

# CUDDESDON AND DENTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

5th April 2022 in the Village Hall

Present: Chris Luke (Chairman) CL  
Robin Baylie RB  
David Keene DK  
Colin Hessey CH  
Richard Palmer RP  
Arthur Smith-Fitchett ASF  
Mike Mount (Clerk) MM

Apologies: Paddy McGuinness PM  
Tim Bearder (OCC) TB  
Elizabeth Gillespie (SODC) EG

## **31 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no new declarations of interest.

## **32 PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- There was still a sewage smell near Dove House. **Action: MM**
- There was a trip hazard and a loose board on the footpath steps down onto Denton Hill. **Action: MM**
- There was a rut at the side of the Wheatley Road near the top of the hill. DK agreed to investigate this. **Action: DK**

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

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

## **34 MATTERS ARISING**

### **34.1 Road Safety**

- It was agreed that the best place for speed gates was at the start of the bend before the 30mph signs. A gate needed to be found which was only 0.5m wide. **Action: MM**
- There had been some requests for there to be a 20mph speed limit along the High Street. It was felt that this was unnecessary because most cars were driven slowly, and those who drove fast would ignore a reduced speed limit. Also, OCC's traffic manager had advised against a reduced limit.

### **34.2 Registration of Cuddesdon Green and the Recreation Ground as Village Greens**

- OCC had agreed that the two areas of land should be registered as village greens.
- The map of Cuddesdon Green had been modified so it did not include any highway land.
- The triangular area of land opposite the churchyard entrance had not been included as part of Cuddesdon Green, since it was not included on the title deed map.

### **34.3 Tree Planting**

- The Green Canopy group were considering where to plant trees, but there was very little public space available for this.
- RP had removed the chippings from the High Street verge.
- The Green Canopy group had also suggested planting two trees on the High Street in celebration of the Platinum Jubilee, as well as at the bottom of the recreation ground.

#### 34.4 Litter Pick

- The litter pick would take place at 2.00pm on Sunday 8th May.
- The supply of equipment from SODC had been arranged.

#### 34.5 Platinum Jubilee Celebration

It was agreed that the beacon lighting would take place on Thursday 2nd June, to coincide with other communities.

#### 34.6 Recreation Ground Bin

A new inner liner for the bin would cost £132. DK agreed to investigate repairing the existing liner. **Action: DK**

### 35 PLANNING

- SODC had granted the application at The Orchard in Cuddesdon for the replacement of lean-to extensions with a side lean-to and a rear extension (P22/S0075/HH and P22/S0077/LB).
- The Parish Council had agreed to support an application at Chiltern View in Cuddesdon to amend the plans for a detached garage (P22/S4914/HH).
- An amendment to previous applications at Willow Cottage in Denton was noted. This did not require a view from the Parish Council.

### 36 FINANCE

#### 36.1 Payments

OALC	Annual subscription	£150.00
Oxford Green Belt Network	Annual subscription	£15.00
C D Sellar & Son	Hedge trimming	£103.20
In Safe Hands	Footpath steps	£1,800.00
Shield Maintenance	Dog bin emptying March	£10.39
M Mount	Salary Jan-Mar and bonus	£649.67
Landscape Group	Grass cutting March	£170.64

It was agreed that the Parish Clerk should receive a bonus of £200.

#### 36.2 Receipt

HMRC	VAT refund	£362.61
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### 37 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

ASF thanked Joe Gleed for repairing the corner of the verge near the church.

CL asked about the timetable for consideration of the amalgamation of the Cuddesdon and Denton wards. SODC were due to report on this in May.

### 38 CLERK'S BUSINESS

- There had been a request for the verge next to The Green not to be cut for a couple of months to allow wild flowers to flourish but the Parish Council did not consider this to be appropriate.
- OALC had asked for feedback about their performance, and it was agreed that they were a good source of information for the Parish Council. **Action: MM**
- A sign asking people not to park for the safety of children had fallen off the fence next to the recreation ground gate and it was agreed that this should be put on the gate. **Action: MM**