

# CUDDESDON AND DENTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

2nd January 2024 in the Village Hall

Present: Chris Luke (Chairman) CL  
Robin Baylie RB  
Philip Spinks PS  
Mike Mount (Clerk) MM

Apologies: Evie Bennett EB  
Stuart Flockton SF  
Arthur Smith-Fitchett ASF  
Louisa Vincent LV  
Tim Bearder (OCC) TB  
Sam James-Lawrie (SODC) SJL

## 1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no new declarations of interest.

## 2 SOCIAL MEDIA

- It was agreed to change the name of the Parish Covid 19 Support WhatsApp Group to Parish Support & News and to offer members of Anne Keene's group the chance to join.
- Those on the Parish Group would have the option to leave, as the function would be changing slightly.
- It was hoped that the community group would grow and be increasingly useful to parishioners.
- Jez Turner agreed to be an administrator on the revised WhatsApp Group, along with EB and CL.
- Tash Turner would continue running the community Facebook page.
- CL agreed to write about the WhatsApp group and online platforms in the Newsletter.  
**Action: CL**
- The Parish Council email address would be included as a contact in the Newsletter.  
**Action: MM**

## 3 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting and the revised minutes of November's meeting were both approved.

## 4 MATTERS ARISING

### Slowing traffic through the village

A meeting had been arranged with OCC's Traffic Officer to discuss a vehicle activated sign, speed gates, 40mph speed limits into the village, a slow sign at the corner near Welbourne and parking on Denton Hill.  
**Action: MM**

## 5 PLANNING

- The rejection of planning permission for a garage at 1 Dove House (P23/S1892/HH) had been appealed.
- The Parish Council supported the application for conversion of the tithe barn at Dove House (P23/S4142/S73 and P23/S4119/LB) although they were concerned about the lack of biodiversity in the proposal, particularly the absence of tree planting. This would be noted in the response to SODC and the barn's owner would be contacted about it. **Action: MM**

## 6 FINANCE

### 6.1 Payments

Easykey	Website annual fee	£397.68
M Mount	Salary Oct - Dec	£496.74
Shield Maintenance	Dog bin - December	£10.39
Village Hall	Annual hire	£225.00

### 6.2 Financial Documents

The latest cashbook and bank reconciliation were presented.

### 6.3 Bank Authorisers

it was agreed to remove Colin Hessey as an authoriser, since LV had now become one.

**Action: MM**

## 7 CLERK'S BUSINESS

- SODC were going to perform a deep cleanse in the village in March. It was agreed to ask them to reduce the verge encroachment onto the paths, particularly in the High Street opposite the pub and near the recreation ground. **Action: MM**
- Reduction of verge encroachment onto the roads was not included within the cleaning but it was agreed that councillors would check the verges and trees near the corner at the top of Church Road on the approach from Bishop's Wood.
- It was agreed that the recreation ground hedge should be trimmed. **Action: MM**