no action would be taken at present.

## 98 CHRISTMAS TREE

SL agreed to fit the lights with DK's assistance.

## 99 CAROLS ROUND THE TREE

It was agreed that the carols would be on 23rd December. KH would supply the mulled wine and Jean Gardner would be asked to manage the mince pies. **Action: KH, MM**

## 100 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed not to have a meeting in December so the next meeting would be on 8th January.