

CUDDESDON AND DENTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

5th October 2021 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present:	Chris Luke (Chairman)	CL
	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
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75 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no new declarations of interest.

76 PUBLIC COMMENTS

Michael Aylmer was welcomed as the new Ripon College representative.

77 DISTRICT COUNCIL (EG)

- Sue Cooper had resigned as leader of SODC and a new leader was about to be elected.
- SODC's new offices would be smaller than previously and there would be more working from home.
- Concerns about some aspects of the lane modifications at the Dove House development were explained to EG and she recommended contacting TB and the Planning Department about this.
- EG was told that 8.75% of the Parish Council's precept was now being spent on dog bin emptying.
- EG had been told by the Planning Officer that she would look in more detail at the plan for the trees at the Dove House development when phase 3 of the application was submitted.

78 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

79 MATTERS ARISING

79.1 Footpath Steps

- EG had said that it would be appropriate to use her SODC grant to install some steps on the footpath at the bottom of the recreation ground. The present grant had closed but a new one would be opening soon.
- It was agreed that OCC should be contacted to obtain their permission to install the steps and to see if they knew anyone who could do the work. **Action: MM**

79.2 Dove House Development

- SODC's Forestry Officer had explained the proposal for trees at the tithe barn, which he felt was appropriate and realistic. It was agreed no further action would be taken concerning this.

- The section 278 agreement relating to the lane modifications had been signed. OCC had asked for Natta to apply for a new road closure notice so the work would not be done until January.
- MM had had a meeting with OCC and Natta to discuss the proposed lane modifications.
- OCC had said that there would be a dropped kerb at the unused entrance to Manor House.
- OCC had said that there needed to be a footpath across the verge at 12 The Green because the slope to the existing footpath was steeper than 1 in 12. Natta had subsequently sent an email to OCC explaining that they did not believe a new footpath was required. It was agreed to pursue opposition to the footpath with TB and the Planning Department. **Action: MM**
- OCC had said that there would need to be an independent request if a new field entrance was required.
- OCC had agreed that the give way markings at the lower entrance could be set back as far as possible, as long as good visibility was maintained.
- OCC had said they considered that the proposed design of the corner at the high wall was safe. The Parish Council was not satisfied with this and agreed to pursue it with TB.
Action: MM
- OCC had no objections to a mirror being installed at the corner, but this would be the Parish Council's responsibility.

79.3 Change of Bank

The Parish Council's funds had all been transferred to the Unity Trust account, except for £100, which had been left in the Barclays account.

79.4 Grass Cutting

The contractor had cut and collected the cuttings on the recreation ground. The additional cost for this was £75.

79.5 Co-option of a Councillor

There had been no volunteers to become a councillor. This would be pursued.

79.6 CIL Payment

ASF proposed that the money should be spent on refurbishment of Cuddesdon Green or the war memorial. Previously there had been plans for refurbishment of the Green and this would be investigated.
Action: MM

79.7 Road Safety

- It was agreed that road safety needed improvement at five locations:
 - The speed of traffic into the village past Parkside
 - The corner near Cuddesdon Green at the top of Church Lane
 - The speed of cyclists emerging from the bottom of Church Lane
 - The bend between Lower Farm and White Cottage
 - The two sharp bends near Denton House
- It was agreed that OCC would be asked about this. **Action: MM**

79.8 Assistance for Indisposed Neighbours

Three residents had volunteered to assist.

79.9 Recreation Ground Trees

The recreation ground trees at the top of Denton Hill were going to be pollarded on 2nd November at a cost of £500.

79.10 Recreation Ground Hedge

It was agreed that the hedge below the new bench on the recreation ground would not be reduced in height.



79.11 Repayment of Neighbourhood Plan Money

Nicko King had confirmed that work on the Neighbourhood Plan was complete. SODC had been asked about repayment of the outstanding funds.

79.12 Bonfire Night

- The bonfire night plan was agreed.
- The village hall covid precautions were considered adequate.
- It was agreed that Revd. Karen Charman should be asked to judge the guy. **Action: MM**

80 FINANCE

80.1 Payments

British Legion	Two wreaths	£34.00
Playsafety	Play equipment safety report	£94.80
M Mount	Salary Jul-Sep	£449.67
Unity Trust	Bank service charge Jul-Sep	£18.00
Newsletter	Bonfire night advert	£12.00
All Saints' Church	Churchyard upkeep donation	£500.00

80.2 Cashbook

The cashbook was presented.

80.3 Bank Reconciliation

The bank reconciliation was presented.

80.4 VAT Reclaim

A VAT reclaim had been made but there had been a delay in its payment because of the change of bank details.

80.5 Dog Bin Emptying

SODC had said that the dog bin emptying charge would increase again next year from £6.00 to £6.30. It was agreed to remove the dog bin from the recreation ground gate and request that dog mess was put in the ordinary bin nearby. This would reduce expenditure on dog bin emptying by £359 per year. **Action: MM**

81 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

- CH asked for the brambles on the recreation ground near the entrance and near the shed to be cut back. DK said he would investigate this. **Action: DK**
- ASF said that the trees on the verge opposite the pub were in a dangerous condition and needed inspection by OCC. **Action: MM**
- ASF considered the path on the High Street opposite the pub to be in a dangerous condition. **Action: MM**

82 RoSPA SAFETY REPORT

The RoSPA report had stated that the swings needed replacing. It was agreed that:

- Playsafety should be asked to justify this decision. **Action: MM**
- The cost of replacement swings should be investigated. **Action: MM**
- FCC should be asked whether a grant was available to fund replacement. **Action: MM**

Chairman:

Clerk:

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