

CUDDESDON AND DENTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

7th September 2021 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present: Chris Luke (Chairman) CL
Colin Hessey CH
Paddy McGuinness PM
Richard Palmer RP
Tim Bearder (OCC) TB
Elizabeth Gillespie (SODC) EG
Mike Mount (Clerk) MM

Apologies: David Keene DK
Arthur Smith-Fitchett ASF

63 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

RP declared an interest in the planning application at Willow Cottage since he was doing some work there.

64 PUBLIC COMMENTS

Peter Smith raised concerns about various aspects of the Dove House development, particularly the position of the give way road markings at the lower entrance, the safety of the corner at the high wall, the new path across the verge at 12 The Green and the small number of new trees which were going to be planted.

65 COUNTY COUNCIL (TB)

- The first trial of a reduced 20mph speed limit was taking place.
- OCC was now responsible for parking enforcement.
- The water flowing down Denton Hill had been much reduced.
- RP reported that scalplings had been laid at the pot holes at the end of Denton Lane.

66 DISTRICT COUNCIL (EG)

- EG had a £2000 grant available for the parish.
- The consultation on the 2050 plan was taking place.
- There was discussion about refunds because garden waste bin emptying had been suspended.
- After EG's departure, it was agreed that the £2000 grant should be applied for, to fund installation of steps at the footpath at the bottom of the recreation ground. **Action: MM**

67 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.



68 MATTERS ARISING

68.1 Dove House Development

- a) CH and MM had had a meeting with Natta to discuss the development.
- b) The design which Natta proposed for the wall at the tithe barn was accepted.
- c) The proposed drainage at the lower entrance was accepted. Natta had agreed that they would dig a ditch from the drainage discharge across to the field.
- d) The Parish Council remained concerned about the small number of trees to be planted and that the Forestry Officer should be consulted about this. **Action: MM**
- e) It was agreed that the planning officer should be written to about planning application P21/S3328/DIS stating that the Parish Council no longer had objections about the wall and drainage, but were still concerned about the small number of trees proposed. **Action: MM**
- f) Natta had written to say that they expected the Section 278 agreement relating to the lane modifications to be signed shortly by OCC. They hoped to do the work in October and November.
- g) It was agreed that Natta should decide with the resident of Manor House whether access was required across the pavement at the closed gate.
- h) It was agreed that the additional footpath across the verge at 12 The Green was completely unnecessary and should be opposed.
- i) It was agreed that whether there was an additional access across the pavement into the field to the south of the lane should be decided between Natta and DK. The Parish Council asked that the new entrance was positioned so no trees needed to be removed.
- j) The Parish Council supported there being an additional drain on the inside of the corner at the lower entrance.
- k) The Parish Council considered it to be important that the give way markings at the lower entrance were set back to allow vehicles to pass on the lane.
- l) The Parish Council was concerned about the safety of the corner at the high wall and thought OCC should be consulted about this. **Action: MM**
- m) DK was going to consult with Magdalen College (the field owner) about whether they agreed that they were responsible for the wall on the field side of the lane.

It was agreed that these views should be communicated to Natta and copied to the Roads Agreement Team at OCC. **Action: MM**

68.2 Ownership of Denton Green

- Searches of the National Archive and Oxford History Centre had not revealed any information about ownership of Denton Green.
- Maps implied that Denton Green had been common land for at least 200 years.
- It was agreed that Denton Green would remain the Parish Council's responsibility although there was no clear evidence of ownership.

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68.3 Change of Bank

It was agreed that all the money in the Barclays deposit account should be moved to the current account, and all except £100 should be moved from Barclays to Unity Trust.

68.4 Grass Cutting

The contractor had recently been very enthusiastic about the grass cutting. It was agreed that the contractor should sometimes be asked to cut and collect on the recreation ground so the grass cuttings were removed and deposited down the bank near the site of the bonfire. This would be more expensive, and would be done when MM considered it to be appropriate.

69 RESIGNATION OF PAUL SELLAR

Salt had decided to resign as a councillor. He was thanked for his contribution to the Parish Council during recent years. The councillors agreed to canvas for a replacement and a note would be put in the Newsletter. **Action: MM**

70 PLANNING

- P21/S2103/LB Dove House Farm. Conversion of barns into three dwellings. The application had been granted.
- P21/S2499/LB Lower Farm, Denton. Alterations to an existing annexe. The application had been granted.
- P21/S2983/LB Ripon College. Replacement of windows with aluminium units. This application had been supported by the Parish Council.
- P21/S3096/HH Plot 1, Dove House Farm. Erection of a garden room. This application had been withdrawn.
- P21/S3212/LB The Orchard, Cuddesdon. Addition of a dormer window. This application had been supported by the Parish Council, and had been granted.
- P21/S3304/HH Plot 1, Dove House Farm. Erection of an oak framed garage. This application had been supported by the Parish Council.
- P21/S3328/FUL Dove House Farm, Variation of conditions. This application had been opposed by the Parish Council but, following modification by the applicant, the only remaining objection was that there were insufficient trees in front of the tithe barn.
- P21/S3228/LB Dove House Farm. Tithe barn conversion. The Parish Council's only objection continued to be the small number of trees in front of the tithe barn.
- P21/S3174/HH Appletree Cottage, Denton. Replacement of a garage with a new garage and an annexe. The Parish Council had a response to this application rather than supporting or objecting to it. They were concerned about its size, the lack of drainage and its impact on the neighbours.
- P21/S3711/HH The Dairy, 2 Dove House Lane. Erection of a shed in the front garden. The Parish Council supported this application.
- P21/S3800/HH and P21/S3802/LB Willow Cottage, Denton, Extension and alteration works. The Parish Council supported this application.

71 FINANCE

71.1 Payments

SODC	Dog bin emptying Jan-Mar	£107.64
Came & Co	Annual insurance	£529.17
Landscape Group	Grass cutting June	£605.76

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Landscape Group	Grass cutting July	£302.88
BLAM	Bench	£2550.00
SODC	Dog bin emptying Apr-Jun	£215.28
Moore	External auditor fee	£48.00
Landscape Group	Grass cutting August	£605.76

The cost of dog bin emptying had doubled because of a price rise which SODC had announced some time ago.

71.2 Repayments Following Stopped Cheques

Landscape Group	Grass cutting April	£302.88
OGBN	Subscription	£15.00

71.3 Receipt

Angela Montgomery	Bench donation	£2125.00
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71.4 Budget

The latest budget was presented, showing very little change.

71.5 CIL Payment

The Parish Council was due to receive £6239.73 from the Community Infrastructure Levy to be spent on infrastructure. It was agreed that receipt of this money should be delayed until projects had been identified to spend it on, and that the councillors would give this some consideration.

71.6 Insurance of New Bench

The additional premium for the bench was £5.30 but the insurer had waived payment for this year.

71.7 Internal Audit

It was agreed that Jane Olds would do the internal audit for this year for a fee of £170.

72 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

- CL proposed and it was agreed that in future the wreaths should be removed from the war memorial when the Christmas tree was erected. He asked for last year's wreaths to be removed now. **Action: MM**
- CI still had the £500 covid fund. It was agreed that he should retain the money for now in case there was any need for it.
- PM suggested that professional advice should be sought so road safety at various locations in the village could be improved. **Action: MM**

73 CLERK'S BUSINESS

- It was agreed that people on the village email list would be asked if they were prepared to assist indisposed neighbours with such things as shopping. **Action: MM**
- The recreation ground trees at the top of Denton Hill were interfering with the telephone cables and it was agreed to have the branches cut back. **Action: MM**
- A request had been received to have the height of the hedge below the new bench reduced to open up the view. The councillors agreed to take a look at this. **Action: All**
- OCC has asked to be told whether the salt bins needed refilling. **Action: MM**
- SODC had supplied a paper copy of the Neighbourhood Plan.
- It was agreed that Peter Rutt and Nicko King should be asked if there was going to be any further expenditure on the Neighbourhood Plan. If not, it was agreed that the outstanding grant money of £4719 should be paid back to SODC. **Action: MM**

- OCC had agreed to remove the fallen branch on the High Street and check the condition of the tree.
- It was agreed that two wreaths should be bought for Remembrance Day, one for the Parish Council and one for the PCC.
Action: MM
- Shoots from the stump of the old tree on Denton Green were interfering with the newly planted adjacent tree and it was agreed that all the shoots except one should be removed.
Action: MM
- It was agreed that the two swings which had been removed in the play area for covid spacing should not be reinstalled yet.
- It had been suggested that there should be a welcome pack for people who moved into the community, but the Parish Council did not consider this necessary.
- The road at the railway bridge in Horspath was going to be closed from 10th October for about eight weeks.

74 BONFIRE NIGHT

It was agreed that the bonfire night celebration should take place on Sunday 7th November. Arrangements would be as before, with £650 of fireworks, entry for £5 with under tens free, and food provided.

Chairman:  Clerk: 
 Date: 5/10/21 Date: 5.10.21