

Minutes of the Meeting of Caldecott Parish Council held on Thursday 16th November 2017 at 7.30 p.m. in Caldecott Village Hall.

- Present 2017/82** Cllrs Campbell (Chair), Bennett (Vice Chair), Brown, Hide, Richardson and Sanders, Mrs J Medwell (Clerk) and four members of the public.
- Apologies Approved 2017/83** Cllr Davidson – Holiday commitment
County Cllr James Lammie
- Declarations 2017/84** There were no declarations of interest or changes to the member's Register of Interests.
- Open Forum 2017/85** The Chair welcomed the visitors.
- The matter of establishing a children's play area was raised once again by a local resident. The Council reiterated that there were possible grant funding opportunities for child play facilities in the recreation ground from the Big Lottery Reaching Communities Fund which the Council would pursue if a working group of residents interested in supporting and progressing a project to create a 'play park' came forward.
- Cllr Sanders informed the Council that the new mowing contractor was having difficulty accessing the village green through the gap in the fence. The Chair will have a look at removing a fence post. **NC**
- Meeting closed to the public.
- Minutes 2017/86** The minutes of the meeting held on 31st August were approved as a true record and duly signed by the Chair.
- Proposed Cllr Brown Seconded Cllr Richardson
- Matters Arising 2017/87** There were no matters arising not covered on the agenda.
- Casual Vacancy 2017/88** The Council **agreed** to co-opt Mr Carlton Hide on to the Council to fill the casual vacancy arising from the resignation of Annette Larner.
- Proposed Cllr Brown Seconded Cllr Campbell
Cllr Hide was welcomed onto the Council and duly completed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office in the presence of the Clerk and the Register of Member's Interests.
- The Clerk will return these to the Monitoring Officer at Rutland County Council. **JM**
- Finance 2017/89**
- a) Payments**
The following cheques were presented for signature and unanimously **agreed**:
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| J Medwell | Clerk Salary / Admin / Expenses | £449.27 |
| ICO | Data Protection | £35.00 |
| RCC | Parish Lighting Costs | £192.00 |
| BIFFA | Emptying Dog Waste Bins | £17.94 |
- b) Bank Reconciliation**
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| Nationwide Account | £7,921.35 |
| Less Ring-fenced Money from CRAG | £1,422.11 |
| Total Balance of Reserves | £6,499.24 |
- The Bank Reconciliation was unanimously approved and then duly signed by the Chair.

Budget 2018/19 2017/90	<p>The draft budget was presented to the Council for consideration. The Parish Council resolved to agree the budget for 2018/19</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr Campbell Seconded by Cllr Bennett</p> <p>This was then signed by the Chair.</p> <p>Following discussion the Parish Council resolved to set the level of precept at £3,550 for the financial year 2018/19.</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr Campbell Seconded by Cllr Bennett</p> <p>The Clerk will submit the Precept Demand to RCC.</p>	JM
Flood Warden 2017/9	<p>The Council referred to communication from Rutland County Council regarding the role of a parish 'Flood Warden' in light of the village being on a potential flood plain. Local resident Mrs Sheena Girvan volunteered to take on this role. The clerk will forward all the necessary details to Mrs Girvan.</p> <p>The Council expressed its thanks to Mrs Girvan.</p>	JM
Allotments 2017/92	<p>The Council noted a vacancy on plot 17. There is currently no-one on the waiting list. The Council will endeavour to advertise this vacancy through word of mouth, the notice board and the village newsletter.</p>	
Neighbourhood Watch 2017/93	<p>Cllr Bennett reported on a Neighbourhood Watch meeting that had taken place in October. She said that the various signs had been ordered and that incidents of crime had been circulated. She informed the Council of a Rutland Neighbourhood Watch cluster meeting at the end of November where information and practice would be shared.</p>	
Traffic Matters 2017/94	<p>The Council noted that the SID on Main Street had been repaired.</p> <p>A discussion took place on the possibility of re-routing the increasingly heavy flow of traffic through Caldecott. The Council expressed its frustration that this was not currently an option. Cllr Sanders raised the question whether RCC had applied for the 'National Road Fund', a new Government initiative. Sanders volunteered to find out more about this.</p>	DS
Planning 2017/95	<p>2017/0826/LBA Mr A Batty Priests House, Church Close Removal of ceiling plasterboards and loft joists. Increase ceiling height. Caldecott Parish Council had previously considered this application and made no comment.</p>	
Mill Garage 2017/96	<p>It was noted that the current occupants of Mill Garage had vacated the premises. No further details on the future of the garage were known at present.</p>	
Parish Defibrillator 2017/97	<p>The Council agreed to purchase a defibrillator and cabinet using the £1,422 CRAG monies. Cllr Richardson explained that he had experience in using a defibrillator and volunteered to source the necessary equipment. Once purchased, this will be installed on the outside wall of the village hall. Cllr Sanders volunteered to regularly check the defibrillator once it was installed to ensure the equipment was charged and working.</p>	SR
CRAG Monies 2017/98	<p>Covered in item 2017/96</p>	

Cllr Richardson informed the Council that he had sourced an old boat free of charge which would serve to house a flower bed at the Rockingham gateway to the village. Cllr Richardson offered to contact a local nursery to enquire whether they would provide the necessary plants.

SR

**Correspondence
2017/99**

LRALC – Data Protection Legislation Changes

RCC – Review of Parliamentary Constituencies

HDC – Great Easton Neighbourhood Plan

RCC – Update on Green Waste Services

Rutland South Beat Report

The Pensions Regulator – Automatic Enrolment Declaration

The Clerk informed the Council that under the Pensions Act 2008, every employer in the UK must put certain staff into a pension scheme and contribute towards it. In this instance, Caldecott Parish Council has no eligible staff and therefore the Clerk had completed the Automatic Enrolment Declaration stating no employees.

**D.O.N.M
2017/100**

The next meeting of Caldecott Parish Council will be held on Thursday 18th January 2018 at 7.30 p.m. in Caldecott Village Hall.

The meetings for the remainder of the year have been provisionally set for 8th March, 17th May, 19th July, 20th September and 15th November 2018

The meeting closed at 8.55 pm

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