

CUDDESDON AND DENTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

5th July 2022 in the Village Hall

Present: Chris Luke (Chairman) CL
Robin Baylie RB
Paddy McGuinness PM
Arthur Smith-Fitchett ASF
Elizabeth Gillespie (SODC) EG
Mike Mount (Clerk) MM

Apologies: Colin Hessey CH
David Keene DK
Richard Palmer RP
Tim Bearder (OCC) TB

59 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no new declarations of interest.

60 PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Concern was expressed about trees not being replaced and the general appearance at the border between the Dove House development and the road. It was agreed that EG and MM would raise these concerns with SODC's Tree Officer. **Action: MM**
- The view was expressed that the drains in the village needed clearing.
- Huw Rees from Natta explained the planning application for conversion of the tithe barn at Dove House Farm and answered other questions about the development.

61 PLANNING

The following decisions were made:

- To support the application for conversion and extension of the tithe barn at Dove House Farm into two dwellings (P22/S2074/FUL and P22/S2075/LB).
- To oppose installation of an underground cable through the parish, connecting a solar farm at Milton Common to a substation in Cowley (P22/S2220/FUL), mainly because of the disruption caused by its routing along single track roads; damage to the roads in particular the drainage; and no obligation to rectify any long term problems.
- To support the erection of an extension to the side and rear at 10 Parkside (P22/S2055/HH).
- To support the replacement of existing stores with an extension to the side and rear at 44 High Street, Cuddesdon (P22/S2108/HH).

The following were noted:

- An amendment to the application at Ripon College for the replacement of windows (P21/S2983/LB) giving details of the design.
- An amendment to the application for erection of a garage at Chiltern View, Cuddesdon (P21/S4914/HH) giving details of the soakaway.
- SODC had granted the application at 2 Dove House Lane for erection of a summerhouse.

62 DISTRICT COUNCIL (EG)

- SODC was moving offices in September.

- EG had concerns regarding the Joint Local Plan with Vale District Council.
- EG had a council grant of £2,000, which the village hall had asked to have.

63 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

64 MATTERS ARISING

64.1 Sewage Smell at the Lane Next to the Dove House Development

It was reported that there had been a problem with the reliability of the sewage pump but this was being rectified.

64.2 Traffic Speed Near Parkside

- OCC had not responded about the correct positioning of the speed gates.
- There did not appear to be any suitable upvc material for the gates.
- OCC had agreed to repaint the dragon's teeth road markings on the way into Cuddesdon when they were next in the area.

64.3 Fireworks Insurance

- CL agreed to talk to the fireworks supplier about training in lighting the fireworks.
Action: CL
- Instruction in the operation of fire extinguishers, not using accelerants on the bonfire and dousing the bonfire after the event remained to be considered.

64.4 Dedicated Clerk's Computer

PM had been advised that there should be a dedicated computer for the Clerk's use. He agreed to report further at the next meeting.
Action: PM

64.5 New Internal Auditor

Two possible auditors had been approached. It was agreed that Eugenia Skelly should be appointed.
Action: MM

64.6 Registration of the Bat and Ball as an Asset of Community Value

- It was agreed that MM should be the signatory for the ACV application.
- It was agreed that ownership of the pub should be investigated using the land registry.
Action: MM
- PM agreed to investigate accumulating evidence to support registering the pub as an ACV.
Action: PM

64.7 Internal Controls Policy

The new Internal Controls Policy was approved.

64.8 Amalgamation of the Cuddesdon and Denton Wards

- The last date when the application could be withdrawn was 29th July. It was agreed that the application should proceed.
- SODC had recommended that the Parish Council should respond to the formal consultation and it was agreed that this should be done.
Action: MM

65 SWINGS REPLACEMENT

Originally, the amount quoted by Online Playgrounds for the swings was £9,477, but their current quote was £10,712. It was agreed to submit a change request to FCC (the grant supplier) for the difference of £1,235.

66 FINANCE

66.1 Payments

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| Anne Stern | Jubilee expenses | £397.61 |
| Landscape Group | Grass cutting May | £505.92 |
| Shield Maintenance | Dog bin emptying | £10.39 |
| M Mount | Salary Apr-Jun | £449.67 |
| Gallagher | Annual insurance | £652.90 |

66.2 Receipt

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| SODC | Grant | £500.00 |
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66.3 Other Financial Matters

- a) It was agreed that the insurance cover was satisfactory.
- b) The cashbook was presented.
- c) The bank reconciliation was presented.
- d) It was agreed to transfer the remaining money (£117.00) from the Barclays account to the Unity Trust account, and to close the Barclays account.

67 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

PM had given some assistance to the man living locally in his car to find him somewhere to live. PM would write down his learnings from this.

CL agreed to investigate the proposed position of the tree to be planted on Denton Green.

ASF reported on a cycling event which had taken place through the village and wondered about its safety considering the height of growth on the verges.

ASF supported Garsington Parish Council's comments on the Joint Local Plan.

ASF agreed to put three posts on Cuddesdon Green to dissuade cars from parking there.

68 CLERK'S BUSINESS

- Grass cutting:
 - Grass cutting had not been completely reliable, although it had improved since last year.
 - There had been an extra cut of the verges in April which had not been charged for.
 - The cut and collect price of the recreation ground had been reduced from £150 to £110.
 - Strimming around the jubilee beacon had been done at no extra charge.
 - Occasionally residents had intervened to prevent some grass cutting being done and MM was trying to ensure the agreed cutting was taking place.
- The defibrillator was being recalled to rectify a potential fault.