

# CUDDESDON AND DENTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

1st October 2013 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present: Martyn Percy (Chairman) MP  
Kathy Hawley KH  
David Keene DK  
Cyril Sellar CS  
Elizabeth Gillespie (SODC) EG  
Mike Mount (Clerk) MM

Apologies: Stuart Lacey SL  
Michael Raynor MR  
Anne Purse (OCC) AP

## **76 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no new declarations of interest.

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

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved, except that added at 71.9 was that, as far as the first world war commemoration was concerned, it was clear that Robert Wilson's proposal would not conform with the grant requirements.

## **78 MATTERS ARISING**

### **78.1 Co-option of a New Councillor**

Ken Meek, Susan Thomson and Natasha Turner had asked to be considered for the position. It was unanimously agreed that Natasha Turner should be the new councillor.

### **78.2 Replacement Garsington School Governor**

Jeremy Turner and Ken Meek had expressed an interest in the position. The school had requested that they decide if there was more than one applicant, and so it was agreed that their names would be passed on. **Action: MM**

### **78.3 High Street Verges**

- A letter had been sent to the occupants of the row of terraced houses on the north side of the High Street asking them not to park on the verge.
- Two quotes had been received to drop the kerb at 42 High Street, for £750 and £950. In addition there would be £85 to pay to OCC for inspection of the site. DK would investigate whether Magdalen College would contribute to the cost. **Action: DK**

### **78.4 Denton Green Drainage**

SL had filled in the dip in the track where subsidence had taken place.

### **78.5 Chiselhampton Beech Hedge**

OCC had written to say that they did not consider the hedge to be a hazard.

### **78.6 Grass Cutting at Denton Green**

It had been agreed that Denton Green would be cut once a fortnight rather than once a month using the same lawn mower as used on the recreation ground, at an additional monthly cost of £9.40.

### **78.7 Potholes**

DK would check the potholes on the road to the mill and advise MM if he thought additional action was required. **Action: DK, MM**

### **78.8 First World War Commemoration**

- KH reported that the responsibilities had been agreed as follows:
  - Robert Wilson: Church cross
  - Mark Chapman: College involvement in the first world war
  - Kathy Hawley: Village involvement in the first world war
  - Keith Hawley: Grant application
- The maximum grant available was £10k and the project was very suitable for lottery funding.
- It was estimated that the total cost would be less than £12k (including £8k to refurbish and move the cross).
- The Parish Council agreed to underwrite the additional £2k although it was planned that there would be fund raising events and that other grants would be sought.

### **78.9 Bonfire Night**

The responsibilities for bonfire night were agreed.

## **79 DISTRICT COUNCIL (EG)**

- Some replacement officers had been employed to run the Leader project.
- EG was concerned about the Local Enterprise Partnership, since it was run by an unelected body.

## **80 FINANCE**

### **80.1 Payments**

Berinsfield	Grass cutting (August)	£424.80
BDO	External audit	£120.00
S Lacey	Gravel for Denton Green repair	£103.00
M Mount	Salary	£397.80

### **80.2 External Audit**

- The external audit had been successfully completed.
- The annual return was approved and accepted by the council.

### **80.3 Internal Audit 2013/14**

It was agreed that the letter of engagement with Arrow Accounting should be signed.

### **80.4 Budget August 2013**

The latest budget was presented. The only significant change was that the cost of the play surface replacement was £11,902, so £1,902 greater than the grant which had been received.

## **81 CLERK'S BUSINESS**

- OCC had agreed to repair the damage to the bridge at Cuddesdon Mill.
- OCC had been advised that no more sacks of road salt were needed for the winter.
- A property at the top of Denton Hill, called Selwin, had been renamed Chiltern View.
- OCC had made an order defining the Thame river crossing at the stepping stones in Chippinghurst as a right of way. David Turner had asked that there was a meeting of the local parish councils to decide if this should be objected to, and this meeting had been arranged for 10th October. The Parish Council's view was that they would agree to whatever solution would most likely result in there eventually being a footpath crossing over the river in Chippinghurst.

**Date:**