

CUDDESDON AND DENTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

6th June 2023 in the Village Hall

Present:	Robin Baylie	RB
	Stuart Flockton	SF
	Paddy McGuinness	PM
	Arthur Smith-Fitchett	ASF
	Tim Bearder (OCC)	TB
	Sam James-Lawrie (SODC)	SJL
	Mike Mount (Clerk)	MM

Apologies: Chris Luke (Chairman) CL

49 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR THE MEETING

RB proposed and PM seconded that ASF should be Chairman for the meeting. This was unanimously agreed.

50 DECLARATIONS OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

PM and RB signed their Declarations of Acceptance of Office.

51 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no new declarations of interest.

52 RESIGNATIONS

- David Keene and Richard Palmer had resigned as councillors before the meeting. PM announced that he would resign as a councillor at the end of the meeting.
- This meant that there were three casual vacancies. It was agreed that a notice would be put up saying that ten electors could request there to be an election, otherwise the vacancies would be filled by co-option. **Action: MM**

52 INTERNAL AUDIT

Eugenia Skelly, the internal auditor, attended and said the internal audit had been satisfactorily completed. She signed the audit report of the annual return.

53 PUBLIC COMMENTS

53.1 Recent Co-options

Considerable disquiet was expressed about the recent co-options and that the three individuals who had been co-opted had been councillors previously.

53.2 Dove House Development

- There was a request asking when the Dove House landscaping adjacent to the lane would be completed. MM has asked Natta about this but had received no reply.
- Comment was made about maintenance of the verges, trees and green spaces owned by Magdalen College, and it was agreed that they would be asked about this. **Action: MM**

53.3 Littering

It was suggested that preventative action should be taken to minimise littering, for example by installing dummy cameras. There was a request that litter picking should take place quarterly.

53.4 Road Safety

- There was a request for safety mirrors to be installed at the two sharp bends near the Dove House development and it was agreed that this would be investigated. **Action: MM**

- There was a request for a 20mph speed limit in the village but the Parish Council maintained their view that there was limited support for this and its effect would be minimal.
- A request was made for the verges near Wellbourne to be cut. **Action: MM**

54 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

55 MATTERS ARISING

55.1 Registration of the Pub as an Asset of Community Value

The survey had been sent out to all residents and the preparation of information for the registration was proceeding.

55.2 Tidying Cuddesdon Green

PM had spoken to local residents and the general view was that there should be a hedge along the back of the Green to act as a screen.

55.3 Goal Nets

- The new nets had been installed.
- The previously supplied incorrect nets had been given to Benson Children's FC.

55.4 Denton Green Tree

An arboricultural survey had recommended that a willow tree on Denton Green should be removed. The near neighbours had been asked for their opinion, but none had responded. It was agreed that a quote would be obtained for removing or pruning the tree. **Action: MM**

55.5 Co-option Procedure

The co-option procedure was approved.

56 PLANNING

The planning application for a garden room at The Forge (P23/S0679/HH) had been granted.

57 FINANCE

Payments

Landscape Group	Grass cutting - April	£466.02
P McGuinness	Coronation celebration drinks	£86.95
A Smith-Fitchett	Coronation celebration food	£63.06
OCC	Salt bin	£300.00
SODC	Election expenses	£200.00
M Mount	White paint	£13.00
Shield Maintenance	Dog bin emptying - May	£10.39

58 PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

RB had reported a noisy neighbour to SOHA, and they had sent out a general letter.

PM thought a Ripon College representative should be asked to come to the meetings.

Action: MM

PM suggested that notes should be put in the Newsletter asking residents to retrieve their bins once they have been emptied, and to clear up after their dogs. **Action: MM**

ASF asked if the previous plans for the improvement of Cuddesdon Green were still available.

Action: MM