

CUDDESDON AND DENTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

2nd February 2021 at 7.30pm using video teleconferencing

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

Apologies: Paul Sellar PS

9 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no new declarations of interest

10 COUNTY COUNCIL (TB)

A newly formed organisation called Bioabundance was seeking a judicial review against SODC to attempt to overturn the Local Plan. This was viewed as the only way to fight the plan. The Parish Council did not consider it appropriate to support Bioabundance since their action was against SODC, who had done their best to oppose the plan.

11 DISTRICT COUNCIL (EG)

- SODC was dealing with the challenge from Bioabundance.
- SODC's budget would be set shortly.
- A grant of £2,000 had been awarded for Cuddesdon's allotments.

12 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

13 MATTERS ARISING

13.1 Defibrillator

- RP was investigating installation of an external motion sensitive light at the defibrillator.
- MM would supply the defibrillator information to the guardians. **Action: MM**

13.2 Routing of Sewage from Dove House Farm

- Thames Water had confirmed that the sewage from Dove House Farm would go through the sewer which crossed Denton Green. Thames Water said they did not know the capacity of the sewer or what the flow rate would be, but would investigate if there were concerns.
- It was agreed that Thames Water should be asked to investigate the capacity of the sewer.

Action: MM

CGL

13.3 Highways

TB was asked to apply pressure to have the road repaired at Upper Farm in Denton.

13.4 Issues Near the Recreation Ground

- ASF confirmed that the ditch at the bottom of the recreation ground was blocked
- Access to the footpath from the Recreation Ground was dangerously steep. Steps were needed at this location.
- Also, the footpath to the road at this location was blocked.
- Any work to rectify these issues would have to be done in the summer.

13.5 Path at Denton Brook

Suitable material had been identified to improve the path and a group would investigate doing this.

Action: CL, DK, PS, RP

13.6 Neighbourhood Plan

The Examiner's changes were being integrated into the plan, so it could be resubmitted.

14 FINANCE

14.1 Internal Auditor

Arrow Accounting, who had previously audited the Parish Council, were ceasing trading because of illness. The cheque to them for £152 for last year's audit had been mislaid. It was agreed to stop the cheque and send a replacement.

Action: MM

14.2 Budget

The latest budget was presented.

15 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

15.1 Broken Branches at Cuddesdon Green

ASF had noticed that there were two broken branches on trees at Cuddesdon Green, and these needed to be removed.

15.2 Oak Tree near Recreation Ground

CL reported that an oak tree below the Recreation Ground had been severely pruned.

15.3 Drainage from the Road at the Dovehouse Farm Development

ASF raised concerns about drainage from the road at the corner near the high wall. There were also concerns about road safety at this corner. It was not clear what the arrangement would be and it was agreed to ask the developer about this.

Action: MM

15.4 Field Entrance Near Dovehouse Farm

DK was considering moving the field entrance opposite Dove House Farm further up the road to be near the corner with the high wall. The Parish Council considered that it would be appropriate to make this change.

15.5 Litter Pick

It was agreed that it would not be possible to have a litter pick this year because of the pandemic, but people would be encouraged to pick up the litter individually.

Action: CL

CGL

15.6 Annual Fete

CL announced that there would not be a fete this year, but a draw and an alternative event in the autumn were being considered.

16 CLERK'S BUSINESS

16.1 Dove House Farm Development

The site manager at Dovehouse Farm had reported that:

- Because of an OCC insurance issue, the footpath would not be constructed during the present road closure. There would be a further road closure for this later in the year.
- It was intended to install all the utilities during the present road closure.
- It was intended to complete construction of the row of terraced houses during March.
- Development of the barn might be sold on to another developer.

16.2 Access to 27 High Street

SOHA had asked about installation of a separate pedestrian entrance at 27 High Street, with a gate in the wall at the front. The Parish Council considered that this was not necessary. If people had difficulty locating this house then a sign should be put on the wall near the present shared access point.

16.3 Parking on Denton Hill

It was agreed that a note should be put in the Newsletter asking drivers to park close to the edge of the road on Denton Hill to make passing easier for tractors and other large vehicles.

Action: MM

Chairman:



Clerk:



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