

# CUDDESDON AND DENTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

6th December 2022 in the Village Hall

Present:	Chris Luke (Chairman)	CL	Apologies:	Tim Bearder (OCC)	TB
	Robin Baylie	RB			
	Colin Hessey	CH			
	David Keene	DK			
	Paddy McGuinness	PM			
	Richard Palmer	RP			
	Arthur Smith-Fitchett	ASF			
	Elizabeth Gillespie (SODC)	EG			
	Mike Mount (Clerk)	MM			

## **99 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no new declarations of interest.

## **100 PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Jane Cotton said a group from Wheatley had been clearing litter from the Wheatley Road verges from time to time. It was agreed that SODC would be asked to remove the sacks of litter filled at these events.

**Action: MM**

## **101 DISTRICT COUNCIL (EG)**

- Progress of the Northfield development had been held up by OCC.
- The Garsington gypsy site at Kiln Lane was causing some concerns.
- PM was very dissatisfied with SODC's response to requests for information He asked EG to investigate how SODC's accessibility was measured and what recourse there was if council officers failed to respond to requests for information.

## **102 TRAFFIC FILTERS IN OXFORD**

PM reiterated the Parish Council's opposition to the introduction of traffic filters in Oxford. The view was that no account was being taken of villages like ours outside Oxford, which would be disenfranchised. This was ideological planning, taking no account of local communities' views. The Parish Council felt let down by TB. Local groups were being organised against the proposal.

## **103 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

## **104 MATTERS ARISING**

### **104.1 Tree Planting on the High Street Verge**

John Paxton had offered to pay for one of the trees and he was thanked for this.

#### 104.2 Swings

The new swings had been paid for. It was agreed to inform the insurance company about them and include them on the asset list.

**Action: MM**

#### 104.3 Repair of Cuddesdon Mill Bridge

It was agreed to write to OCC expressing disappointment that there was no proposed date for the repair of the bridge.

**Action: MM**

#### 104.4 Dedicated Clerk's Computer

It was agreed that MM should investigate obtaining a suitable computer.

**Action: MM**

#### 104.5 Trimming the Hedge at the Bottom of the Recreation Ground

The farmer had agreed to cut back the hedge.

#### 104.6 Overgrowth at the Back of Cuddesdon Green

It was agreed that a working party would tidy up the overgrowth.

#### 104.7 Christmas Tree

It was agreed that a working party would decorate the tree.

#### 104.8 Carols Round the Tree

Sarah Brush had agreed to lead the carols.

#### 104.9 Defibrillator

- The faulty battery had been replaced under warranty.
- The pads expired in January and it was agreed they should be replaced. **Action: MM**

#### 104.10 Bonfire Night

Costs:	Fireworks	£700.00
	Food	£117.26
	Newsletter adverts	£70.00

Tickets:	138 people	£690.00
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Loss: £197.26

It was agreed that burning the remains of the bonfire would be delayed until the weather improved and the bonfire dried out.

### 105 WREATH REMOVAL

- It was agreed that the wreaths should be left on the war memorial.
- It was agreed that British Legion should be consulted about the appropriate time when the wreaths should be removed. **Action: MM**

### 106 PLANNING

- The Parish Council had no strong views on the application for extensions and alterations at Jubilee Cottage, Denton Hill (P22/S3922/HH), although they agreed to draw the attention of

the planning department to the fact that the increase in volume exceeded the planning guidelines.

- The Parish Council supported the application for installation of a bay window and other changes at Wesley House, Denton Hill (P22/S4307/HH).
- The request for replacement of a hipped porch roof with a part flat roof at Dove House (P22/S4008/LDE) as a permitted development was noted.

## 107 FINANCE

### 107.1 Payments

Landscape Group	Grass cutting October	£264.48
Fantastic Fireworks	Fireworks	£840.00
Newsletter	Fireworks adverts	£70.00
Chris Luke	Fireworks food	£83.84
Tash Turner	Fireworks food	£33.42
Shield Maintenance	Dog bin November	£10.39

### 107.2 Receipt

Fireworks tickets	£690.00
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### 107.3 The Precept

- A forecast for 2023/24 was presented and it was agreed to increase the precept by £200 to £8,600.00
- The remainder of the Neighbourhood Plan fund was absorbed into the normal parish council expenditure.

## 108 PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

RP had been told that the tree planting group was investigating using the land below the recreation ground beyond the hedge for tree planting.

CH had noticed that there was a loose manhole cover in the road at the bend with the high wall near Dove House.

CL had been told that the pub lights were being left on again overnight, disturbing the neighbours. PM agreed to investigate this. **Action: PM**

PM wondered if Cuddesdon Green could be improved by landscaping.

## 109 CLERK'S BUSINESS

TB had £4,000 available as grants in his County Council Priority Fund. Applications for this had to be made by 31st January.

## 110 NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next meeting would be delayed by a week to 10th January 2023.