

CUDDESDON AND DENTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

6th December 2016 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present:	Chris Luke (Chairman)	CL
	David Keene	DK
	Ken Meek	KM
	Richard Palmer	RP
	Michael Raynor	MR
	Paul Sellar	PS
	Arthur Smith-Fitchett	ASF
	Elizabeth Gillespie (SODC)	EG
	Anne Purse (OCC)	AP
	Mike Mount (Clerk)	MM

96 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no new declarations of interest.

97 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

98 MATTERS ARISING

98.1 Village Charity

ASF volunteered to be the representative for the village charity, and CL agreed also to be a representative if required.

98.2 Drainage Near Manor Farm

OCC had advised that ditches are the responsibility of the adjacent landowner. They would write to the owner if they felt that drainage was an issue.

98.3 Neighbour Dispute at 1 High Street

SODC's enforcement officer was investigating the situation. It did not seem that there had ever been a planning application for the windows.

98.4 Bonfire Night

- 190 tickets had been sold
- 136 hot dogs had been consumed.
- The finances were:

Food	£395.00
Fireworks	£650.00
Newsletter advert	£10.00
Prizes	£4.00
Total cost	£1,059.00
Ticket receipts	£761.00
Overall loss	£298.00

CL

98.5 Road to Cuddesdon Mill

- OCC had advised that:
 - There were no official passing places and so they would not be maintained.
 - The bridge damage would be repaired in about three months.
 - There was a weight limit for the area of 7.5 tonnes, and no further restrictions were envisaged.
- It was agreed to fill some of the worst passing places with scalplings. **Action: DK, PS, RP**

98.6 Small Tree Near Church

On reflection, it was agreed that the small tree under the copper beech in front of the church should be left as it was.

98.7 Possible New Bus Service

If Wheatley Council organised a bus service, they were happy to include Cuddesdon on the route.

98.8 Walnut Tree on Denton Green

RP had been advised that the walnut tree on Denton Green was unsafe and so it was agreed to remove it. It would be replaced with another walnut tree. **Action: RP, PS**

98.9 Christmas Tree

Wheatley Christmas Tree Farm had agreed to supply a tree for £25. DK would collect it and MM would decorate it. **Action: DK, MM**

98.10 Carols Round the Christmas Tree

All the arrangements were in hand. Sadly, Jean Gardner had recently passed away but the mince pies would be managed by her son. The Parish Council was very thankful for all the help Jean had given for many years managing the refreshments at the event.

99 DISTRICT COUNCIL (EG)

- The local plan was out for consultation.
- EG did not think the Oxford-Cambridge expressway would be constructed for 10 or 20 years.

100 COUNTY COUNCIL (AP)

The Maple Tree Children's Centre was looking for financial support. It was agreed to donate £150.

101 FINANCE

101.1 Payments

Fantastic Fireworks	Fireworks	£780.00
Berinsfield	Grass cutting October	£432.96
M Mount	Christmas tree	£25.00
SODC	Dog bin emptying	£25.12
Arthur Smith-Fitchett	Swing seat	£162.76
Easykey	Website annual fee	£376.80

101.2 Receipt

HMRC	VAT refund	£204.76
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101.3 Precept

It was agreed to increase the precept for 2017/18 by £200 to £7,400.

102 PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

MR asked if further steps could be taken to have the fly tipped rubbish near Coombe Wood removed.

Action: MM

103 CLERK'S BUSINESS

- The new insurance act meant there would be changes to the way information was presented to the insurer.
- The Parish Council did not think councillors should be able to claim dependants' carers' allowance.
- BT intended to remove the payphone in Cuddesdon High Street. No strong views were expressed about this, but it was agreed that views should be sought from the community through the website.
- Historic England intended to have the war memorial listed. Concerns were expressed about the implications of this, particularly financial.

Action: MM

Action: MM to investigate.

104 NEXT MEETING

It was agreed to delay the next meeting by one week to 10th January.

Chairman:



Clerk:



Date:

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