

CUDDESDON AND DENTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

7th February 2012 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present:	Martyn Percy (Chairman)	MP
	Kathy Hawley (Vice Chairman)	KH
	Stuart Lacey	SL
	Michael Raynor	MR
	Cyril Sellar	CS
	Elizabeth Gillespie (SODC)	EG
	David Turner (OCC)	DT
	Mike Mount (Clerk)	MM
Apologies:	Kevin Jones	KJ
	David Keene	DK

11 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no new declarations of interest.

12 PUBLIC COMMENTS: PLANNING APPLICATION AT 13 DENTON HILL

Phil Roberts presented an application for a roof extension, alterations to doors and windows, and a change to access at 13 Denton Hill (P11/W2012). It was agreed to recommend approval of the application.

13 COUNTY COUNCIL (DT)

- The fire service had issued a warning about the dangers of venturing onto frozen ponds and lakes.
- The fire service had revealed that half of all accidental house fires were caused by faulty or misused electrical equipment.
- Counterfeit vodka containing dangerous industrial solvents had been for sale in a shop in Oxfordshire. It was called "Arctic Ice".
- Two rogue traders had been jailed recently.
- Advice had been issued to minimise the chance of getting burst water pipes.
- A decision about the footpath at the Chippinghurst crossing was not likely until the end of February.
- The boundary commission had decided that Cuddesdon and Denton would be in a county council ward with Garsington, Toot Baldon and Marsh Baldon.

14 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

15 MATTERS ARISING

15.1 Churchyard Footpath

It was agreed to take no further action regarding the previous meeting's discussion. The initiative now rested with Savills and SODC.

15.2 Play Surface

The draft of the application for Big Society Funding for refurbishment of the play surface was reviewed:

- DT suggested that the parish plan should be checked for evidence of community support and to verify the number of children in the village.
- DT felt that the parish council should make a contribution to the project and it was agreed that the amount should be £1000.
- MR had made a suggestion justifying this being a new project and it was agreed this should be included in the application.
- It was agreed that a list of recent spending on the play area should be included.

Action: MM

16 DISTRICT COUNCIL (EG)

- SODC intended to reduce their portion of the council tax by 2½% this year.
- SODC were planning to reduce the number of councillors they had because they operated with a cabinet which did not require so many councillors, and to save money.

17 PLANNING

17.1 The application for the installation of solar panels on the squash court at Denton House (P11/W1895 and P11/W1691/LB) had been granted.

17.2 The application for a certificate of lawful development had been made for a rear extension at 15 Denton Hill (P11/W2006/LDP). No action was required from the Parish Council concerning this.

17.3 It was agreed to recommend approval of a single storey extension at College Farm House on the road between Denton and Garsington (P11/W2110).

18 FINANCE

18.1 Payments

All Saints' Church	Churchyard maintenance	£500.00
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18.2 Budget

February's budget was presented, showing the end of year balance would be £560 greater than expected.

19 PARISH COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

CS Some road edges were becoming damaged where vehicles were passing each other, and their repair should be investigated. **Action: MM**

KH Some verges were being damaged by lorries on their way to the College. MP said these verges would all be made good once the building work had finished.

MR Gillie King had asked if there could be litter pick and MR agreed to organise one in March. **Action: MR**

MP Nick King had asked about further refurbishment of Cuddesdon Green, but none was planned.

Nick had also asked about refurbishment of the High Street verge and it was agreed that this would be reviewed in the spring. **Action: MM to advise Nick King**

20 CLERK'S BUSINESS

- 20.1 SODC had advised that the code of conduct would change because of the Localism Act.
- 20.1 NALC were holding a seminar in March to discuss the effects of the Localism Act on planning. MM agreed to go.
- 20.3 OCC had written asking for confirmation of the position of the white lines at The Green.
- 20.4 Robert Wilson had written asking for a contribution towards churchyard upkeep. It was agreed to give £500. He also asked if the amount could be sent automatically, but it was felt that a request should be made each year.
- 20.5 MM had checked the assets and they all seemed to be in good order, although the dog bin at Parkside was cracked.
- 20.6 Nick King had complained to the police about cycle safety on the hill into Horspath. It was agreed that previous discussion about the safety of this road should be pursued with DT.

Action: MM

21 DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATION

Anne Stern had volunteered to organise a village celebration:

- It was suggested that she should be invited to the next meeting. **Action: MM**
- SL recommended that the event should be on the recreation ground rather than asking the police to close a road for a street party.
- It was suggested that the organising committee could be a sub committee of the Parish Council, and they would then be covered for liability insurance.
- The Parish Council was prepared to consider making a contribution to the event.