

**Minutes of the Meeting of Caldecott Parish Council held on Thursday 8th
November 2018 at 7.30 p.m. in Caldecott Village Hall.**

**Present
2018/83**

Cllrs Campbell (Chair), Bennett (Vice Chair), Davidson, Hide, Sanders and Richmond, Mrs J Medwell (Clerk) and twelve members of the public.

**Apologies
2018/84**

Cllr Brown – Holiday Commitment

**Declarations
2018/85**

Cllr Sanders declared an interest in item 2018/96
There were no changes to the members Register of Interests.

**Open Forum
2018/86**

The Chair welcomed the visitors.

With regards to traffic calming and bypass proposals, a suggestion was made to set up WhatsApp group to keep residents updated with progress.

A concern was raised regarding the proposed play area leading to potential parking problems on the Lyddington Road.

Meeting closed to the public at 7.34 pm.

**Minutes
2018/87**

The minutes of the meeting held on 20th September 2018 were **approved** as a true record and duly signed by the Chair.

Proposed Cllr Davidson Seconded Cllr Bennett

**Matters Arising
2018/88**

The Council noted that Mr Ron Simpson from RCC had been asked to attend a future meeting to brief the Council on the process involved in producing a Neighbourhood Plan. Mr Simpson hoped to attend the next meeting on 17th January.

It was also noted that the landowner responsible for removing hedges and ploughing an area of ridge and furrow on Main Street was working with the Forestry Commission to plant an area of woodland.

**Casual Vacancy
2018/89**

A definite expression of interest to become a Parish Councillor has been received by the Clerk from Mr John Richmond who is a resident of Caldecott Village. No other expressions of interest have been received.

The Council **agreed** to co-opt Mr Richmond onto the Parish Council.

Proposed Cllr Davidson Seconded Cllr Campbell

Cllr Richmond duly signed the Register of Members' Interests and Declaration of Acceptance of Office, witnessed by the Clerk.

**Finance
2018/90**

a) Payments

The following cheques were presented for signature and unanimously agreed:

J Medwell	Clerk Salary / Admin Expenses	£461.98
BIFFA	Dog Bin Emptying	£39.00

Receipts
None

b) Bank Reconciliation

Nationwide Account	£6,582.03
Less Ring-fenced Money from CRAG	£547.11
Transparency Fund	£400.00
 Total Balance of Reserves	 £5,634.92

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

**Children's
Playpark
2018/98**

This item was brought forward.

Cllr Hide presented the results of the survey, delivered to every household in the parish, conducted to assess the level of support for a playground and the willingness to fund this from the Public Works Loan Board (PWLB) via an increase in the local precept. The purpose of the project is to improve the amenity in the village for families with children by way of providing a playground focussed on under-12s, as identified in the previous survey. This second survey of all households has now been conducted and closed at 1700 on 07 November 2018. The response rate was 63%, the remainder choosing not to exercise their right to record their views. The responses recorded and independently verified against the questions posed were:

78.2% In favour of a playground

64.1% Willing to accept an 73% increase in the precept

70.5% Playing Field as the preferred location.

The cost of the project was expected to be £40k including VAT and including 15% contingency plus on-costs of around £600 p.a. (insurance, inspection & maintenance).

The proposed borrowing is to be £40k from PWLB paid back over 20 years at an interest rate currently of 2.63%. The annual loan repayment would be around £2,585 per annum via twice yearly payments.

The Council discussed this at some length and on the strength of majority support for this project from local residents, the Councillors were asked to raise their hands in support of the project.

There were 4 Councillors for and 2 Councillors against the project.

It was therefore **RESOLVED** to seek the approval of the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government to apply for a PWLB loan of £40,000 up to 20 years to install a playground in the Village Playing Field with an annual loan repayment of around £2,585.00.

It is also intended to increase the precept for the purpose of the loan repayments by 73% which is the equivalent of an additional £21.78 per annum for a Band D property.

Cllr Hide informed the Council that all comments made in the survey would be addressed. The Council commended Cllr Hide on his hard work with this project.

**Budget 2019/20
2018/91**

The draft budget was presented to the Council for consideration. The addition of election costs and the playground loan repayment and costs was made. The Parish Council **resolved** to agree the budget for 2019/20

Proposed by Cllr Davidson Seconded by Cllr Campbell

This was then signed by the Chair.

The Parish Council duly then **resolved** to set the level of precept at £7251.00 for the financial year 2019/20.

Proposed by Cllr Davidson Seconded by Cllr Campbell

The Clerk will submit the Precept Demand to RCC.

JM

**Neighbourhood
Watch
2018/92**

There was nothing to report on this item.

The Chair informed the Council that he would co-ordinate a meeting before the end of the year to re-invigorate the scheme.

NC

**Traffic Matters
2018/93**

Cllr Hide updated the Council on progress on the possibility of establishing any bypass or traffic calming measures. He informed the Council that the Local Transport Plan, Moving Rutland Forward, was out for consultation and had drafted a highly detailed response document which was still in the process of being produced. Cllr Hide highlighted the importance of driving this initiative forward and the need for a spokesperson. The Chair **agreed** to take on this role.

NC

Cllr Hide also presented a campaign 'Caldecott needs a Bypass'. This campaign will involve a leaflet drop informing residents how they can support this initiative by sending feedback comments on the West Corby Development, the Local Transport Plan and by signing a petition. The Council **agreed** to cover the core costs of around £150 for the scheme from the CRAG funds.

A website dedicated to the scheme has been set up at

www.caldecottbypass.strikingly.com

**Review of Code
of Conduct and
Standing Orders
2018/94**

The Council reviewed the Code of Conduct and Standing Orders following concerns 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 members of the public concerned should leave the room to enable the matter involved to be discussed freely. The Council considered these comments but **agreed** for complete transparency that those individuals involved should withdraw from the meeting but not have to leave the room should they not wish to.

**Planning
2018/95**

2018/1131/FUL Fairfield Lodge, Lyddington Road Removal of Condition 4 of FUL/2000/0731, Occupation of dwelling limited to a person solely or mainly employed in agriculture

The Council considered this application and made no comment.

24 Main Street

The Council noted that the new fence erected to replace the fallen stone wall was unlawful. Planning permission must be sought for boundary walls close to a highway. Rutland County Council had informed the Council that an enforcement notice will be served on the property owner to remove the fence and reinstate the wall.

APP/A2470/C/17/3178770 Land to rear of 45 Main Street

The Council noted that this appeal had been won.

**Allotment,
Garden and
Garage Rent
Review
2018/96**

Allotment rents for 2019 were set to remain at £27.00, approved unanimously.

Garage Ground rents for 2019 were set to remain at £27.50, approved unanimously.

Garden Rent for 2019 was set to remain at £10.00, approved unanimously.

The Clerk will remind all allotment holders to close the gate in the annual rent request letter. **JM**

**Safety Review of
Parish Assets
2018/97**

Cllr Hide had carried out a safety review of parish assets.

The benches were in good order, however the slab surrounding the one on the village green was deteriorating. Cllr Davidson advised that this was the responsibility of the Village Hall Committee and that he would arrange to have this replaced. **AD**

It was noted that the goal posts were concreted into the ground. It was hoped that these could be removed during construction of the playground.

Local builder Stuart Graveson had very kindly volunteered to repair the Pinfold wall at no cost to the Council in his own time. He also offered to remove all the overgrown shrubbery and brambles. The Council thanked Mr Graveson for his very kind offer.

**Phone Box
2018/99**

The Council noted that the phone equipment had been removed and that the phone box required renovating. Cllr Richmond volunteered to contact Rockingham Parish Council with regards to sourcing the correct paint. **JR**

The Chair asked the Council to consider options for the future use of the box.

**Mill Garage
2018/100**

There was nothing to report on this item.

**Correspondence
2018/101**

The following were distributed by e-mail.

LRALC – Update / Round Robins / Training Schedule / Procurement
RCC – Local Transport Plan Consultation

Local resident re parking in Mill Lane.
The Chair will follow this up. **NC**

**Next Meeting
2018/102**

The next meeting of Caldecott Parish Council will be held on Thursday 17th January 2019 at 7.30 p.m. in Caldecott Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm

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