

CUDDESDON AND DENTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

3rd November 2015 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present: Chris Luke (Chairman) CL
Ken Meek KM
Michael Raynor MR
Arthur Smith-Fitchett ASF
Richard Palmer RP
Natasha Turner NT
Elizabeth Gillespie (SODC) EG
Anne Purse (OCC) AP
Mike Mount (Clerk) MM

Apologies: David Keene DK

78 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no new declarations of interest.

79 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

80 MATTERS ARISING

80.1 Parkside Bus Shelter

The work had been completed and it was agreed that Paul Sellar had done a good job.

80.2 Denton Water Main

Thames Water had asked for more details of the location of the failures. Action: MM

80.3 Play Area

Options were still being considered. Action: NT, CL

80.4 Bonfire Night

It was agreed that the event had been a success.

Financially:	Receipts:	Tickets	£647.00
		Contribution from onlookers	£3.84
		Other contribution	£10.00
			<u>£660.84</u>
	Payments:	Fireworks (without VAT)	£650.00
		Prizes	£4.00
			<u>£654.00</u>

80.5 World War 1 Commemoration

CL had agreed to lay a wreath at the memorial dedication on 8th November. It was agreed that Kathy Hawley and her team should be properly thanked for their efforts at some stage.

CGL

81 DISTRICT COUNCIL (EG)

- The green belt study had been published stating that only some very small areas might stop being defined as green belt.
- It was unlikely that SODC's previous offices would be rebuilt and more likely that the council would move to Didcot.
- The possibility of housing some refugees was being considered.

82 COUNTY COUNCIL (AP)

- Parish councils were being asked to help with supporting county council services.
- OCC was eager to preserve the Maple Tree Children's Centre but needed financial support. It was agreed that Melinda Tilley, the councillor with responsibility for this, should be written to expressing the parish council's support for her efforts. **Action: MM**
- If Oxfordshire was made a unitary council then about £38M would be saved each year.

83 PLANNING

- The application for reconstruction of the kitchen wing at Denton House (P15/S2867/HH) had been approved by SODC.
- The application to convert a garage's flat roof to a pitched roof at 2 Bishop's Wood (P15/S2721/HH) had been approved by SODC.

84 FINANCE

84.1 Payments

Kathy Hawley	WW1 commemoration play and exhibition	£522.43
Berinsfield	Grass cutting September	£424.80
SODC	Dog bin emptying	£50.23
Paul Sellar	Bus shelter refurbishment	£350.00
Fantastic Fireworks	Fireworks	£780.00
M Mount	Fireworks prizes	£4.00
Village Hall	Annual hall hire	204.00

84.2 Receipts

Fireworks ticket sales	£647.00
Fireworks other contributions	£13.84

84.3 Budget

The latest budget was presented, showing very little change from the previous budget.

84.4 Council Tax Reduction Scheme

SODC were proposing stopping payment of the scheme grant in the next financial year. This would reduce the Parish Council's income by about £350. It was agreed that SODC should be written to complaining about this. **Action: MM**

85 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

NT There had been some fly tipping near Coombe Wood, witnessed by a resident.

ASF The residents at Cuddesdon Mill should be thanked for trimming the hedges at the bridge. **Action: MM**

ASF A parked car's tyre had been deliberately punctured. It was agreed that a note should be included in the newsletter recommending that residents report such crimes to the police. **Action: MM**

CGC

- ASF The road regularly flooded at the corner just before Dovehouse Farm and it was agreed that the council should be asked to clear the drain. **Action: MM**
- MR: The council should be reminded about mending the bridge parapet at Cuddesdon Mill. **Action: MM**
- KM The power lines at Denton Green were very close to some trees, and their branches should be cut back. It was agreed to write to the electricity provider about this. **Action: MM**

86 CLERK'S BUSINESS

- OCC had decided not to change the list of requirements for planning applications.
- MM was going on a short course about the code of conduct on 10th November.

87 CHRISTMAS TREE AND CAROLS

- DK had volunteered to obtain a tree. **Action: DK**
- It was agreed that the tree should be erected on 12th December. MM would fit the lights. **Action: MM**
- The carols would be on 20th December at 5.30pm.
- CL would ask Mark Chapman to lead the carols. **Action: CL**
- It was agreed that Mark Chapman should be allowed to make a charity collection at the event.
- MM would ask Jean Gardner to supervise the mince pies. **Action: MM**
- ASF agreed to supply the mulled wine. **Action: ASF**

88 NEXT MEETING

- It was agreed to delay the next meeting by a week and hold it on 8th December.
- It would be held in the barn behind 12 The Green because the village hall was not available because of refurbishment.

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