

CUDDESDON AND DENTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

8th January 2013 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present: Kathy Hawley KH
Stuart Lacey SL
Michael Raynor MR
Cyril Sellar CS
Elizabeth Gillespie (SODC) EG
David Turner (OCC) DT
Mike Mount (Clerk) MM

Apologies: Kevin Jones KJ
David Keene DK
Martyn Percy MP

1 CHAIRMAN

In MP's absence, MR was elected chairman.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no new declarations of interest.

3 PLANNING APPLICATION

- David Allen spoke briefly about his planning application for a first floor extension at 5 Bishop's Wood (P12/S3035/HH).
- It was agreed to recommend this application for approval.

4 DISTRICT COUNCIL

EG expressed concern about building houses in the infill areas of the county's smaller villages.

5 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

6 MATTERS ARISING

6.1 Denton Green Drainage

DK had obtained the pipes but the work had not been undertaken yet because the ground was too wet.

6.2 Play Area Surface Replacement

- Letters of support had been sent to WREN.
- A grant had been applied for from Biffa.

6.3 Chiselhampton Beech Hedge

- MM had advised OCC where the slow signs should be put. He was asked to find out what progress had been made with this. **Action: MM**
- MM had had further discussion with Jenny Efstratiou, the hedge's owner. She was very reluctant to cut the hedge back any further, so it was agreed to take no further action.

6.4 Security Cameras

KJ had not advised if the cameras had been installed yet.

6.5 Newsletter Late Delivery

MM advised that the two main reasons why the newsletter was not delivered right at the start of the month were because of late supply of contributions and delays at the printer.

6.6 Disabled Parking Space

It had been agreed with OCC that the proposed parking space would be immediately next to the keep clear area.

6.7 Village Hall Committee Representative

KJ had agreed to be the Parish Council's representative.

6.8 Mole Eradication

The moles had been removed but some new ones had appeared. MM was asked to contact the pest controller again. **Action: MM**

6.9 High Street Verge Parking

The question was raised of parking on the verges near the row of terraced houses on the northern side of the High Street. It was felt that nothing could reasonably be done to prevent this.

6.10 Carols Around the Tree

- KH felt that the event had been poorly attended (only about 30 people instead of 60) because it had taken place too close to Christmas, and should be earlier in future.
- SL was disappointed that the carols did not take place under the tree itself but rather at the nearby street light.

7 PLANNING MATTERS

7.1 Dovehouse Farm Amendment (P10/W0093)

MM had not received printouts of details of the amendment of the plans so it was agreed to ask the planning officer to accept a delay in returning the Parish Council's opinion with a view to discussing it at February's meeting. **Action: MM**

7.2 15 Denton Hill (P11/W1713)

SL felt that the boundary wall had been removed over a longer section than shown in the plans and it was agreed to ask SODC for it to be reinstated. **Action: MM**

7.3 Lower Farm (P12/S2411/HH and P12/S2412/LB)

SODC had granted the application for the addition of a single storey sun room.

7.4 Denton Hill (P12/S2728/LDP)

A certificate of lawful development had been applied for to add a gable roof extension to an existing hip roof.

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- DT advised that a decision was imminent concerning the appeal against there not being a footpath across the weir at Chippinghurst.
- Work to expand the Thornhill Park and Ride car park was due to start in January.
- OCC were urging people to have their chimneys swept, after there had been an increasing number of chimney fires.

- Further significant cuts were being made to OCC's financial contribution from central government.

9 FINANCE

9.1 Payments

Berinsfield	Grass cutting (October)	£413.52
SODC	Dog bin emptying	£48.79
P Ilbery	Mole eradication	£121.00
M Mount	Salary	£397.80
Easykey	Website annual fee	£369.60

9.2 Receipts

Ripon College	Donation for bench	£370.82
HMRC	VAT refund	£636.17

9.3 Bank Balance

At 31st December:	
Current account:	£5378.03
Deposit account:	<u>£2709.11</u>
Total:	£8087.14

9.4 Internal Audit

Initial information had been sent to the internal auditor and no issues had been raised.

9.5 Precept

It was agreed to keep the precept at £7000.

10 PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

- CS reported that there was still a problem with buses becoming stuck in the passing places on the way to Cuddesdon Mill.
- KH asked if the ditches, drains and gullies could be cleaned out. DT said they were now only doing this if there was an emergency.

11 CLERK'S BUSINESS

- Some register of members' interests forms had been filled in incorrectly and amendment forms were given to those affected.
- OCC had requested comments about the present local bus service. CS asked that they were told about buses parking on the verge in Denton. causing the gullies to become blocked. **Action: MM**
- A dog had been fouling in residents' gardens, although it had not been identified as it had not been seen doing this.

12 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was agreed to ask CS to trim the recreation ground hedge.

Action: CS