

CUDDESDON AND DENTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

4th July 2017 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present: Chris Luke (Chairman) CL
David Keene DK
Ken Meek KM
Richard Palmer RP
Michael Raynor MR
Arthur Smith-Fitchett ASF
Elizabeth Gillespie (SODC) EG
Kirsten Johnson (OCC) KJ
Mike Mount (Clerk) MM

Apologies: Paul Sellar PS

57 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

MR declared an interest in the planning application at 8 Bishops Wood, since he was a near neighbour.

58 PUBLIC COMMENTS

Nick King thanked KJ for responding so quickly to his request for improvements to the chicanes in Horspath for cyclists.

59 OXFORD-CAMBRIDGE EXPRESSWAY

- Peter Rutt reported that the sub-committee had had a very useful meeting with Ricardo Rios of SODC, who had explained about neighbourhood plans. In the first instance a grant of £5,000 was available, which could be used to develop a neighbourhood assessment. Peter Rutt recommended that this should go ahead.
- CL proposed and ASF seconded that this approach should be adopted. This was unanimously agreed.
- CL proposed and ASF seconded that the parish boundary should define the area of the neighbourhood plan and this was unanimously agreed.
- Nick King agreed to draft a letter to SODC stating that the Parish Council was going ahead with the neighbourhood plan.

60 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

61 MATTERS ARISING

61.1 Denton Lane

- RP advised that the contractor was arranging reinstatement of the road where utilities had been installed.



- OCC had said they would investigate repair of the deteriorated road.

Action: MM to pursue

61.2 Dovehouse Farm Development

MM advised that the original planning permission only required an archaeological watching brief when the access routes were constructed.

62 DISTRICT COUNCIL (EG)

- Mark Stone was the new acting chief executive. He was keen on the unitary council, although it now looked very unlikely that this would go ahead in its present form.
- SODC had very little grant money left although there was £1.55M in the leader fund.

63 COUNTY COUNCIL (KJ)

- New grants were available from the Oxfordshire Community Foundation, for an amount between £1,500 and £10k.
- The communities fund had £25k, for division between five councillors.
- KJ had met David Taylor for discussion about community transport.
- She had also met Keith Stenning to discuss the condition of the roads.

64 PLANNING

- The planning application at 8 Bishop's Wood for the building of house extensions and an outbuilding (P17/S2164/HH) was recommended for refusal on the grounds of overdevelopment, and because the outbuilding was too large.
- The planning application at Manor Farm House for erection of a garden room to replace an existing extension (P17/S2052/HH) was recommended for approval.
- The Parish Council had previously been asked which neighbours were advised of planning applications by SODC. For the Bishop's Wood application, those notified were at 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22 and 24 Parkside, and 7 and 9 Bishop's Wood. For Manor Farm House, no neighbours had been notified.

65 FINANCE

65.1 Payments

Berinsfield	Grass cutting May	£372.00
M Mount	Salary April to June	£414.65
Maple Tree	Donation	£150.00

The grass cutting amount was lower than normal because of overcharging for May.

65.2 External Audit

The external auditor had asked why the income and expenditure shown in the bank reconciliation were both £429 greater than shown in the accounts. He had been told that this was because there had been a grass cutting overcharge which had been refunded.

66 PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

ASF was concerned about the frequency of cutting of the verges. MM advised that a cut had been missed because of heavy rain.

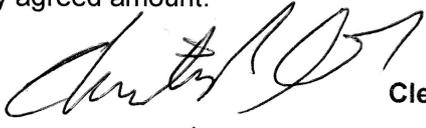
RP had noticed a lot of ragwort around the village and felt it should be controlled.

Action: MM to investigate

CL considered that it was time to upgrade some of the play equipment and it was agreed that this should be investigated.

67 CLERK'S BUSINESS

- The new property at Upper Farm had been named Lane House.
- MM had made some repairs to the multiplay equipment, but it required further repair.
- MM agreed to make repairs to the roundabout. **Action: MM**
- The Maple Tree Children's Centre had written to say that they were becoming operational and were in a position to accept donations. It was agreed to send £150, which was the previously agreed amount.

Chairman: 

Clerk: 

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