

# CUDDESDON AND DENTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

2nd April 2024 in the Village Hall

Present:	Chris Luke (Chairman)	CL
	Robin Baylie	RB
	Evie Bennett	EB
	Stuart Flockton	SF
	Arthur Smith-Fitchett	ASF
	Philip Spinks	PS
	Louisa Vincent	LV
	Tim Bearder (OCC)	TB
	Sam James-Lawrie (SODC)	SJL
	Mike Mount (Clerk)	MM

## 22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no new declarations of interest.

## 23 COMMUNITY ORCHARD

- The Parish Council approved the latest draft lease agreement.
- It was thought likely that the landlord's solicitors fee would be between £750 and £1,500.
- SF proposed and RB seconded that the Parish Council should underwrite the solicitor cost up to £1,500. All the councillors agreed to this.
- Gallagher had confirmed that the Parish Council's insurance covered the orchard activities. The Orchard Group was preparing a risk assessment for insurance purposes.

## 24 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

## 25 MATTERS ARISING

### 25.1 Traffic Calming

- OCC had confirmed that a vehicle activated sign in a fixed position would have to show an illuminated 30 with a message such as "slow down".
  - The cost of a solar powered sign was about £3,500, with additional costs for installation and commissioning.
  - OCC had also stated that speed gates should be installed at the 30mph signs. It was agreed to confirm the cost of these with OCC.
- Action: MM**

### 25.2 Verge Tidying

The trees approaching the top of Church Road had been cut back and it was agreed that no further work needed to be done to the verge.

### 25.3 Litter Pick

The litter pick had been well supported.

#### 25.4 Goal Frames

The goal frames had been delivered and one had already been installed.

#### 25.5 Potholes in Passing Place on the Road to Cuddesdon Mill

David Keene had proposed using tarmac scalplings to fill in the potholes. He was investigating this further.

#### 25.6 Laybys Near Coombe Wood

David Keene agreed to fill in the ad hoc laybys near Bishop's Wood. He was investigating this further.

#### 25.7 Discouraging Fly Tipping

ASF had identified suitable signs to deter fly tipping. It was agreed that four signs would be bought. **Action: ASF, MM**

### 26 FINANCE

#### 26.1 Payments

OALC	Annual subscription	£168.00
Soccer store	Goal frames	£970.00
eBay	Litter pickers	£29.08
Shield Maintenance	Dog bin emptying	£10.39

#### 26.2 Receipt

Orchard donation	£650
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### 27 PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

PS was concerned about the water running across the road near Dove House. It was agreed to ask OCC about channelling it to the nearby drain. **Action: MM**

### 28 CLERK'S BUSINESS

- Denton Hill was going to be closed for eight days from 13th May for fibre optic cable installation.
- OCC had been going to plant two trees on the High Street verge but had decided not to because a local resident had objected.
- SODC were going to carry out deep cleanse operations on 10th June. They would be asked to complete tidying of the footpath opposite the village hall. **Action: MM**
- There had been a complaint from a nearby resident about the location of the bins at the Bat and Ball. It was felt that the resident would need to take this up with SODC.