

# CUDDESDON AND DENTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

7th March 2023 in the Village Hall

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| Present:   | Chris Luke (Chairman)      | CL  |
|            | 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  |
| Apologies: | Tim Bearder (OCC)          | TB  |

## **19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no new declarations of interest.

## **20 PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The footpath bridge near Upperfield Farm needed to be repaired and DK agreed to talk to OCC about this.

**Action: DK**

## **21 DISTRICT COUNCIL (EG)**

An avenue of trees had been proposed along the Oxford Road from Garsington.

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

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

## **23 MATTERS ARISING**

### **23.1 Dove House Development**

- SODC responses:
  - The Neighbourhood Plan had not been taken into account when considering the landscaping because the original application preceded the Plan.
  - The appropriate time for comments on landscaping had been when the application was first submitted.
  - There would be no further changes to the landscaping plan. OCC's involvement was to ensure that the roadside verges were correctly landscaped.
  - SODC apologised if they had not consulted the Parish Council about the landscaping.
- Natta responses:
  - Natta had reduced the slope of the path near the wall, to make it safer.
  - They would check the loose manhole cover.
  - They hoped to complete the landscaping as soon as possible.
- DK pointed out that the area behind the wall near the path was owned by Magdalen and he had had some discussion with them about its landscaping.
- DK agreed to tell the agents of residents' concern about the safety of Dove House Lane, particularly because of leaves falling from the overhanging trees. **Action: DK**

### **23.2 Tidying Cuddesdon Green**

Some councillors had cleared the undergrowth from Cuddesdon Green and local residents had been asked for their view on what further work should be done.

## 24 PLANNING

- The planning application at 1 Dove House Lane (P23/S0094/HH) had been modified and no longer included the garage, only the pergola.
- It was agreed that, when possible, applicants should be invited to explain their plans at parish council meetings. **Action: MM**

## 25 FINANCE

### 25.1 Payments

|                    |                 |        |
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| Broxap             | Waste bin liner | £96.00 |
| Shield Maintenance | Dog bin January | £10.39 |

### 25.2 Receipt

|      |            |         |
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| HMRC | VAT refund | £196.47 |
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### 25.3 Data Protection Fee

It was agreed to pay the data protection fee of £40.

### 25.4 Clerk's Salary

It was agreed that the Clerk's salary for 2023/4 would be £1985.88pa.

## 26 PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

PM had observed fly tipping on Denton Lane.

PM had been told by the Bat and Ball that they had left their external lights on for the safety of guests.

CL thought registering the Bat and Ball as an asset of community value should be pursued and this was agreed:

- It should be established if there was a time limit on the registration. **Action: MM**
- Volunteers should be sought to assist with the registration. **Action: MM**

## 27 CLERK'S BUSINESS

- A landowner declaration had been made for Warren Barn Farm in Little Milton, which was across the river from Chippinghurst, which stated that no unrecorded rights of way could later be changed to official footpaths. Existing footpaths were unaffected.
- A 5% increase in the price of grass cutting was agreed.
- The Parish Council's assets had been checked and been found to be in good order except that the moss on the benches on Cuddesdon Green needed cleaning off and it was agreed to replace the goal nets. **Action: MM**

## 28 NEXT MEETINGS

- It was agreed that April's meeting would be a shortened meeting on 11th April and would be followed by the Annual Parish Meeting.
- May's meeting would be on 9th May following the election.