

**Cuddesdon and Denton Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting duly convened and held on**  
**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September hosted at Cuddesdon Village Hall**

<b>Attendees – Councillors:</b>	<b>Apologies noted:</b>
Chris Luke – Chair (CL)	
Robin Baylie (RB)	
Evie Bennett (EB)	
Stuart Flockton (SF)	
Arthur Smith-Fitchett (ASF)	
Philip Spinks (PS)	
Louisa Vincent (LV)	
<b>Members of the public:</b>	<b>In Attendance:</b>
6 members of the public were in attendance	Denise Corney – Clerk

The meeting opened at 7.30pm

<b>1.</b>	<b>Welcome, Apologies and Quorate</b> The Chair welcomed all to the meeting and on behalf of the Parish Council and village, thanked Dr Mike Mount with a presentation of gifts. Mike had been Clerk to the Parish Council for circa 18 years. CL welcomed the incoming Clerk – Dee Corney. The meeting was Quorate.	<b>ACTION</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Declarations of personal and prejudicial interest</b> None	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Public Participation (15 minutes maximum)</b> Mike Mount (MM) confirmed that he would be continuing to work on the village archive and would be uploading documentation to the village website. MM drew attention to the possibility of the Parish Council running a separate website via Parish Online and this could be linked to the current village website. Councillors APPROVED the purchase of the new website and the Clerk would contact Parish Online. Gov.uk email addresses could be obtained as part of the website package.	<b>APPROVED CLERK</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>The Community Orchard</b> <b>Consideration of proposed tenancy agreement</b> The annotated agreement had been circulated to Councillors for review. LV gave a verbal update of the annotations. Councillors agreed that responsibility of the designated footpath (on original plan) was not feasible and Ron Stern would advise the landowners. Councillors agreed that a 3m strip of land (boundary) which surrounds the Orchard would be useful and would help to prevent invasive weeds from neighbouring properties. The Clerk would confirm the amount of insurance liability (approx £10m). RS agreed to visit the landlord and ascertain costs to the Parish Council for the lawyers which had been appointed by the landlord. RS would update the tenancy agreement and circulate to Councillors within the next two days. The deadline for the application for grant funding was confirmed as 7 <sup>th</sup> October 2024.	<i>Subject to cost and further discussion</i>

**Signed:**

*CGL*

5.	<b>County Councillor Report</b> No report received	
6.	<b>District Councillor Report</b> No report received	
7.	<b>Approval of Minutes of meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2024</b> The Minutes from 2 <sup>nd</sup> July 2024 were APPROVED and would be uploaded to the website.	<b>APPROVED</b>
8.	<b>Matters Arising</b> OCC had notified that the bridge at Cuddesdon Mill would be closed from 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2024 for one week.  The Bat and Ball is due to open in October and prior to the opening date the owner invites all residents to visit and free pizza would be provided.	
9.	<b>Planning</b> None to discuss	
10	<b>Parish Council Finance</b> <b>August Payments:</b> Playsafety, ROSPA inspection £108.00 Shield – Dog bin emptying July £13.26 <b>September payments</b> M Mount (Clerk salary July and August) £330.98 Receipt – HMRC Vat Refund £387.65 Budget – nothing to notify Consideration of OALC proposal to increase subscription from £130 to £180	<b>AGREED</b> <b>AGREED</b> <b>AGREED</b> <b>AGREED</b> <b>AGREED</b>
11	<b>Parish Councillors' Reports</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fly Tipping – several incidents had occurred in past weeks. Councillors discussed the possibility with installing cameras as a deterrent. To be discussed in detail at the next meeting in October and to approve. Clerk to add to October agenda.</li> <li>LV would follow up with making good the area surrounding the walls at Dove House – turfing required.</li> </ul>	<b>LV</b>
12	<b>Chairman's Business and Remarks</b> CL confirmed that he would thank David Keen for his assistance with making good the road and the work carried out.  Councillors noted and thanked the former editor of the village newsletter for her hard work and input.	
13	<b>Clerk's Business</b> The Clerk reported that the water had stopped flowing across the road near Dove House and should it reappear, to be reported to SODC, not OCC. (Fix My Street update 8/7/24).  Councillors AGREED to the purchase of two wreaths for Remembrance Sunday. Clerk to arrange.	<b>ALL</b>  <b>CLERK</b>

Signed:

CGL

	The Clerk would ask Wychwood (Wez King) to quote for repairs to the roundabout finger trap which had been identified in the ROSPA report. The Clerk would arrange for encroaching vegetation at the playground to be cleared.	CLERK
14	<b>Bonfire Night</b> The Clerk to circulate an action list to all. It was agreed that the Bonfire Night would take place on 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2024 from 6pm. Tickets priced at £5.00 and children under 10 years given free admission. The Clerk to forward an advert for the newsletter by 15 <sup>th</sup> September 2024 and to request for a notice to be put on the village website.	CLERK
15	<b>Items for report and inclusion on next Agenda:</b> Fly tipping – cameras Finalising bonfire night	
16	<b>Date of Next Meeting:</b> Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> October 2024 at 7.30pm, village hall.	

The meeting closed at 9.15pm

Signed:

