

Cuddesdon and Denton Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday, 4th November 2025 at 7.30pm, Village Hall, Cuddesdon

Minutes

Councillors Present: Chris Luke (Chair)(CL), Louisa Vincent (LV), Arthur Smith-Fitchett (ASF), Philip Spinks (PS), Dee Murray (DM)

In Attendance: Jo Garvey (Clerk), 5 members of the public.

25/74. Apologies: Evie Bennett (EB), Stuart Flockton (SF)

25/75. Declarations of Interest/Dispensations: None

25/76. Public Forum: A query was raised regarding drains and clearance, ASF reported that he is unsure of the current state, and not convinced that the work had been completed. Ongoing monitoring required.

25/80. County Councillor Report (Brought Forward): Councillor Bearder reported on the days' meeting concerning the Oxford Congestion Charge, he reported that he believed it had a successful first week. Councillors raised questions concerning increased costs, particularly for those on a low wage, and increased journey times. Councillor Bearder explained how important it is to stop people driving, and to stop people driving through the City Centre.

Councillor Bearder briefly talked about the Local Plan, and reported on the Council taking powers to removed untaxed vehicles. He further explained that the council would be increasing charges to companies for digging up roads.

25/77. To agree and sign the Minutes from the previous meeting: Agreed and signed.

25/78. Matters arising: ASF reported he has been unable to report the fallen tree, or the fallen tree due to website issues. All other items have been reported.

CCTV: LV reported on the current situation and the internal document. **It was agreed that Councillor updates** should be provided with all speed, prior to the next meeting.

EB reported on the Unitary Council meeting that she attended. Council discussed giving further feedback in the future, and discussed the potential issues with larger authorities. The Council agreed to reject (where possible) to the Greater Oxford proposal. It was **agreed that EB** will find out if any letter is available, and suitable for use.

Mowing the Recreation area: It was agreed that no additional cut is necessary at this time.

25/79. District Councillor Report: Written report received. **Councillors are requested** to consider ideas for grant requests.

25/81. Planning: None

25/82. Discuss and agree action regarding CCTV: Discussed during 78. Matters Arising.

25/83. Finance:

a) **Payments:** Agreed

Supplier	Date	Invoice Number	Amount
Shield VAT: 879212594	31/10/2025	9519	£14.30
Landscape Group VAT: 314 6130 41	30/09/2025	2117	£528.24

b) **Bank Reconciliation:** Agreed and signed.

25/84. Move to gov.uk: Clerk reported on two options, Hugo Fox and Parish Online, ASF provided supplementary information regarding a lower cost Parish Online offer. It was agreed that the Council should consider the move, **Clerk to provide** detailed costing for the next meeting.

25/85. Bin at the Recreation Ground: It was agreed that the bin should be emptied every two weeks (The bin is General Waste, location: Recreation ground, next to the swings), at a cost of £7 per month.

25/86. Grass cutting 26/27 Season: It was agreed to defer to the next meeting for decision. Clerk to request actual amount.

25/87. Parish Councillors' Reports: PS reported on Bonfire Night: £175 approx. profit. Numbers down from 230 to 170 of which 2/3 were adults. Donations lower. Very good feedback, everything went according to plan. Consideration should be given to purchasing a Council SUMUP machine, and advertising more without the village. **The Chair and Council wishes to express its thanks to Graham Sellar, Paul Sellar, Jeremy & Natasha Turner for helping the Parish Council put on the Bonfire Night at the Bat and Ball.**

DM asked about the state of the noticeboard, it was reported that a member of the community will help.

AFS requested a specific email containing the latest agenda/minutes, which does not get lost in a thread. He stated that he had attended the Council meeting at County Hall (re Congestion Charge), and reported on the discussion and voting. The Council further discussed the charge and its effects on traffic, costs and emissions.

CL reported that trees on the Recreation Ground possibly overhanging a Parishioners garden, to be checked. He also reported Carols around the Christmas Tree would be Sunday 21st December at 5pm; Carol sheets located, mulled wine and mince pies required. He further reported that a meeting regarding the Orchard is requested, for some time in November.

25/88. To confirm the date of the next meeting: confirmed 2nd December 2025.

Items for the next agenda: Proposal to purchase SUMUP machine, Carols around the Christmas Tree

The meeting closed at 2130hrs.