

CUDDESDON AND DENTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

2nd July 2013 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present: Martyn Percy (Chairman) MP
Kathy Hawley KH
Stuart Lacey SL
Michael Raynor MR
Cyril Sellar CS
Anne Purse (OCC) AP
Mike Mount (Clerk) MM

Apologies: David Keene DK
Elizabeth Gillespie (SODC) EG

59 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no new declarations of interest.

60 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

61 MATTERS ARISING

61.1 Co-option of a Councillor

Written confirmation had been received from Kevin Jones that he wanted to resign as a councillor. His replacement would be discussed at the next meeting, since the post had been advertised in July's Newsletter but this had not been distributed yet.

61.2 High Street Verges

MM had not yet been able to obtain the cost of installing a dropped kerb at no 42.

Action: MM

61.3 Denton Green Drainage

The plan was still to install the new pipe before the harvest.

61.4 Chiselhampton Beech Hedge

Mr Stenning of OCC had written to say that it would be unreasonable to ask the owners to remove the hedge because he did not regard it as a safety hazard. It was agreed to write to him pointing out that the Parish Council was asking for it to be trimmed, not removed, that it is on a blind bend, that some drivers go fast along that road, and that there has been at least one bad accident there.

61.5 Play Area Surface Replacement

- Biffa had paid the remaining £5,000 of the grant, and payment had been made to RTC.
- MM was asked to check if any additional insurance was needed for the play surfaces.

Action: MM

61.6 Grass Cutting at Denton Green

- The contractor had not strimmed the edges of Denton Green in the past and there would be an additional charge if this was required.
- Denton Green was only cut once a month, and it would cost extra to do it more often. It was suggested that it might be cut three times during June and July.
Action: MM to investigate
- The Recreation Ground cost £59.20 to be cut whereas Denton Green cost £75.40. MM was asked to investigate this disparity.
Action: MM

61.7 Potholes

MM had written to OCC about repair of the potholes on the road to Cuddesdon Mill, but had not received a response.
Action: MM

62 COUNTY COUNCIL (AP)

- OCC had said that they would not just repair selected potholes in an area, but if they visited a site they would repair them all.
- OCC might stop paying free school transport if there was a closer school for pupils to attend.
- Wheatley library staffing was going to be cut by a third.
- CS asked about cutting the verges on the roads out of the village and AP thought this would be done soon.

63 PLANNING

- SODC had granted permission for an extension to be built at 23 High Street in Cuddesdon (P13/S1281/HH).
- It was agreed that an application for an extension at 4 Hill View Cottages in Cuddesdon (P13/S1688/HH) would be recommended for approval.
- It was agreed that an application for conversion of a garage/store into a playroom/study at Willow Cottage in Denton (P13/S1436/HH and P13/1437/LB) would be recommended for approval.

64 FINANCE

64.1 Payments

Berinsfield	Grass cutting (May)	£342.48
RTC	Play surface replacement	£14,282.40
M Mount	Salary	£397.80
M Mount	Travelling expenses to internal auditor	£16.00
M Mount	Cable ties for goal nets	£2.98

64.2 Receipts

Biffa	Play surface grant	£5,000.00
HMRC	VAT refund	£2,557.30

65 CLERK'S BUSINESS

Nick King was resigning as a governor of Garsington School and the Parish Council was asked to nominate a replacement. It was agreed to ask for volunteers in the Newsletter.

Action: MM

66 FIRST WORLD WAR COMMEMORATION

KH proposed that there should be an event next year to commemorate the start of the first world war. This would include further improvement to the village archive and a service at Ripon College's war memorial, which could be renovated. Grants were available for the commemoration, and Keith Hawley would investigate this. A body would be formed to manage the commemoration with representatives from village organisations.

The Parish Council agreed to this proposal and that the grant would be managed in its account.

67 NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that there would not be a meeting in August and the next meeting would be on 3rd September.