

CUDDESDON AND DENTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

3rd February 2015 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present:	Martyn Percy (Chairman)	MP
	Maria Hart	MH
	David Keene	DK
	Natasha Turner	NT
	Mike Mount (Clerk)	MM

Apologies:	Stuart Lacey	SL
	Michael Raynor	MR
	Cyril Sellar	CS
	Elizabeth Gillespie (SODC)	EG
	Anne Purse (OCC)	AP

9 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no new declarations of interest.

10 PUBLIC COMMENTS

10.1 World War One Commemoration

Kathy Hawley gave an update on progress of the project:

- Historical research was ongoing.
- The play was also an ongoing project.
- Materials were being collected for the exhibition.
- The planning application for the memorial had been approved.
- Permission had not yet been granted to allow modification of the Nixey covenant which prevented building on Cuddesdon Green.
- An application had been submitted to the Diocesan Council for permission for the Faculty.
- The specification for the work for the war memorial had been drawn up and would be put out soon.
- A contractor had provisionally quoted £8,500 for the work for the memorial.
- The remainder had been costed at £3,500 but savings had been made.
- The Parish Council had previously agreed to be responsible for maintenance of the memorial.
- The preferred date for the pageant was 7th November with a service and exhibition on 8th November, so the Council was asked if Bonfire Night could be a week earlier on 31st October.

10.2 17 High Street Planning Application

Nicola Holmes-Brown explained that the request for a lawful development for a rear extension had been replaced by a planning application because of a change to the boundary at the rear of the property.

11 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

12 MATTERS ARISING

12.1 Replacement Multiplay Equipment

NT would report at the next meeting.

Action: NT

12.2 Parkside Bus Shelter

- DK considered that the bus shelter could be made to look much better by making some minor improvements.
- It was agreed that he would investigate having this work done, and the possibility of having a window opening on the other side would be considered, so the shelter felt safer.

Action: DK

- DK also agreed that he would try to have the bus stop sign made upright. **Action: DK**
- He had contacted Scottish Gas to ask that their roadside cabinet was repaired.
- He was concerned that the telegraph poles were not upright.

12.3 Churchyard Donation

MM reported that for the last two years the contribution to the churchyard had been paid in April rather than at the end of the previous financial year. It was agreed that this payment schedule should continue.

13 DISTRICT COUNCIL

It was agreed that SODC had responded very effectively to their fire and a letter of support should be sent to them.

Action: MM

14 PLANNING

It was agreed that the application for a rear extension at 17 High Street (P15/S0163/HH) should be recommended for approval

15 FINANCE

15.1 Payment

M Mount	White Posts (Glasdon)	£41.54
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15.2 Internal Audit

The internal auditor had asked to visit MM this year, although there would be no additional charge for this.

15.3 Budget

The latest budget showed the end of year figures were very close to those predicted at the start of the year, with less than expected received for bonfire night ticket sales, but less paid for grass cutting.

16 PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

MH was concerned about the amount of dog mess. It was agreed that a note would be put in the Newsletter with a mention that dog mess could now be put in ordinary bins.

17 CLERK'S BUSINESS

- SODC had advised that, if there was an election, the cost to the Parish Council would be about £1700, although it was not explained if this included a charge for the general election. MM was asked to investigate this. **Action: MM**
- The Planning Inspectorate had advised that they had received two statements in favour and two objections to the proposed footpath across the River Thames at Chippinghurst.
- The Pensions Regulator had advised that employees must be allowed to enrol in a pension scheme. MM's salary was in a band where he was entitled to enrolment but not automatically enrolled and he had chosen not to take up this option.
- The assets had been inspected. Most were in good order but the goal posts needed painting and the roundabout was in need of repair. MM agreed to rectify these in the spring. NT asked for the roundabout to be multicoloured. **Action: MM**
- It was agreed that the grass cutting schedule should remain the same as last year, although the contractor should be asked to keep his prices the same since the grant from OCC was likely to be reduced. **Action: MM**
- May's meeting would be week late on 12th May, because it had to be after the election.

18 FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

- It was agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting would take place in March.
- April's meeting might be delayed by a week because of its closeness to Easter, or it might not take place at all if insufficient councillors were available.