

CUDDESDON AND DENTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

4th July 2023 in the Village Hall

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| Present: | Chris Luke (Chairman) | CL |
| | Robin Baylie | RB |
| | Stuart Flockton | SF |
| | Arthur Smith-Fitchett | ASF |
| | Mike Mount (Clerk) | MM |
| Apologies: | Tim Bearder (OCC) | TB |
| | Sam James-Lawrie (SODC) | SJL |

59 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

SF and ASF declared an interest in the proposed mast at Ripon College.

60 PUBLIC COMMENTS

60.1 ACV Application for the Bat and Ball

It was agreed that MM should approve and submit the application for registration of the pub as an asset of community value once the application was completed. **Action: MM**

60.2 Dove House Development

- There was considerable discussion about the state of some areas of the development, particularly near the road.
- The new owner of the tithe barn was redesigning the plans for the property and hoped to start construction before the end of the year.
- The following were agreed:
 - The new owner of the tithe barn would be contacted to try to establish who owned the steep verge in front of the barn. **Action: MM**
 - Further pressure would be applied to Magdalen via David Keene to endeavour to tidy the area near the new path behind the wall. **Action: MM**
 - The grass cutting contractor would be asked about strimming both sides of the lane from Cuddesdon Green to its junction with Dove House Lane. **Action: MM**
 - OCC would be contacted to discuss completion of the landscaping of all the areas near the road. **Action: MM**
 - David Keene would be contacted about safety concerns relating to the footpaths and roads because of leaf litter and overgrowth. **Action: MM**

60.3 Parking on Cuddesdon Green

Concerns were expressed about Ripon College students parking their cars on the pavement at the triangular piece of land opposite the churchyard entrance. It was agreed to contact the College about this again. **Action: MM**

60.4 Dead Tree on Cuddesdon Green

There was a dead tree on the triangular piece of land across the road from the churchyard entrance and it was agreed that it should be removed. **Action: MM**

61 NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH UPDATE

- Peter Rutt reported that there had been an increase in attempted break ins to properties.

- He was asking for volunteers to become neighbourhood watch representatives.
- He agreed to write a piece for the Newsletter explaining how to deal with possible burglars.

62 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

63 MATTERS ARISING

63.1 Safety Mirrors

It was agreed that mirrors would not be put on the bends near Dove House Lane because OCC did not want them installed as they considered that they did not improve road safety.

63.2 Denton Green Trees

- It was agreed that the willow tree would be removed. **Action: MM**
- The nearby beech tree would be pollarded by about 3m. **Action: MM**
- Grinding of the willow's stump and the other stump on Denton Green would be investigated. **Action: MM**

63.3 Co-options

- It was agreed that no specific selection criteria would be forced on councillors when co-option voting took place.
- It was agreed that candidates would not be asked to speak at the co-option meeting.
- It was agreed that two amendments to the procedure would be drafted for approval. **Action: MM**

63.4 Cuddesdon Green

The Clerk did not have copies of the previous plans for refurbishment of Cuddesdon Green.

64 PLANNING

- The Parish Council supported the planning application for a garage at 1 Dove House Lane (P23/S1892/HH).
- The Parish Council opposed the application for a new house at Upper Farm in Denton (P23/S2093/S73) because they considered it was too close to the road, too large and not traditional as was the previous design. They also agreed that their objections to the previous application still applied.

65 FINANCE

65.1 Payments

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| Landscape Group | Grass cutting - May | £543.90 |
| Eugenia Skelly | Internal audit | 123.60 |
| M Mount | Salary Apr - Jun | £484.74 |
| Newsletter | ACV questionnaire insert | £48.00 |
| Gallagher | Annual insurance | £764.45 |
| Shield Maintenance | Dog bin emptying - June | £10.39 |

Gallagher had sent a list of insurance requirements for bonfire night.

65.2 Documents

The cashbook and bank reconciliation were presented

65.3 Internal audit

The internal auditor had recommended that all the Clerk's annual salary should be paid before the financial year end. It was agreed that the payment for January to March would be presented at the beginning of March. The other payments would continue to be presented in July, October and January.

Action: MM

66 PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

CL wondered if having a 50mph speed limit on the Wheatley Road would lower the traffic speeds coming into the village near Parkside.

CI asked about the possibility of the Brook Lane verge near the obscured ditch being cut by Graeme Sellar.

Action: MM

67 CLERK'S BUSINESS

- There was a possibility of a mast being erected on Ripon College's football field for control of a drone highway and the College had asked for the Parish Council's opinion of this. They were generally not in favour of it.
- OCC had asked for volunteers to care for their newly planted trees. RB agreed to water the one near Parkside.
- One of the recently planted trees on the High Street verge had died. Nicko King was going to replace it in the autumn and the Parish Council agreed to pay for this.

68 FURTHER PUBLIC COMMENT

It was suggested that the criterion used when the co-option took place should be that the new councillors were representative of the village.