

**Minutes of the Meeting of Caldecott Parish Council held on Thursday 18th
January 2018 at 7.30 p.m. in Caldecott Village Hall.**

Present 2018/01	Cllrs Campbell (Chair), Bennett (Vice Chair), Brown, Hide, Richardson and Sanders, Mrs J Medwell (Clerk) and four members of the public.	
Apologies Approved 2018/02	Cllr Davidson – Holiday commitment	
Declarations 2018/03	There were no declarations of interest or changes to the member's Register of Interests.	
Open Forum 2018/04	<p>The Chair welcomed the visitors.</p> <p>The possibility of the Parish Council purchasing a set of Christmas lights for the tree on the village green was raised. It was suggested that there would be an annual 'turning on of the lights' followed by a carols evening in the village hall. The Council supported this idea in principle and will ask Cllr Davidson to source the lights. There was also a request for some new 'ant-dog fouling' signs around the village. The Clerk will source from Rutland County Council.</p> <p>A discussion took place regarding the exposed bank at 24 Main Street. This was now subsiding on to the footpath causing a hazard to pedestrians. The Council agreed to refer this on to Rutland County Council as no response had been received from the landowner regarding the Parish Council's request that he re-instate the wall.</p> <p>It was noted that the new occupiers of Mill Garage were parking along Mill Lane. The Council referred to correspondence from a resident regarding parking issues in Welland Close The Council agreed to monitor both areas to ensure that residents and visitors park responsibly in order that Waste and Emergency Services have access at all times.</p> <p>Cllr Richardson raised the incorrect signage on the water supply which became apparent after the recent vehicle fire. Cllr Richardson will forward details of this to the clerk so that the necessary authority can be informed.</p> <p>Concern was raised at the potential obstruction of one of the waterways of the Welland which could lead to flooding of the area around the southern gateway to the village. The Clerk will refer this to Environmental Services.</p> <p>Meeting closed to the public.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">JM</p> <p style="text-align: right;">JM</p> <p style="text-align: right;">SR JM</p> <p style="text-align: right;">JM</p>
Minutes 2018/05	<p>The minutes of the meeting held on 16th November 2017 were approved as a true record and duly signed by the Chair.</p> <p>Proposed Cllr Brown Seconded Cllr Richardson</p>	
Matters Arising 2018/06	Cllr Hide informed the Council that he was prepared to support local residents in pursuing the possibility of creating a children's playground and wished to establish parish council owned land on which this could be sited. The Council confirmed this as being the playground land on the Lyddington Road.	

**Finance
2018/07**

a) Payments

The following cheques were presented for signature and unanimously **agreed**:

J Medwell	Clerk Salary / Admin / Expenses	£449.27
Alistair Brooke Clarke	Village Mowing – 2016 and 2017	£1,086.00

b) Bank Reconciliation

Nationwide Account	£6,386.08
Less Ring-fenced Money from CRAG	£1,422.11
Total Balance of Reserves	£4,963.97

The Bank Reconciliation was unanimously approved and then duly signed by the Chair.

**Data Protection
Officer
2018/08**

The Council referred to new legislation which will require parish councils to have a Data Protection Officer. The implications of this in terms of responsibility and financial burden on parish councils are still being discussed by NALC and generic guidance is still being prepared by the Information Commissioner.

**Allotment and
Garage Rental
2018/09**

a) Review of Allotment and Garage Rents for 2018

Allotment rents for 2017 were set to remain at £27.00, approved unanimously.

Garage Ground rents for 2017 were set to remain at £27.50, approved unanimously.

Garden Rent for 2017 was set to remain at £10.00, approved unanimously.

b) Vacant Plots

The Council noted that the occupant of plot 16 had tendered its resignation. The Council **agreed** to offer this to the occupant of plot 11. There remains one vacant plot.

**Neighbourhood
Watch
2018/10**

Cllr Bennett reported on a Neighbourhood Watch Cluster meeting that had taken place in November. This had been an informative meeting where information and best practice was shared.

Cllr Bennett informed the Council that there was nothing to report regarding incidents of crime in Caldecott and of a Neighbourhood Watch app that can be downloaded onto a smart phone which would give regular updates.

**Traffic Matters
2018/11**

The Council referred to correspondence from a local resident regarding a need for a pedestrian crossing in the village. The Chair reminded the Council that the application to the RCC Integrated Transport Capital Programme for the proposed Pelican had been put forward for reconsideration this year. The Council again expressed concern with the increasing size and flow of traffic through Caldecott and expressed its frustration that re-routing this was not currently an option. The Council **agreed** to contact Cllr James Lammie at RCC for an update on its 'bypass' policy and to pursue the possibility of sourcing monies through the 'National Road Fund', a new Government initiative. **JM**

Cllrs Sanders and Hide volunteered to take on the role of 'Highways' Representatives and will research other villages with similar issues.

**Planning
2018/12**

**2016/0112/CMP Appeal Ref: APP/A2470/C/17/3178770 Mrs M Sharman
45 Main Street Alleged unauthorised provision of hard surface.**

The Parish Council noted that the above appeal against an enforcement notice to restore the land to its condition prior to the unauthorised development had been lodged with the Planning Inspectorate.

**Parish
Defibrillator
2018/13**

Cllr Richardson updated the Council with the current position regarding the defibrillator. He had researched a number of providers and varying equipment and made a recommendation on one best suited for the needs of the community. At this point the Council was informed by a member of the public that there was the possibility of receiving a defibrillator free of charge. This member of the public will pass the contact details to the Chair to pursue this possibility before the any purchase is made.

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**Correspondence
2018/14**

RCC – Update on Green Waste Services

The Council noted that RCC had voted to introduce a £35 charge for green bin collections, starting from April this year. All eligible households will receive a letter inviting them to sign up for the chargeable service from Monday 22nd January. Residents will be able to sign up online, over the phone, or in person at the Council's offices.

The link to the website for registrations and further information is as follows: <https://www.rutland.gov.uk/greenwaste>

Letter from resident – Recognition of worthy resident for Honours title
To be discussed at the next meeting.

RCC – Grounds Maintenance Contract

The Council referred to the correspondence and related figures from RCC regarding the parish council taking responsibility for the mowing of urban highway verges in the parish. The Council **agreed** that the County Council should maintain responsibility for cutting these verges for the time being.

**D.O.N.M
2018/15**

The next meeting of Caldecott Parish Council will be held on Thursday 8th March 2018 at 7.30 p.m. in Caldecott Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.03 pm

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