

**Minutes of the Meeting of Caldecott Parish Council held on Thursday 20th
September 2018 at 7.30 p.m. in Caldecott Village Hall.**

**Present
2018/67**

Cllrs Bennett (Acting Chair), Davidson, Hide and Sanders, Mrs J Medwell (Clerk) and nine members of the public.

**Apologies
2018/68**

Cllrs Campbell and Brown – Work Commitments

The Council noted the resignation of Cllr Richardson due to an imminent move out of the area. The Clerk will notify the returning officer at Rutland County Council of the casual vacancy and will thank Cllr Richardson on behalf of the Council for his contribution during his term as councillor. **JM**

**Declarations
2018/69**

Cllr Hide declared an interest in item 2018/76
There were no changes to the members Register of Interests.

**Open Forum
2018/70**

The Chair welcomed the visitors.

Concerns were raised by members of the public regarding discussions during the open forum pertaining to planning applications or other contentious matters. It was felt that Councillors declaring an interest or individuals concerned should leave the room to enable the matter involved to be discussed freely. The Clerk advised that whilst a councillor declaring interest should step away from the meeting, in the view of complete transparency they should not necessarily have to leave the room. A discussion took place on this matter and the Council **agreed** to review of the Code of Conduct and Standing Orders at the next meeting.

It was noted that the routine weed-killing around the kerbs had not been carried out and were blocking drains. Cllr Sanders volunteered to pass this on to Rutland County Council (RCC) Highways Department. **DS**

Concern was raised by a member of the public that areas of ridge and furrow land in the village had been ploughed and hedges removed. The Clerk will refer this to RCC Environmental and Planning Enforcement. **JM**

Meeting closed to the public at 7.47 pm.

**Minutes
2018/71**

The minutes of the meeting held on 19th July 2018 were **approved** as a true record and duly signed by the Chair.

Proposed Cllr Davidson Seconded Cllr Hide

**Matters Arising
2018/72**

There were no matters arising from the minutes not covered on the agenda.

**Finance
2018/73**

a) Payments

The following cheques were presented for signature and unanimously agreed:

J Medwell	Clerk Salary / Admin Expenses	£468.94
TSO Host	Domain Renewal	£70.00
Adam Curtis	Annual Website Maintenance	£135.00

Receipts		
Allotment Rents		£81.00

b) Bank Reconciliation

Nationwide Account	£7,083.01
Less Ring-fenced Money from CRAG	£547.11
Transparency Fund	£400.00
Total Balance of Reserves	£6,135.90

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

All matters pertaining to finance are displayed on the website on www.caldecott-pc.gov.uk

**Neighbourhood
Watch
2018/74**

In the absence of Cllr Campbell this item was deferred to the next meeting.

**Traffic Matters
2018/75**

The Council **agreed** to the purchase three lockable removable bollards to enable emergency vehicles to pass through the road adjacent to the Village Hall where necessary at the price of £95 per bollard including installation. The Clerk will contact RCC Highways to arrange to have these installed at its earliest convenience.

JM

Cllr Sanders reported on a productive meeting with RCC Deputy Leader Gordon Brown and County Highways. He stated that the RCC Local Plan was currently being reviewed and concerns had been raised that the A6003 did not appear on the current plan. A verbal agreement had been made by RCC to investigate why this was the case. Cllrs Hide and Sanders are now in the process of drafting a document, along with supporting evidence to present to RCC with a view to driving forward the possibility of establishing any bypass or traffic calming measures.

DS
CH

At this point Cllr Sanders raised the importance of having a Neighbourhood Plan, which could support an application for improved infrastructure through the village. He stated that this would require whole community involvement and that there was funding available for the developing the plan. The Council **agreed** to ask Mr Ron Simpson from RCC to attend a future meeting to brief the Council on how this could be progressed.

JM

**Planning
2018/76**

2018/0710/FUL 10 Welland Close Two Storey Barn Type Extension to side of property attached to original dwelling by single flat roof link

The Council had previously considered this application and made no comment. Since then it was noted that this application had been refused by Rutland County Council.

2018/0812/FUL Wentworth Cottage Demolition of porch and utility rooms, construction of single storey pitched roof extension forming kitchen/dining and utility room.

The Council had previously considered this application and made no comment. Since then it was noted that this application had been refused by Rutland County Council.

**Allotments
2018/77**

Concern had been raised by an allotment holder that the gate to the allotments

was being left open and a request made that the Council write to all allotment holders and to erect a 'Please close the Gate' sign. The Council discussed this matter and **agreed** remind all allotment holders to close the gate in the annual rent request letter.

Safety Review of Parish Assets 2018/78

Cllr Hide had carried out a safety review of parish assets. He again expressed concern with and circulated photos of the deteriorating condition of the Pinfold wall, the unlevel surface of the playing field and the poor state of the goalposts. A member of the public offered to contact a local builder to provide a quote for repairing the wall. It was **agreed** to remove and scrap the goalposts. Cllr Sanders volunteered to do this. Cllr Davidson stated that he had looked at the playing field and that in his view it was safe and level. The Council **agreed** to contact a farm contractor in the spring to harrow and roll the playing field if required.

DS

Children's Playpark 2018/79

Cllr Hide updated the Council on the progress with children's play park. Three companies had now been informally approached to provide indicative costings and plans based on the same most popular equipment. Cllr Hide suggested two options for funding the project, the first being to apply for capital funds from PWLB , repaying the loan via collection of local precept monies and the second to apply for capital funding (approx 90%) from WREN. Cllr Hide requested agreement to progress with asking the community if they would support the funding of a playground through the local precept and asked the Parish Council to consider funding a 10.76% contribution in the event of a successful funding bid to WREN.

The Council **agreed** to progress with asking the community through a second survey detailing the exact costs to each householder through an increase in precept. It **agreed** at this stage not to commit any monies from its current reserves to the project.

CH

The Council commended Cllr Hide on his work with this and observed that he would need help from the community to drive this project forward.

Mill Garage 2018/80

The Council noted that the repair side of the business had moved out of the garage and that parking along Mill Lane had improved. The Council will continue to monitor.

Correspondence 2018/81

The following were distributed by e-mail.
LRALC – Round Robins
RCC – Annual Report
RCC – Local Plan Consultation
Local Resident – GDPR Complaint

Next Meeting 2018/82

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

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm

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