

Cuddesdon and Denton Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council meeting duly convened and held on
Tuesday, 4th March 2025 at Cuddesdon Village Hall

Attendees – Councillors:	Apologies noted:
Chris Luke – Chair (CL)	Louisa Vincent (LV)
Evie Bennett (EB)	Philip Spinks (PS)
Stuart Flockton (SF)	
Arthur Smith-Fitchett (ASF)	
Sam James-Lawrie (SJL) District Councillor	
Tim Bearder (TB) County Councillor	
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The meeting opened at 7.30pm

1.	Welcome, Apologies and Quorate	ACTION
	The Chair welcomed all to the meeting. The meeting was quorate.	
2.	<p>Public Participation</p> <p>Nicko King expressed the thanks of the Orchard Group to all who had participated in the very successful tree planting sessions. He requested clarity on how invoices were being paid; the former Clerk, Dee Corney who resigned at the start of the previous meeting has agreed to deal with Parish Council bill payments on an interim basis.</p> <p>A request was made that all the verges between the church and Dove House Lane should be cut this year.</p> <p>It was noted that the road works in Garsington were leading to an increase in traffic through Cuddesdon. These roadworks should be completed within four weeks.</p> <p>Arising from Item 12 of the previous meeting, the County Councillor was requested to respond to the fact that the safer cycling route from Cuddesdon into Oxford detailed in the Neighbourhood Plan was still not in the County Council plans, even though they had just published a proposal for Greenways around Oxford. TB said that money was limited and had not been allocated for the Cuddesdon proposal.</p> <p>The step between the lower end of the Community Orchard and Denton Hill had not yet been repaired. Reported that Salt Sellar would be looking at it soon.</p>	
3.	<p>Declarations of personal and prejudicial interest</p> <p>None for this meeting.</p>	
4.	<p>Minutes of previous meetings</p> <p>Minutes of 14th January and 4th February were approved.</p>	

5.	<p>Matters arising</p> <p>ASF reported he had ordered signs to be put up at the entrance to the recreation ground and would fit a dispenser with a supply of dog poo bags.</p> <p>It was noted that excessively long lorries were attempting to use road past Cuddesdon Mill, despite the “Unsuitable for HGV”, signs to get to Views Farm. AGREED to contact Views Farm to request them to inform drivers of its unsuitability.</p> <p>CL had written to Niki Carter thanking her for her interest and explaining the limitations on the Parish Council’s powers.</p> <p>CL had written to Mrs Belcher outlining why the Council did not feel able to support the idea of an additional disabled parking place by the Village Hall but noted that parking in the existing disabled space without a Blue Badge could lead to a ticket.</p> <p>ASF reported that he would be attending the forthcoming training webinar about the use of CCTV by Councils.</p> <p>AGREED to authorise PS to commission replacement of the perspex in the Parish Noticeboard at a cost of £50.</p>	PS			
6.	<p>SODC Councillor Report</p> <p>SJL REPORTED that the councillor grant budget will increase by 50%, to £7,500 per Councillor. SODC were directly purchasing new council houses. Local government reorganisation was continuing but central government were in charge of this.</p>				
7.	<p>County Councillor Report</p> <p>TB REPORTED similarly with respect to Local Government reorganisation. He noted that enforcing parking restrictions in Pettivell in Garsington was proving difficult with few payments being made for the parking tickets issued.</p>				
8.	<p>Power cuts</p> <p>NOTED that there had been several power cuts in the village in February. TB agreed to see if he could find any further information about the reason for the interruptions.</p>	TB			
9.	<p>Search for a new Clerk and interim support.</p> <p>AGREED that CL would approach a possible locum, suggested by OALC and would also contact people who had been suggested by TB as possibly interested in the longer term position.</p> <p>AGREED CL to sign letter engaging Eugenia Skelly to audit the Council accounts.</p> <p>CL AGREED to email the various village organisations inviting them to present reports at the Annual Parish Meeting in April.</p>	CL CL CL			
10.	<p>Cooption of new Councillor</p> <p>AGREED to seek to coopt at the meeting on 1 April. An advertisement had already appeared in the Parish Newsletter.</p>				
11.	<p>Accounts for payment</p> <p>AGREED</p> <table data-bbox="312 2007 1321 2040"> <tr> <td>Shield Maintenance</td> <td>Dog bin emptying February</td> <td>£13.26</td> </tr> </table>	Shield Maintenance	Dog bin emptying February	£13.26	
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	Landscape Group Information Commissioner's Office OALC	Grass cutting October Registration Annual subscription	£367.20 £52.00 £216.00	
12	Parish Councillors' reports CL had supported on behalf of the Council a letter coordinated by the Chairman of Beckley and Stowood Parish Council to the Minister of State for Local Government saying that we do not wish to become part of an Oxford City based unitary authority.			
13	Any other business None			
14	Further Public Comments None			
15	Date of Next meeting AGREED 1 st April 2025 at 7.30 pm.			

The meeting closed at 9.05pm

Signed: