

# CUDDESDON AND DENTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

5th November 2013 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present: Martyn Percy (Chairman) MP  
Kathy Hawley KH  
David Keene DK  
Stuart Lacey SL  
Michael Raynor MR  
Cyril Sellar CS  
Natasha Turner NT  
Anne Purse (OCC) AP  
Mike Mount (Clerk) MM

Apologies: Elizabeth Gillespie (SODC) EG

## **82 NEW COUNCILLOR**

NT signed her declaration of acceptance of office and was welcomed by MP.

## **83 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no new declarations of interest.

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

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved, except that for minute 77, as far as the first world war commemoration was concerned, Robert Wilson's proposal would not conform as it stood.

## **85 MATTERS ARISING**

### **85.1 Replacement Garsington School Governor**

Jeremy Turner had decided not to stand and so Ken Meek was the only applicant.

### **85.2 High Street Verges**

- The two residents who had parked their cars on the verge on the north side of the road had reported to the police that their tyres had been slashed.
- It was agreed that OCC should be asked whether it was permissible to put posts on the verge. to dissuade parking there. **Action: MM**
- Magdalen College, who owned 42 High Street, had agreed to pay to drop the kerb, and it was agreed to go ahead with this. **Action: MM**

### **85.3 Chippinghurst Crossing**

It had been agreed at the meeting with other local parish councils not to object to the river crossing at the stepping stones being defined as a right of way, but asking that the alternative crossing point to the south be considered. Victor Blank had said in the meeting that he was considering objecting.

#### 85.4 Potholes

- DK considered the potholes on the road to Cuddesdon Mill a lot less bad than they had been.
- Potholes in the road near White Cottage in Denton needed to be reported to OCC.  
**Action: MM**
- AP thought she might have funds to repair the left side of the road going down Denton Hill. She would like an e-mail explaining this.  
**Actions: CS to show AP the damage  
MM to write to AP**

#### 85.5 First World War Commemoration (KH)

- The grant application was almost complete. Ownership of the cross was being considered, since the grant went to the owner.
- It was agreed that a letter should be sent to Keith Hawley stating that the Parish Council accepted that the Church owned the cross, that they would be happy for it to be re-sited on Cuddesdon Green, that they would be responsible for its future care, and that they would be happy to accept ownership if the Church wanted to transfer it.
- The raffle at bonfire night had made about £100.
- DK asked about funding for future maintenance of the cross, and KH said it was envisaged that the project would be ongoing, eventually including the second world war.
- MP thanked Keith Hawley for his work applying for the grant.

#### 85.6 Bonfire Night

- Bonfire Night had been a success. Total ticket sales were £652.45.
- It was suggested that next year food should be served before as well as after the fireworks, and that the bonfire should be lit earlier.
- Because of the strong wind, it had been reported that a deposit of soot had settled on the car and house at 5 The Lane. It was agreed to pay Jean Smith £10 as a contribution to have this cleaned.
- MP agreed to write to Martin Smith, to thank the Bat and Ball for providing the food.  
**Action: MP**

### 86 COUNTY COUNCIL (EG)

- The government was making a further cut of £60M on top of all the other cuts. So now all budgets would be cut.
- AP had her own fund of £16k for parishes in her ward, which could, for example, pay to repair the edge of the road on Denton Hill.
- There was also £10k for community projects. KH wondered if this could fund the archive cabinets for the first world war project.
- 30 people had volunteered to assist with running Wheatley library.

### 87 FINANCE

#### 87.1 Payments

|             |                           |         |
|-------------|---------------------------|---------|
| Berinsfield | Grass cutting (September) | £546.72 |
| M Mount     | Guy prizes                | £6.00   |
| Jean Smith  | Car cleaning              | £10.00  |

#### 87.2 Receipt

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| Fireworks tickets | £652.45 |
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### **87.3 Bank Balance at 30th September**

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| Current account | £2349.81        |
| Deposit account | <u>£2710.13</u> |
|                 | £5059.94        |

### **87.4 Budget November 2013**

The latest budget included additional expenditure for replacement of the goal nets and for gravel for Denton Green, totalling £140.

## **88 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

DK: Paul Sellar had some personal difficulties which might result in him losing his house. It was agreed to provide him with a letter of support. **Action: MM**

The footpath sign near Parkside had been knocked over and OCC should be asked to replace it. **Action: MM**

CS: A quote should be obtained for the footpath next to Denton Brook to be cut every four weeks. **Action: MM**

## **89 CHRISTMAS TREE AND CAROLS**

- It was agreed to have a temporary tree at the front of the Green.

**Actions: DK obtain tree  
SL decorate it**

- It was agreed that the carols would be on 22nd December. It was suggested people were invited to bring instruments. Jean Gardner would be asked to supervise the mince pies.

**Actions: MM advert in newsletter  
MM ask about mince pies**

## **90 CLERK'S BUSINESS**

- AON, the insurers, advised that strict rules applied if the Parish Council was responsible for spreading road salt. It was agreed that the Parish Council would not take on this responsibility.
- Style Cottage had been renamed Stile Cottage.