

CUDDESDON AND DENTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

5th January 2021 at 7.30pm using video teleconferencing

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

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no new declarations of interest

2 COUNTY COUNCIL (TB)

There was now a new bus service which ran from Asda in Wheatley, through Littleworth and Horspath to Temple Cowley. TB was trying to organise community bus services for smaller villages such as Cuddesdon and Denton.

3 DISTRICT COUNCIL (EG)

- EG hoped to ameliorate the effect of the Local Plan by challenging each planning application as it was made.
- There was a possibility that the next Local Plan would be a joint venture with Vale District Council, although EG had mixed feelings about this.
- EG was now in a group of three independent councillors, called the South Oxfordshire Residents Team.

4 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

5 MATTERS ARISING

5.1 Defibrillator

- The defibrillator had been registered with the ambulance service and so it was fully operational.
- The Parish Council's insurance covered the defibrillator, with a £250 excess.
- MM would publicise on line training in the Newsletter.
- Face to face training would take place when the pandemic was over. The ambulance service would ask for a £50 donation for this.
- RP was investigating installation of an external motion sensitive light at the defibrillator.



5.2 Routing of Sewage from Dove House Farm

Thames Water had been written to twice about the routing of the sewage and the capacity of the main, but they had not responded. The Planning Department had also been contacted but they had not responded either. PM agreed to contact Thames Water by twitter, which was sometimes more effective. **Action: PM**

5.3 Christmas Tree

DK had obtained a tree from a supplier in Prince Risborough, which he had paid for himself.

5.4 Highways

- The blocked drain on Denton Hill, damage to the verges on the Wheatley Road and the poor condition of the road near Upper Farm had all been reported on Fixmystreet. The response to all three was similar, stating each report was closed and "the issue had been passed to the relevant team".
- TB agreed to see if the blocked drain on Denton Hill could be cleared.
- DK thought he might have some spare topsoil later in the year, which he could spread on the damaged verges, and it was agreed that this should be done.

5.5 Pub Car Park Light

The bright light in the pub car park had not been switched on for the past month so the pub had not been contacted about this.

6 FINANCE

6.1 Payments

New Leaf Tree Surgery	Tree pruning	£660.00
Easykey	Annual website charge	£397.68
M Mount	Salary Oct-Dec	£437.58
Landscape Group	Grass cutting Sep replacement cheque	£373.92

6.2 Receipt

HMRC	VAT refund	£367.72
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6.3 Cashbook

The latest cashbook was presented.

6.4 Bank Reconciliation

The bank reconciliation was presented. This showed two unrepresented cheques:

- To the auditor who had been unwell and was not responding to requests to bank his cheque.
- To the Landscape Group who could not find the cheque for September's grass cutting. It was agreed to send this cheque again and stop the original one.

6.5 Play Equipment Expenditure

A breakdown of the costs for the play equipment project was presented. This showed a net cost to the Parish Council of £1871.48.

7 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

ASF was concerned that the ditch at the bottom of the recreation ground was blocked and needed clearing so that the water would flow down to the ditch across the fields rather than onto the road. The other councillors agreed to look at this. **Action: All**

CL suggested that the path next to Denton Brook needed resurfacing. He agreed to ask RP what was done when the path was previously repaired. **Action: CL**

8 CLERK'S BUSINESS

- The Parish Council agreed that the examiner's Neighbourhood Plan comments were correct and SODC should be advised of this. **Action: MM**
- Two of the Landscape Group's employees had formed their own grass cutting company. It was agreed that the grass would continue to be cut by the Landscape Group. **Action: MM**
- It was agreed that the recreation ground hedge should be cut. **Action: MM**
- It was agreed that the moles should be removed from the recreation ground. **Action: MM**
- The salt bin had been moved from Cuddesdon Mill to the correct place near the church, and another new salt bin had been installed near Brookside.

Chairman: 

Clerk: 

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