

CUDDESDON AND DENTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

5th March 2024 in the Village Hall

Present:	Chris Luke (Chairman)	CL
	Evie Bennett	EB
	Stuart Flockton	SF
	Philip Spinks	PS
	Louisa Vincent	LV
	Mike Mount (Clerk)	MM
Apologies:	Robin Baylie	RB
	Arthur Smith-Fitchett	ASF
	Tim Bearder (OCC)	TB
	Sam James-Lawrie (SODC)	SJL

13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no new declarations of interest.

14 PUBLIC COMMENTS

The street lamp at Cuddesdon Green was on during the day. **Action: MM**

15 VILLAGE ORCHARD

- The Parish Council agreed in principle to lease an area of land to the south of the recreation ground for fifty years to be used as an orchard.
- The Orchard Group was managing the project and its members were Roger Buswell, Gillie King, Nicko King, Richard Palmer, Salt Sellar and Ron Stern.
- It was agreed that the Orchard Group would be a sub-committee of the Parish Council and so they would be covered by the Parish Council's insurance.
- The project was to be self financing. The Parish Council would be responsible for the receipt of contributions and payment of bills. Transactions for the Orchard would be shown separately in the accounts.
- The owners and landlord of the land were Richard Farrant and Susan Jupp, and they had very kindly agreed that the rent for the land would be one peppercorn.
- A draft lease agreement had been prepared and this would be discussed with the landlord.
- The Orchard Group had agreed to pay the landlord's solicitor's reasonable fees in agreeing the lease, and asked the Parish Council to contribute to the fee.
- The Orchard Group had been given 16 trees and the landlord had agreed these could be planted before the lease agreement was completed.
- There would be discussion with the landlord about management of the area at the bottom of the recreation ground.
- Nicko King would be investigating possible grants for the project.

16 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

17 MATTERS ARISING

17.1 Traffic Calming

- No decision was made on possible locations for a vehicle activated sign.
- It was agreed that OCC should be asked about the requirements for a vehicle activated sign if it was in a fixed position. **Action: MM**
- The Parish Council wanted the speed gates to be before the 30mph limit on the road from Wheatley and OCC should be asked if this was acceptable. **Action: MM**

17.2 Verge Tidying

CL had found that the verge near the top of Church Road had encroached onto the road by less than one foot. Councillors agreed to look at the area again, including the trees.

17.3 Litter Pick

SODC did not have any pickers available on the day when the litter pick was taking place and so it was agreed to buy some. **Action: CL**

17.4 Cost of Goal Frames

There had been a further price increase for the goal frames from the original supplier. It was agreed instead to buy the frames from the Soccer Store for £808. It was likely that new sockets would need to be put in the ground to support the frames. **Action: MM**

17.5 Potholes in Passing Place on the Road to Cuddesdon Mill

It was agreed that the best material to fill in the potholes should be investigated.

Action: MM

17.6 Discouraging Fly Tipping

SODC had not been helpful about advice to discourage fly tipping on the Wheatley Road. It was agreed to investigate possible signs. **Action: MM**

17.7 Rotten Tree at Cuddesdon Green

Councillors agreed to check the tree which the branch had fallen from at the back of the Green.

18 PLANNING

SODC had approved the planning applications for conversion of the Tithe Barn at Dove House (P23/S4142/S73 and P23/S4119/LB).

19 FINANCE

19.1 Payments

Shield Maintenance	Dog bin - February	£10.39
M Mount	Salary Jan – Mar	£496.74
ICO	Data protection fee	£40.00
G Sellar	Hedge trimming	£108.00

19.2 Clerk's Salary

It was agreed that the Clerk's salary for 2024/25 would be £2141.88pa.

20 PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

LV asked about the tree jutting out into the road beyond Cuddesdon Mill. She agreed to talk to the landowner about it.

LV asked about investigation of filling in the ad hoc laybys near Coombe Wood to prevent vehicles parking there. **Action: MM**

21 CLERK'S BUSINESS

- OCC had approved the addition of a length of bridleway at the end of Denton Lane.
- The Parish Council's assets had been checked and were all in good order.
- The charge for grass cutting had not increased for 2024.
- The grass cutting company would be asked to include grass cutting on both sides of the road between Cuddesdon Green and Dove House Lane. **Action: MM**

22 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

It was agreed that the APM would take place on 2nd April at 8.00pm. The Parish Council meeting would precede it at 7.15pm.