

# CUDDESDON AND DENTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

7th July 2020 at 7.30pm using video teleconferencing

Present:	Chris Luke (Chairman)	CL	Apologies:	Paul Sellar	PS
	Colin Hessey	CH		Elizabeth Gillespie (SODC)	EG
	David Keene	DK			
	Paddy McGuinness	PM			
	Richard Palmer	RP			
	Arthur Smith-Fitchett	ASF			
	Tim Bearder (OCC)	TB			
	Mike Mount (Clerk)	MM			

## **63 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no new declarations of interest

## **64 COUNTY COUNCIL (TB)**

- OCC had included a large amount of refurbishment of existing cycleways rather than building new ones in their bid to the Government's Active Transport Fund. As a result, they had been allocated £300k rather than the £600k they had asked for.
- The local government ombudsman had ruled that the council does not have to alter the cycle way at the BMW entrance on Horspath Road to make it safer.
- Ian Hudspeth wanted there to be a unitary council and so he had asked for next year's elections to be delayed.
- David Rogers of the No Expressway Group believed there was no possibility of the expressway being built to the south of Oxford. He thought it was still likely that one million houses would be built between Oxford and Cambridge, with upgrading of local roads.

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

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

## **66 MATTERS ARISING**

### **66.1 Defining the Pub as an Asset of Community Value**

Testimonials were required in support of the application.

### **66.2 Cutting the Verges**

OCC had stated that the verges outside the village would be cut eventually.

## **67 REOPENING THE PLAY AREA**

It was agreed that the play area should be reopened. A risk assessment would be carried out, two of the swings would be removed so appropriate distancing could be maintained, and notices would be posted.

**Action: CL, MM**

## **68 DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE CHIPPINGHURST STEPPING STONES**

- OT & Associates had requested copies of all the documents the Parish Council held regarding the stepping stones.
- There were about 450 pages of documents.
- The Newsletter's printer had said he was prepared to copy the documents.
- It was agreed that payment needed to be made in advance of supply of the documents.
- MM would assess the documents for possible GDPR infringement.
- MM would calculate the total cost to be charged for the project.

**Action: MM**



## 69 PLANNING

There was a planning application at Lower Farm for the erection of a garage and a single storey extension (P20/S1957/HH and P20/S1958/LB). It was agreed that this application should be recommended for approval.

## 70 FINANCE

### 70.1 Payments

Landscape Group	Grass cutting May	£424.80
R Palmer	Roundabout paint	£18.17
M Mount	Clerk's salary Mar-Jun	£437.58
Came & Co	Annual insurance	£501.43

### 70.2 Financial Documents

The cashbook and bank reconciliation were presented.

### 70.3 Cheque Signing

Following an easing of lockdown, cheques and other documents would be signed.

## 71 DEFIBRILLATOR (RP)

- A defibrillator was available from the London Hearts Charity for £1425.
- It had its own heater which would cost £8 pa for electricity.
- The battery and pads were consumables and their replacement cost would be investigated.
- Quotes would be sought for two other defibrillators. **Action: ASF, RP**

## 72 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

ASF: The pothole on Denton Hill was due to be fixed on 15th July.

CL: There was confusion about whether the additional farming land at Upperfield Farm had been sold and if both barns were going to be demolished.

CL still held the £500 COVID fund which had been given by SODC. It was agreed this would be reviewed in September.

There had been a suggestion that the swings should be painted.

## 73 CLERK'S BUSINESS

- A reporter from an oxford student newspaper had asked for a comment on the absence of social housing at the Dovehouse Farm development. No one was prepared to comment.
- The Village Hall Committee wanted to have an open market and jumble sale later in the summer. It was agreed that this could be held on the recreation ground.
- A minor revision to the Freedom of Information document was agreed.
- A resident had asked that others should be considerate when lighting bonfires and a note about this had been included in the Newsletter.
- Grass cutting of the recreation ground had been delayed in June because a car had been parked blocking the entrance.
- The insurance cover for the play equipment had been increased from £41,600 to £55,880 and the premium had increased by £55 as a result.
- The final grant claim had been made for refurbishment of the play area.
- Replacement of the broken basketball backboard would be investigated. **Action: MM**

Chairman:



Clerk:



Date:



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