

CUDDESDON AND DENTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

6th September 2022 in the Village Hall

Present:	Chris Luke (Chairman)	CL
	Colin Hessey	CH
	Paddy McGuinness	PM
	Arthur Smith-Fitchett	ASF
	Tim Bearder (OCC)	TB
	Elizabeth Gillespie (SODC)	EG
Apologies:	Robin Baylie	RB
	David Keene	DK
	Richard Palmer	RP
	Mike Mount (Clerk)	MM

69 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no new declarations of interest.

70 PUBLIC COMMENTS

- There had been some discussion in the village about helping people through the cost of living crisis this winter. The Agnes Smith Advice Centre had been asked if they could identify any families that might need support. The Parish Council supported this initiative.
- It was pointed out that the drains near Manor Farm were full of leaves.
- It was also noted that the briars on the footpath near the recreation ground entrance needed cutting back.
- It was suggested that the grass cutters could be asked to keep the footpaths clear.

71 COUNTY COUNCIL (TB)

- TB reported that OCC was having funding difficulties. Pay offers had been made to council workers in the hope of avoiding any strikes.
- TB was responsible for social care, and he was concerned about heating of care homes and the cost of fuel for care workers.
- A consultation was open for the proposed traffic filters in Oxford which would result in the closure of many routes into Oxford for cars. PM and other councillors challenged TB that parishes like Cuddesdon and Denton were 'disadvantaged villages' with no bus service, and this new proposal would make it very difficult to get into Oxford.

72 DISTRICT COUNCIL (EG)

- The Northfield project was moving ahead.
- The building of a solar farm at Nuneham Courtney had been approved. EG and the CPRE were opposed to the development.
- EG agreed to ask SODC's Tree Officer to visit the Dove House site. Some villagers were unhappy with the state of the land bordering the lane and the small number of trees which were going to be replanted.
- ASF expressed his frustrations with SODC, because it was very difficult to communicate with them. EG agreed that the service was worse since the pandemic, with more staff working from home.

- It was also noted that Fix My Street no longer allowed the reporting of fly tipping, and the amount of fly tipping was worsening.

73 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

74 MATTERS ARISING

74.1 Sewage Smell at the Lane Next to the Dove House Development

It was reported that there was still a smell and MM was asked to contact Natta about this again.

Action: MM

74.2 Fireworks Insurance

The fireworks supplier had told CL that they did not consider training to be necessary in order to be able to let off the fireworks.

74.3 Dedicated Clerk's Computer

PM was researching an appropriate computer and cloud storage. The total cost was likely to be about £700.

74.4 Registration of the Bat and Ball as an Asset of Community Value

- PM was working on making the case for the pub to be registered as an ACV.
- A Land Registry search had shown that the pub's owner was Newriver Trustee 7 Ltd in Jersey.

74.5 Homeless Man

PM reported that the homeless man who had been sleeping in his car had now been housed by Aspire.

74.6 Swings

The swings had been ordered.

75 PLANNING

The Parish Council noted the granting of the following applications:

- Replacement of some windows at Ripon College (P21/S2983/LB)
- Amendments to a previous application, including soakaways at Chiltern View, Denton Hill (P21/S4914/HH)
- Erection of an extension to the side and rear at 10 Parkside (P22/S2055/HH)
- Replacement of existing stores with an extension to the side and rear at 44 High Street (P22/S2108/HH)

The Parish Council had supported a variation which repositioned some of the windows from a previous application at The Orchard, 33 High Street (P22/S2610/HH).

76 FINANCE

76.1 Payments

Landscape Group	Grass cutting June	£302.88
Landscape Group	Grass cutting July	£424.80
Shield Maintenance	Dog bin emptying July	£10.39

M Mount	Land Registry search	£6.00
Shield Maintenance	Dog bin emptying August	£10.39p

76.2 Receipt

HMRC	VAT refund	£484.73
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76.3 Budget

The latest budget was presented

76.4 Bank Accounts

The Barclays bank accounts had been closed and the money transferred to the Unity Trust account.

77 BONFIRE NIGHT

The following were agreed:

- To hold the event on Sunday 6th November.
- Tickets would be £5 with under tens free.
- The doors would open at 6.00pm with the fireworks at 6.30pm.
- It was suggested that the bonfire might be lit after the fireworks.
- More than £650 might be spent on the fireworks.
- Bishop Humphrey Southern would be asked to judge the guy. **Action: MM**

78 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

- ASF agreed to contact EG about assisting with the reporting of fly tipping.
- It was requested that MM find out when the bridge at the Mill would be repaired. **Action: MM**
- Following a report of dog biting, it was requested that a note was included in the Newsletter asking that dogs were kept under control, and not allowed to bite people. **Action: MM**
- The wall opposite Wellbourne was overgrown and a request was made to find out whose responsibility this was. **Action: MM**
- There was also a request to find out who was responsible for the footpath at Dove House behind the wall and the one next to Dove House Lane. **Action: MM**

79 CLERK'S BUSINESS

- Following a request from OCC, it was agreed that no more salt bins were required.
- There had been a further request for the hedge below the new bench on the recreation ground to be cut lower. It was agreed to take a look at this and discuss it at the next meeting.
- It was agreed to buy two wreaths for Remembrance Sunday, one for the PCC and the other for the Parish Council. **Action: MM**

Chairman:

Clerk:

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