

# CUDDESDON AND DENTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

4th October 2022 in the Village Hall

Present:	Chris Luke (Chairman)	CL
	Robin Baylie	RB
	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

## **80 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no new declarations of interest.

## **81 PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- RB agreed to investigate two apparently abandoned vehicles parked in the High Street. **Action: RB**
- EG agreed to contact SODC's Countryside Officer with regard to continuing concerns about the lack of proposed tree planting on the Dove House site near the lane. **Action: EG**
- Concerns were expressed about the absence of landscaping adjacent to the lane, on the left side going up Dove House Lane and at the verge adjacent to Manor Farm. Natta had been contacted about this. **Action: MM**
- The fence at the bottom of Dove House Lane had been damaged and partly repaired.
- ASF agreed to recommend the position where the two replacement trees should be planted on the High Street verge. **Action: ASF**

## **82 DISTRICT COUNCIL (EG)**

- EG was still working to reduce the impact of the proposed solar farm at Nuneham Courtney.
- SODC had now moved out of their Didcot offices.

## **83 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

## **84 MATTERS ARISING**

### **84.1 Fireworks**

- It was agreed that the bonfire would be lit after the fireworks.
- A note had been included in the risk assessment that the team lighting the fireworks had more than ten years' experience.
- The duties for the event were agreed.
- It was agreed to spend £700 on fireworks.

### **84.2 Dedicated Clerk's Computer**

PM was having difficulty obtaining advice from SODC about a laptop for the Clerk, and EG agreed to investigate this. **Action: EG**

### **84.3 Swings**

The swings were scheduled for installation at the end of October.

#### 84.4 Hedge at the Bottom of the Recreation Ground

DK agreed to talk to the farmer about cutting back the hedge.

**Action: DK**

#### 85 PLANNING

The application to reposition some of the windows from a previous application at The Orchard, 33 High Street (P22/S2610/HH) had been granted by SODC.

#### 86 FINANCE

##### 86.1 Payments

Landscape Group	Grass cutting August	£424.80
Playsafety	RoSPA play equipment inspection	£96.60
M Mount	Wreaths	£40.00
Shield Maintenance	Dog bin September	£10.39
M Mount	Salary Jul – Sep	£449.67
Unity Trust	Bank charge	£18.00

##### 86.2 Receipt

SODC	Second half of precept	£4,200.00
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##### 86.3 Other Documents

The cashbook and bank reconciliation were presented.

##### 86.4 Central External Auditor Appointment Arrangements

It was agreed not to opt out of the present arrangement for selection of an external auditor.

#### 87 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

It was agreed that the water leak on Denton Hill should be reported to Thames Water and OCC.

**Action: MM**

RP agreed to trim the sprouting walnut tree stump on Denton Green. **Action: RP**

RP had been asked about branches overhanging the Forge near Denton Green and it was agreed that they could be cut back.

CL would confirm that the Majestic Oak could be planted on the upper part of Denton Green.

ASF asked about the uncontrolled dogs which were intimidating children and biting people. It was agreed to contact Soha about this.

**Action: MM**

PM thought it was important that the Parish Council's opposition to the introduction of traffic filters in Oxford should be made known to OCC. It was agreed that the survey should be completed.

**Action: MM**

DK agreed to take a look at the overgrowth at the back of Cuddesdon Green with a view to tidying it up.

**Action: DK**

ASF asked for a note to be included in the Newsletter requesting fireworks were not let off near thatched properties.

**Action: MM**

#### 88 CLERK'S BUSINESS

- The only point requiring action from the RoSPA safety report was replacement of the swings, which was happening shortly.
- There had been a complaint about noise from the pub during late night events and EG agreed to contact Environmental Protection about this. **Action: EG**
- Lynda Ware had asked whether it was more appropriate to plant her commemorative tree on the main part of Cuddesdon Green but it was agreed that it should be planted as previously agreed on the small area opposite the churchyard entrance.