

CUDDESDON AND DENTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

2nd December 2014 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present: Michael Raynor (Chairman) MR
Maria Hart MH
David Keene DK
Natasha Turner NT
Mike Mount (Clerk) MM

Apologies: Stuart Lacey SL
Martyn Percy (Chairman) MP
Cyril Sellar CS
Elizabeth Gillespie (SODC) EG
Anne Purse (OCC) AP

90 MARIA HART

MH was welcomed as the new co-opted councillor.

91 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no new declarations of interest.

92 PUBLIC COMMENTS

It was suggested that the names of members of the public who commented should only be included in the minutes if they approved of this, and it was agreed that this would be done.

93 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

94 MATTERS ARISING

94.1 Traffic Speed Monitoring

MR was endeavouring to find a volunteer to assist him with operation of the traffic speed indicator device.

94.2 World War One Commemoration

OCC had agreed to contribute a further grant of £500 to the project.

94.3 Replacement Multiplay Equipment

NT was considering possible options.

Action: NT

94.4 Bonfire Night

- It was agreed that the Bat and Ball should be thanked in writing for supplying the food.

Action: MM

- It was agreed that EG should be thanked for judging the guy.
- It was felt that the evening had gone much more smoothly because food was served throughout.
- The finances for the fireworks had been:

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| Fireworks (without VAT) | £650.00 |
| Prizes | £7.99 |
| Tickets | £502.50 |
| Loss | £155.49 |

94.5 Lawful Developments

Neighbours were not told by SODC if a lawful development had been applied for. MM would endeavour in future to tell neighbours when this occurred. **Action: MM**

94.6 Grass Cutting Agreement

OCC had advised that the Parish Council would have to agree to the reduced cutting of the verges or the grass cutting grant would not be paid. It was agreed that the agreement should be signed but that OCC would be told of the increased traffic danger if the number of cuts was reduced.

Action: MM

94.7 Christmas Tree

- MM agreed to put the lights on the tree. **Action: MM**
- Mark Chapman had said that he might not be able to lead the carols, but he would try to find a substitute if he was not available.

94.8 CS's Absence

MP had discussed CS's long absence from meetings with him. CS had said that he did not think he would be returning in the near future.

95 PLANNING

- SODC had granted the application to build a grain store at Slay Barn (P14/S2961/FUL).
- SODC had had a request to allow a certificate of lawful development to build a rear extension at 17 High Street (P14/S3639/LDP).

96 FINANCE

96.1 Payments

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| Berinsfield | October grass cutting | £424.80 |
| M Mount | Guy prizes | £7.99 |
| M Mount | Minute book | £8.49 |
| Newsletter | Advertisements | £25.00 |
| Fantastic fireworks | Fireworks | £780.00 |

96.2 Receipt

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| Bonfire night tickets | £502.50 |
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96.3 Budgetary Forecast for 2015/16

- A forecast was presented showing the budgetary estimate for 2015/16 to assist with setting the precept.

- The general view was that increases in the precept should be gradual every year, possibly in line with the retail price index, rather than there being larger changes every few years as had happened previously.
- It was agreed that the first world war commemoration should be shown separately and that the possible shortfall in funding for the project should be drawn to the commemoration sub-committee's attention, as well as asking for their views on future support for the war memorial, such as maintenance and insurance. **Action: MM**
- It was agreed that the precept would be set at the next meeting once the commemoration figures had been separated out.

97 PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

NT was pleased the gully on Denton Hill had been repaired.

MH had cleared up some black bags of rubbish which had been left in the bus shelter near Parkside

MH wondered if the bus shelter served any useful purpose or should be removed.

Action: MM: note in Newsletter

98 CLERK'S BUSINESS

- The Village Hall Committee had written asking for a representative from the Parish Council. It was agreed this should be done after next year's election.
- Ken Cooney was no longer going to be the neighbourhood police officer.

99 CHAIRMAN FOR NEXT MEETING

NT agreed to be chairman at the next meeting if MP was not present.