

CUDDESDON AND DENTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

4th September 2012 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present: Martyn Percy (Chairman) MP
Kathy Hawley KH
David Keene DK
Michael Raynor MR
Cyril Sellar CS
Mike Mount (Clerk) MM

Apologies: Kevin Jones KJ
Stuart Lacey SL
Elizabeth Gillespie (SODC) EG
David Turner (OCC) DT

74 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no new declarations of interest.

75 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

76 MATTERS ARISING

76.1 Cuddesdon Green Refurbishment

- It was agreed that two Taverner benches made of teak would be purchased from Cyan. They would be shipped to DK. They would be mounted with concrete at each leg, rather than on slabs. **Action: MM to order**
- MM would ask the green sub-committee about the purchase of bulbs. **Action: MM**

76.2 Play Area Surface Replacement

- The latest RoSPA inspection report contained no medium risks which required immediate work to be done.
- The suggested modifications had been added to the application for a WREN grant for replacement of the play surface and it was agreed that this should be completed and sent. **Action: MM**
- It was agreed that MP and MM would be the appropriate signatories for progressing the project.

76.3 Grass Cutting

A car had been parked in front of the recreation ground gate preventing the grass from being cut in the middle of July. Since then a van had been parked there, preventing more recent cutting.

76.4 Website

- It was agreed that the subscription to Easykey for the website would be paid provided it was not a financial issue, and that this would be reviewed when the bill was received.
- MM agreed to supply the recent correspondence about the website to the councillors.

76.5 Chiselhampton Beech Hedge

KH requested that DT was reminded about further investigation of the trimming of the hedge.

Action: MM

76.6 Chippinghurst Crossing

The Open Spaces Society had appealed against the decision not to define the present crossing point as a right of way and the matter would now be considered by the planning inspectorate, which was likely to take at least six months.

77 FINANCE

77.1 Payments

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| Berinsfield | Grass cutting (July) | £342.48 |
| Playsafety | RoSPA inspection | £86.40 |
| M Mount | Salary | £397.80 |

77.2 Budget

A budget was presented which included replacement of the play area surfaces, funded by a WREN grant. This showed that the finances would break even. If the surfaces were not replaced there would be a surplus.

78 PARISH COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

DK There was a large pothole at the edge of the road on the way into Cuddesdon from Wheatley which needed repair.

The surface of the road at Wellbourne had broken up again.

The grass on the verges from the mill was very long, even at the corners.

Action: MM to contact OCC

CS There were potholes in the road from Denton to Chiselhampton.

The potholes in the passing places on the road to the mill were becoming dangerous.

Action: MM to contact OCC

KH asked whether KJ had installed the security cameras yet.

79 CLERK'S BUSINESS

- OCC were offering free road salt again this year. It was agreed that this was not required.
- Lynda Ware had written asking if the white line at the Green could be extended to Jean Gardner's house so it was easier for her to park there. KH had contacted Jean Gardner suggesting she ask for a disabled parking space, and wondered what Lynda Ware's opinion of this was.
Action: MM to contact Lynda Ware
- It was agreed that OCC should be asked about having a disabled parking space at the village hall.
Action: MM
- John Howell MP was doing a village tour in September but this did not include Cuddesdon.
- For 2012/13 the Big Society fund was going to be managed by each county councillor allocating £10,000 within their area.
- From 1st April 2013 council tax benefit would be replaced by a new council tax reduction scheme, and this might have an impact on the precept.
- SODC had asked if there were any questions about the new code of conduct.
- Nick King had written asking about plans for planting of bulbs on Cuddesdon Green and refurbishment of the High Street verge. DK suggested that stones painted white should be

put on the verge to discourage parking, and it was agreed that no work should be undertaken which would adversely affect the finances.

Action: MM to advise Nick King

80 BONFIRE NIGHT

It was agreed that £580 of fireworks would be bought for bonfire night on 3rd November and that the entrance fee would remain at £3 with under fives free. Responsibilities would be discussed at the next meeting.

81 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next meeting would take place on its original date of 2nd October.