

Cuddesdon and Denton Parish Council Meeting
Held Tuesday, 3rd February 2026 at 7.30pm, Village Hall, Cuddesdon

Minutes

Councillors Present: Chris Luke (Chair) (CL), Arthur Smith-Fitchett (ASF), Stuart Flockton (SF), Evie Bennett (EB), Dee Murray (DM)

In attendance: Jo Garvey (Clerk), Cllr Tim Bearder (TB), 4 Members of the Public

26/15. Apologies: Louisa Vincent (LV)

26/16. Declarations of Interest/Dispensations: None

26/17. Public Forum: Question regarding Village Archive being added to the new website, several 100 to be added. Clerk advised that these could be added. Hard copies available in Village Hall Archive Room, Formal opening is planned.

Resident requested a copy of the accounts for 24/25 – FOI request to be submit.

Resident requested that the village speed limit be reconsidered, it was discussed and could be reconsidered if new data is forthcoming.

Resident reported that Drains have not been cleared – CL stated that not all done. TB reported that they have, that the 4-year cycle has not been followed resulting in damage/collapse. Millions are to be spent but due to the number requiring work unable to say when/where fixes will be applied.

Denton Lane (to Chippinghurst) mostly destroyed due to constant flooding/large puddles, ditches also not cleared. TB provided information on underfunding, 2 million additional spending by OCC, double the number of hole-filler teams, and 140million borrowing for Capital investment results in 3m per year interest payments. TB reported that he wants to see people out of cars and onto buses and bikes, and road use taxable. Resident stated that roads are unsafe for cyclists, TB reported that they have paid for certain cycle track implementation. Resident requested the criteria for resurfacing and if two roads are on the plan. TB to respond by email.

26/18. To agree and sign the Minutes from the previous meeting: Agreed and signed.

26/19. Matters arising: To consider any items arising from the minutes not otherwise on the agenda.

The Terms of Engagement with Internal Auditor was signed.

A sign for the playground stating postcode/what3words to be installed, in case of emergency.

26/20. District Councillor Report: None received.

26/21. County Councillor Report: TB reported that the Local Government Reorganisation consultation starts on Thursday.

ASF reported SODC email showing increased grey belt area, with loss of protections resulting in village sprawl.

TB reported that Chalgrove has been taken out as a strategic site (in local plan) but Homes England own the site and may appeal. Also reported that planning officers are recategorising green belt as grey.

Fly-tipping and local refuse availability was discussed. TB reported that the changes were made to stop out of County residents using the tip.

26/22. Planning: None

26/23. Finance:

a) **Payments** – To agree payments: Agreed

Payee	Description	Amount	VAT
Shield 9848	Bin Emptying	23.40	3.90 879 2125 94
Play Inspection Company 83533	Annual Inspection	180.00	30.00 845 1840 23
Clerk	January Salary	349.65	

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

26/24. Take an update and agree further action regarding CCTV: ASF reported further camera research. Proposal to purchase one camera (camouflaged) maximum £200 cost was agreed. Councillors to decide which camera.

(Brought forward –ASF had to take his leave) 26/26. Take an update and agree further action regarding the Orchard area damaged steps: ASF reported bottom steps slightly cleared, had requested information from OCC Countryside Access Team, no response as yet. Queried whether Highways would repair.

26/25. Take an update and agree further action regarding replacement of the Noticeboard: Agreed to accept offer of repair from resident, CL to contact and get a list of parts required.

26/27. Take a Grounds maintenance quotation and approve: The prices are at the same price as 25/26. Approved.

26/28. Parish Councillors' Reports:

DM stated that the pub is a vital part of the village, and would like to provide feedback, not something that the Council could do.

CL wanted to extend Council gratitude to G Sellar for removing the Xmas tree.

CL reported the outcomes of the Orchard meeting. Will continue as at present, insurance in place for volunteers.

26/29. To confirm the date of the next meeting, and take items for the next agenda:

3rd March 2026, 7th April 2026, 5th May 2026, 2nd June 2026, 7th July 2026, 1st September 2026, 6th October 2026, 3rd November 2026, 1st December 2026

Agenda: Christmas Lights