

CUDDESDON AND DENTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

6th February 2024 in the Village Hall

Present:	Chris Luke (Chairman)	CL
	Robin Baylie	RB
	Evie Bennett	EB
	Stuart Flockton	SF
	Arthur Smith-Fitchett	ASF
	Philip Spinks	PS
	Louisa Vincent	LV
	Mike Mount (Clerk)	MM
Apologies:	Tim Bearder (OCC)	TB
	Sam James-Lawrie (SODC)	SJL

8 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no new declarations of interest.

9 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

10 MATTERS ARISING

10.1 Social Media

Membership of the Parish Support & News WhatsApp group was increasing. CL, PS, EB and Jez Turner were the administrators.

10.2 Traffic Calming

- A meeting had been held with OCC's Traffic Officer to discuss various measures.
- The Parish Council agreed that it was preferable to have a vehicle activated sign which showed the actual speed with a smiley or sad face, rather than one which displayed a 30mph sign with "slow down".
- The sign should be moveable to three locations: near Parkside, going up the hill to Wellbourne Corner and at Denton Green.
- OCC's Traffic Officer suggested that the speed gates should be at the 30mph signs near Parkside. The Parish Council preferred that they were further out before the corner.
- The criteria were not satisfied for there to be a 40mph limit before the current 30mph limit.
- A white line to discourage parking on Denton Hill and a slow sign on the way to Wellbourne Corner would be included when OCC next visited to repaint the existing road markings.
- OCC would install the speed gates and one or possibly more of the vehicle activated sign poles at no charge. The Parish Council would need to fund the vehicle activated sign. There might also be funding so the Parish Council paid only half the cost of the speed gates.
- The Traffic Officer would be contacted about the Parish Council's views on the vehicle activated sign and speed gates.

Action: MM

10.3 Dove House Tithe Barn Development

The owner of the Tithe Barn had written to say that he agreed that the planting at the frontage with the road should be sympathetic with the surroundings. He preferred to plant smaller trees such as fruit trees.

10.4 Verge Tidying

It was agreed that a working party should be formed to dig back the verge to widen the road near the top of Church Road. The work would be done at 11.00am on 24th March.

10.5 Litter Pick

It was agreed that the annual litter pick would take place at the same time as the verge tidying on 24th March at 11.00am.

11 FINANCE

11.1 Payments

Nicko King	Sapling	£23.95
Gillie King	Mince pies for the carols	£15.50
Shield Maintenance	Dog bin - January	£10.39
Stuart Flockton	Mulled wine for carols	£29.94

11.2 Receipt

SODC	Goal frame grant	£627.00
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11.3 Budget

The latest budget was presented.

11.4 Cost of Goal Frames

The goal frame cost had increased to £771.43. It was agreed that they should still be purchased.

Action: MM

12 PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

PS was eager for the potholes in the passing places on the road to Cuddesdon Mill to be filled in. It was agreed to ask David Keene if he could assist with this. **Action: MM**

RB volunteered to cut back the tree branches obscuring the street light near Bishop's Wood. It was agreed to ask the tree owner for his approval first. **Action: MM**

LV wondered if there were any measures which could be taken to discourage fly tipping on the Wheatley Road. It was agreed to ask SODC about this. **Action: MM**

ASF reported that a tree had fallen at the back of Cuddesdon Green and its removal should be investigated. **Action: MM**

CL reported that the potholes in Denton Lane had been repaired but there were still some large dips in the road.

CL asked about reduction of the height of the hedge at the bottom of the recreation ground.

Action: MM