

CUDDESDON AND DENTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

5th December 2023 in the Village Hall

Present: Chris Luke (Chairman) CL
Robin Baylie RB
Evie Bennett EB
Stuart Flockton SF
Arthur Smith-Fitchett ASF
Tim Bearder (OCC) TB
Mike Mount (Clerk) MM

Apologies: Philip Spinks PS
Louisa Vincent LV
Sam James-Lawrie (SODC) SJL

101 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

ASF declared an interest in the written response to questions about a possible 20mph speed limit, since his wife had raised the issues.

102 COUNTY COUNCIL (TB)

- OCC had a £9.1M shortfall in their budget.
- Currently there was no money available to fund grants for road safety measures.
- TB recommended that OCC should be contacted concerning the rules about road safety measures such as vehicle activated signs and safety gates. **Action: MM**

103 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- An additional point concerning discussion of the 20mph speed limit at November's meeting was agreed.
- The revised minutes of October's meeting were approved.

104 MATTERS ARISING

104.1 Slowing traffic through the village

- There was enough room for speed gates at the 30mph signs near Parkside to be 2m and 1m wide. Gates further from the 30mph limit could be 1.5m and 1m wide.
- It was agreed to investigate if there could be a 40mph limit further out on the approach to Cuddesdon. **Action: MM**
- CL suggested that the merits of a 20mph limit might be reviewed in a year's time, and the effectiveness of its introduction in nearby villages could be monitored in the interim.

104.2 Bonfire Night Finances

Tickets	£1240.00
Fireworks	£700.00
Food	£109.83
Newsletter adverts	<u>£48.00</u>
Surplus	£382.17

104.3 Funding for Goal Frame Replacement

SODC had agreed to provide £627.00 from the Councillor Community Grant to fund replacement of the goal frames.

104.4 Reenactment Group

The group was now only visiting the Village Hall for an evening, with no events on the recreation ground.

104.5 Christmas Tree

RB volunteered to put the lights on the tree.

104.5 Carols

The arrangements for the carols were finalised.

105 PLANNING

SODC had granted the planning application for an extension at 27 Parkside (P23/3259/HH).

106 FINANCE

106.1 Payments

Landscape Group	Grass cutting October	£309.24
N Turner	Fireworks food	£41.95
Shield Maintenance	Dog bin November	£10.39
D Keene	Christmas tree	£150.00
Newsletter	Carols advert	£24.00

106.2 Receipt

HMRC	VAT refund	£627.69
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106.3 Precept

It was agreed that the precept for 2024/25 would be £8,800.00, an increase of £200.

107 PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

RB had noticed that trees were obscuring the street lamp near Bishop's Wood. **Action: MM**

108 CLERK'S BUSINESS

- The residents of 16 Denton Hill had requested that there was a white line on the side of the road near their house to dissuade people from parking there and it was agreed that this should be investigated. **Action: MM**
- OCC was going to designate a missing section of right of way near Upper Farm in Denton as a bridleway.

109 PUBLIC COMMENTS

A request was made for the hedge at the top of Church Road to be cut back. **Action: MM**