

CUDDESDON AND DENTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

1st February 2022 in the Village Hall

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

10 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

ASF declared an interest in the planning application for The Orchard because he lived there.

11 PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Stuart Flockton spoke in opposition to the planning application for The Orchard on the grounds that it would adversely impact on the amenity of the neighbours. He lived close to the proposed new rear extension.
- A request was made to investigate the extent of the road resurfacing which would be carried out on the lane adjacent to the Dove House development. **Action: MM**
- It was pointed out that there was a sewage smell in the lane near Dove House. It was agreed that this would be monitored.

12 COUNTY COUNCIL (TB)

- OCC's budget was going to be set shortly.
- A £10K rental holiday had been negotiated for the Maple Tree Children's Centre.
- OCC were going to install ANPR cameras to aid enforcement of yellow boxes and parking.
- OCC were increasing the number of electric recharging points, particularly for buses.
- No funding was available for a bus service to Cuddesdon.

13 DISTRICT COUNCIL (EG)

- A 378 acre solar farm was going to be built near Grenoble Road.
- EG was very disappointed that SODC was not prepared to provide Councillor Grant funding for the footpath steps.

14 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

15 MATTERS ARISING

15.1 Road Safety Meeting (ASF)

- A meeting had been held with OCC to discuss the safety of the roads in the parish.
- The OCC representative was not in favour of including increased traffic management unnecessarily, and recommended that the Parish Council thinks carefully about what changes they wanted.
- He was not convinced a 20mph speed limit was necessary because the traffic speed was fairly low anyway.
- Any changes would have to be funded by the Parish Council.
- Surveys would need to be done and there would be a cost for these.
- It was agreed:
 - To establish the cost of speed gates and additional road markings.
 - To ask that the roadside trees at Cuddesdon House were cut back to make the road wider near Church Road.
 - To investigate digging back the verge near Church Road where it had grown over the road.

Action: MM

15.2 Footpath Steps

- SODC were not prepared to provide councillor grant funding for the improvement because it was for a public footpath.
- It was agreed to continue with the project and fund it from the CIL money.

15.3 Registration of Cuddesdon Green and the Recreation Ground as Village Greens

OCC had provided advice on the applications and they would be submitted. **Action: MM**

15.4 High Street Trees

OCC had still not given their recommendation on the safety of the remaining tree or removed the chippings.

15.5 Replacement of the Swings

- It was agreed that MM should be the signatory for the FCC application.
- The application had been completed and it would be submitted shortly.

15.6 Combining Cuddesdon and Denton Wards into a Single Ward

The application for combination of the wards had been submitted to SODC.

16 PLANNING

- SODC had granted the application for erection of walls and an access gate at Plot 1 Dove House (P21/S3304/HH)
- It was agreed to support an application at The Orchard in Cuddesdon High Street for the replacement of the existing lean-to extensions with a side lean-to and a rear extension (P22/S0075/HH and P22/S0077/LB). It was agreed that SODC should be asked to take account of the impact on neighbours when making their decision concerning this application. Also, SODC should be asked to inform all near neighbours about planning applications, which had not been done in this case.

Action: MM

17 FINANCE

17.1 Payments

Arthur Smith-Fitchett	Mince pies and mulled wine	£28.00
SODC	Dog bin emptying Oct-Dec	£140.76
Shield Maintenance	Dog bin emptying Jan	£15.19

17.2 Budget

The latest budget was presented.

18 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

- RP had repaired the path next to Denton Brook and put tarmac at the pedestrian entrance to the recreation ground. The Christmas tree had been removed and work was ongoing to tidy the brambles on the recreation ground. They would be sprayed to prevent them regrowing.
- CL had received a request for there to be a regular football match on the recreation ground on Sunday mornings. It was agreed that it was not appropriate for this to take place.
- ASF suggested that there should be discussion at the next meeting concerning actions by the Parish Council in the event of the death of a senior member of the royal family.
- RB was concerned about some broken branches hanging from trees on the road to Wheatley. DK agreed to take a look at these. **Action: DK**

19 CLERK'S BUSINESS

- CL agreed to organise a litter pick. It was agreed that it would take place in April and the date would be set at the next meeting.
- It was agreed that the grass would continue to be cut this year by the Landscape Group. Their prices were going to be the same as last year.
- A neighbour had complained about the bright lights from the pub which remained on overnight. CL agreed to investigate this. **Action: CL**