

# CUDDESDON AND DENTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

6th June 2020 at 7.30pm using video teleconferencing

Present:	Chris Luke (Chairman)	CL
	Colin Hessey	CH
	David Keene	DK
	Paddy McGuinness	PM
	Richard Palmer	RP
	Arthur Smith-Fitchett	ASF
	Elizabeth Gillespie (SODC)	EG
	Tim Bearder (OCC)	TB
	Mike Mount (Clerk)	MM

Apologies:	Paul Sellar	PS
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## **52 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no new declarations of interest

## **53 PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Peter Rutt, as Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator, reported that there had been trespass near the stepping stones in Chippinghurst. There had been vandalism, including fences being knocked down and weedkiller being applied. Some additional stepping stones had been put in the river.

## **54 COUNTY COUNCIL (TB)**

- The Maple Tree Children's Centre was trying to have their rent temporarily suspended during the coronavirus pandemic but the landlord was not prepared to do this.
- The waste recycling centres had reopened.
- There was a proposal to close the two laybys on the A40 near Forest Hill, because of anti-social behaviour at the locations. TB had objected to the proposed closure.
- The Parish Council agreed to object to the closure of the laybys because there were no other toilets nearby and it would displace parked vehicles to the local roads. **Action: MM**

## **55 DISTRICT COUNCIL (EG)**

EG was concerned that examination of the Local Plan was going to be held virtually using teleconferencing.

## **56 EXPRESSWAY (Peter Rutt)**

- A senior person at Highways England had indicated that the building of the road to the south of Oxford had been shelved. This was mainly because of the large number of studies which had been submitted by local organisations indicating that a new road would be very damaging to the local environment.
- There were indications now that the road would extend between the M1 and M40, rather than the M11 and M4.
- Peter Rutt was concerned that a road near the parish might still be constructed as part of a local project.

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

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

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## 58 MATTERS ARISING

### 58.1 Defining the Pub as an Asset of Community Value

- Martin Smith, the landlord of the pub, was in favour of it being defined as an asset of community value.
- It was agreed that the pub should be nominated as an asset of community value and MM would submit the ACV document on behalf of the Parish Council. PM volunteered to assist with the process. **Action: MM, PM**

### 58.2 Vehicle Damage to Denton Green

- It was agreed that work should proceed on installation of the posts beside the track to prevent vehicle damage to Denton Green. Susan Thompson had some posts she said could be used.
- The Parish Council was not prepared to assist with refurbishment of the track.

### 58.3 Roundabout Refurbishment

There had been some difficulty obtaining yellow paint for the roundabout and CL agreed to investigate this. **Action: CL**

## 59 PLANNING

- It was noted that some agricultural land was being sold at Upperfield Farm as well as the original plot specified in the planning application. The total area was about twice as large as the original plot.
- Demolition work had started at Dovehouse Farm. ASF had noticed that some lorries had mistakenly driven down the High Street and DK volunteered to ask the contractor to provide better directions for drivers to the site. **Action: DK**

## 60 FINANCE

### 60.1 Payment

Landscape Group      Grass cutting April      £302.88

### 60.2 Receipt

OCC                      Grass cutting grant      £554.73

## 61 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

CL: Cars were being parked in passing places on the roads into the village.

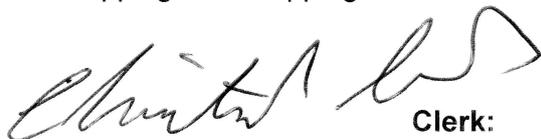
CL: There had been fly tipping at Denton Lane which needed to be reported. **Action: MM**

ASF: The verges were very high and dangerously overgrown, particularly towards Cuddesdon Mill. OCC needed to be asked for them to be cut. **Action: MM**

## 62 CLERK'S BUSINESS

- It was agreed that the play equipment inspection should be carried out in July.
- SODC were going to carry out a deep cleanse in the Parish during June.
- OT & Associates had written asking if the Parish Council held any files or correspondence regarding the Chippinghurst stepping stones.

Chairman:



Clerk:



Date:

10.7.20

Date:

14.7.20