

**Cuddesdon and Denton Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting duly convened and held on**  
**Tuesday, 4th February 2025 at Cuddesdon Village Hall**

<b>Attendees – Councillors:</b>	<b>Apologies noted:</b>
Chris Luke – Chair (CL)	Louisa Vincent (LV)
Evie Bennett (EB)	
Stuart Flockton (SF)	Sam James-Lawrie (SJL)- District Councillor
Arthur Smith-Fitchett (ASF)	
Philip Spinks (PS)	Denise Corney - Clerk
	<b>In Attendance:</b>

The meeting opened at 7.30pm

<b>1.</b>	<b>Welcome, Apologies and Quorate</b> The Chair welcomed all to the meeting. The meeting was quorate.	<b>ACTION</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Public Participation</b> Nicko King on behalf of the Orchard Group informed the meeting that the Planting Day would be 1 March, rather than 8 March. He enquired whether all the invoices related to tree purchase had been paid; ASF/CL confirmed that they had.	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Declarations of personal and prejudicial interest</b> None for this meeting.	
<b>4.</b>	<b>Minutes of previous meetings</b> Minutes of 3 December were approved after the addition of the word ‘some’ in in front of ‘councillors’ in section 9. SF agreed to produce minutes for the meeting on 14 January from the notes previously circulated to councillors.	<b>SF</b>
<b>5.</b>	<b>Dog fouling around play area</b> ASF reported he had found significant fox excrement in the area but virtually no dog excrement. Agreed fencing would be expensive and lead to difficulties of upkeep, e.g. mowing. AGREED ASF would investigate putting up a sign at the entrance to the recreation ground and a supply of dog poo bags with the sign	<b>ASF</b>
<b>6.</b>	<b>Parking</b> Council appreciated the problem but constraints related to minimum sizes of official disabled spaces meant a further such space outside the Village Hall was not felt to be practical. An item would be placed in the Village Newsletter explaining this and pointing out that parking in the current space without a Blue Badge could lead to a ticket.	<b>CL</b>
<b>7.</b>	<b>Change of Parish Council Meeting Days</b> AGREED that meetings would continue to be held on Tuesdays.	
<b>8.</b>	<b>Finance – Budget 2024-25</b> AGREED satisfactory as both expected income and planned expenditure were substantially similar to the previous year.	
<b>9.</b>	<b>Co-option of councillor</b> AGREED to use the procedure agreed in June 2023 for co-option provided no election is triggered.	

10.	<p><b>Accounts for payment</b></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Shield Maintenance</td> <td>Dog bin emptying</td> <td>£13.26</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SLCC</td> <td>training webinar re.CCTV</td> <td>£36.00.</td> </tr> </table> <p>(ASF will contact organisers to arrange his participation.)</p> <p><b>Payments already made since previous meetings</b></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Ashridge Trees</td> <td>Tree purchase</td> <td>£3672.72</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Green-Tech</td> <td>Tree purchase</td> <td>£914.04</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Frank P Matthews</td> <td>Tree purchase</td> <td>£304.50</td> </tr> </table>	Shield Maintenance	Dog bin emptying	£13.26	SLCC	training webinar re.CCTV	£36.00.	Ashridge Trees	Tree purchase	£3672.72	Green-Tech	Tree purchase	£914.04	Frank P Matthews	Tree purchase	£304.50	
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11.	<p><b>Any other business</b></p> <p>A letter received from Niki Carter about traffic was considered. The following points were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the independent speed survey carried out in 2024 had shown that there was little significant speeding along the road past the college;</li> <li>AGREED to request OCC to improve the white markers approaching the 30-mph sign in Wheatley Road or otherwise highlight the speed limit;</li> <li>the lay-bys on the Mill Road are not officially part of the highway so OCC will not maintain them. The Council is very grateful to David Keene for the work he has done on them;</li> <li>CL AGREED to contact SJL concerning possible funding for road safety items.</li> </ul> <p>EB reported that there is a broken step on the footpath below the Community Orchard as it rises from the road. Noted that this will be remedied at the same time as a rail is erected on the path down at the back of the Recreation Ground.</p> <p>PS AGREED to investigate repair/replacement of the Parish Noticeboard which has been damaged and has deteriorated.</p> <p>ASF AGREED to check the 'Unsuitable for HGV' signs on the road leading to Cuddesdon Mill, following an HGV having become stuck.</p> <p>CL AGREED to talk to the Clerk who had resigned just before the meeting began, in order that we could find a way forward and start the search for a new clerk</p>	<p>CL</p> <p>PS</p> <p>ASF</p> <p>CL</p>															
12.	<p><b>Further public comments</b></p> <p>Nicko King reminded the meeting that the Neighbourhood Plan included an aim to provide a safe cycling route between Cuddesdon and Oxford. He had contacted our County Councillor but received no response. AGREED to raise this with the County Councillor at our next meeting.</p>	<p><b>Council</b></p>															

The meeting closed at 8.35pm

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