

CUDDESDON AND DENTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

10th January 2023 in the Village Hall

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

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no new declarations of interest.

2 PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Briars were growing across the path leading from Cuddesdon Green to the churchyard. It was pointed out that tidying up the Green had not yet been completed.
- Dog mess was being left on the path down the hill towards Dove House Lane. It was agreed to investigate having an additional litter bin at this location. **Action: MM**

3 COUNTY COUNCIL (TM)

- New developments on the edge of Oxford were going to be zero car.
- The introduction of traffic filters in Oxford was being delayed because of doubt about the Botley Road closure.
- Parish Councillors again expressed their opposition to the traffic filters.

4 DISTRICT COUNCIL (EG)

- There was a housing action plan which included affordable housing.
- CIL charges were being increased.
- EG had not received the email from PG about SODC's poor response to requests for information, so it would be sent again. **Action: MM**

5 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

6 MATTERS ARISING

6.1 Litter Picking

SODC had provided some purple sacks for litter picks, which they would collect when full. Some would be provided to the Wheatley group so they could litter pick on the Wheatley Road.

Action: MM

6.2 Swings

It was agreed to insure the swings for an additional premium of £34.36.

Action: MM

6.3 Repair of Cuddesdon Mill Bridge

OCC had said they hoped to repair the bridge in March or April.

6.4 Dedicated Clerk's Computer

It was agreed to purchase an inexpensive Dell computer with Office 365.

Action: MM

6.5 Christmas Tree

DK would be asked to remove the tree.

Action: MM

6.6 Defibrillator

The new pads had been installed.

6.7 Wreath Removal

British Legion had not offered any advice on when the wreaths should be removed so it was agreed to leave them in place for the foreseeable future.

7 PLANNING

- It was agreed to reiterate the opposition to the planning application to run a power cable from a solar farm through the village (P22/S2220/FUL) following receipt of an amendment. It was noted that the heritage assessment in the amendment contained inaccuracies.
- SODC's decision to allow modification of the porch roof at Dove House (P22/S4008/LDE) as a permitted development was noted.

8 FINANCE

8.1 Payments

M Mount	Defibrillator pads	£47.94
Easykey	Website annual fee	£397.68
Shield Maintenance	Dog bin December	£10.39
M Mount	Salary Oct-Dec	£437.67
Graeme Sellar	Cuddesdon Green tidy up	£48.00
Arthur Smith-Fitchett	Mulled wine and mince pies	£26.75
Gallagher	New swings insurance	£34.36

8.2 Receipt

HMRC	VAT refund	£2,452.37
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8.3 Financial Documents

The latest cashbook and bank reconciliation were presented.

9 PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

ASF had noticed that a man was living in a van on Denton Green and in John Paxton's driveway.

CH noted that there was still a loose manhole cover in the road at the bend with the high wall near Dove House.

CL was saddened by the death of John Paxton and was very grateful for the many years of exceptional service he had given to the community including many years with various posts for the Parish Council.

10 CLERK'S BUSINESS

- OCC had agreed to install a salt bin at the bottom of Dove House Lane at its junction with the road.
- Race Across UK had asked to use the recreation ground as a staging post for a cycling race, but it was felt that this was inappropriate.
- OCC had closed the footpath next to the wall at the Dove House development because it was considered unsafe when icy. They were waiting for Natta's proposal to make it safer.
- SODC had announced that the charge for this year's election would be £200 if it was contested or £100 if it was uncontested.
- OCC were going to close Denton Hill on 9th March to facilitate pole replacement.