

CUDDESDON AND DENTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

3rd October 2023 in the Village Hall

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

79 NEW COUNCILLORS

CL welcomed the three new councillors: EB, PS and LV.

80 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no new declarations of interest.

81 PUBLIC COMMENTS

It was agreed that OCC would be asked to clear the road drains **Action: MM**

82 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Rewording of the minute about the co-options was agreed.

83 MATTERS ARISING

83.1 Bulb Planting on Cuddesdon Green

Dee Murray had obtained the bulbs and planned a planting event soon.

83.2 Slowing traffic through the village

- It was agreed to investigate having an electric speed displaying sign on the Wheatley Road near Parkside. **Action: MM**
- Speed gates would be investigated at the same location. **Action: MM**
- OCC would be asked to include a "slow" marking in the road near Wellbourne. **Action: MM**
- The Parish Council was interested in the views of the village on having a 20mph speed limit and their more general thoughts on traffic calming. Paddy McGuinness volunteered to help canvas opinion and a number of councillors agreed to help conduct an initial survey.

83.3 Dove House Development

- OCC had stated that they could not adopt the verge next to the road near the new path because it was not in the legal agreement.
- It was agreed to ask OCC about ownership and maintenance of the new footpath behind the wall.

Action: MM

83.4 Parking on Cuddesdon Green

It was agreed that a modestly sized no parking sign would be put on the Green.

Action: MM

83.5 Tree Maintenance

- It was agreed to have the stumps on Denton Green and Cuddesdon Green removed at a cost of £200.
- CL would invite local residents to use the wood on the pile left when the Denton Green trees were pruned.

Action: MM

Action: CL

83.6 Solar Farm Cable

Opdenergy had been written to asking about their plans for laying the cable through the village.

83.7 Bonfire Night

The plan for the event was agreed, with beer and wine being served.

84 PLANNING

The planning application with design revisions to the new house at Upper Farm in Denton (P23/S2093/S73) had been approved by SODC.

85 FINANCE

85.1 Payments

Playsafety	RoSPA inspection	£102.60
M Mount	British Legion: Two wreaths	£40.00
M Mount	Salary Jun - Sep	£496.74
Shield Maintenance	Dog bin emptying - Sep	£10.39

85.2 Receipt

SODC	Second half of precept	£4,300.00
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85.3 Documents

The latest cashbook and bank reconciliation were presented.

85.4 Third Payment Authoriser

LV agreed to be a bank payment authoriser, as well as CL and ASF.

86 PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

LV said that Natta were eager to hand over their responsibility for the Dove House development to the residents.

ASF was concerned about the condition of the informal layby on the Wheatley Road near Coombe Wood and it was agreed that he could fence it off for the winter.

- LV asked if the footpaths across ploughed fields could be improved. **Action: MM**
- PS had been asked if some adult fitness equipment could be installed on the recreation ground.
- CL had heard that some residents considered that, if the pub had an ACV, it might make it less attractive as a business proposition.

87 CLERK'S BUSINESS

- Following receipt of the RoSPA play area report, it was agreed that:
 - New goal frames would be bought. Possible funding would be investigated **Action: MM**
 - Modification of the roundabout would be investigated, so the finger traps could be eliminated. **Action: CL**
- Denton Hill was going to be closed later in October for roadworks.

88 SOCIAL MEDIA

88.1 Use of Social Media for Communication

- It was agreed that an Instagram account would be set up. **Action: EB**
- Resurrection of the Whatsapp account would be investigated. **Action: CL**
- PS would collate information which could be sent out. **Action: PS**
- Mailchimp would be used to circulate information via email.

88.2 Councillor Contact Information

- At present, only councillors' addresses would be included in the Newsletter.
- No decision was made about the use of generic email addresses for councillors.