

**Minutes of the Meeting of Caldecott Parish Council held on Thursday 21st
March 2019 at 7.30 p.m. in Caldecott Village Hall.**

**Present
2019/18**

Cllrs Bennett (Acting Chair), Davidson (Acting Vice Chair), Brown, Hide and Richmond, Mrs J Medwell (Clerk) and fourteen members of the public.

The Council noted the resignation of Cllr Sanders and expressed its thanks for his contribution during his term of office.

**Apologies
2019/19**

There were none.

**Declarations
2019/20**

There were no declarations of Interest or changes to the Members Register of Interests.

**Open Forum
2019/21**

The Chair welcomed the visitors.

It was requested that the Council diarise the cutting of the allotment hedge for December 2019 by Mr John Oakley. It was noted that this should be done every two years.

Concern was raised again regarding the way by which the survey for proposed play park was conducted. It was felt that there was no anonymity, not enough detail in the questions and that not every household had received a survey. Cllr Hide explained that he had followed due process as set by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government in carrying out the survey.

The Council was congratulated on its efforts thus far with the proposed play area.

Meeting closed to the public at 7.55 pm.

**Minutes
2019/22**

The minutes of the meeting held on 17th January 2019 were approved as a true record and duly signed by the Chair.

Proposed Cllr Davidson Seconded Cllr Richmond

**Matters Arising
2019/23
Councillor
Elections 2019
2019/24**

There were no matters arising not already covered on the agenda.

The Council was informed of the forthcoming Parish Council Elections on May 2nd 2019 and all councillors wishing to stand reminded to obtain the necessary nomination packs from the Returning Officer at Rutland County Council. The clerk will display the Notice of Elections once it has been received from the County Council.

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**Finance
2019/25**

a) Payments

The following cheques were presented for signature and unanimously agreed:

J Medwell	Clerk Salary / Admin Expenses	£530.18
LRALC	New Councillor Training	£40.00
RCC	Electricity Charges 2019/20	£193.76
Alex Parker	CRAG Expenses	£128.62
Carlton Hide	CRAG Expenses	£15.60

Receipts		
Fund Raising – Play Area		£1,241.45

Rents	£254.00
b) Bank Reconciliation	
Nationwide Account	£6,500.70
Less Ring-fenced Money from CRAG	£388.04
Transparency Fund	£350.00
Play Area	£1,723.01
Total Balance of Reserves	£4,039.65

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
2019/26**

There were no incidents of crime to report at this point.

Cllr Bennett advised that she would continue to circulate communication pertaining to Neighbourhood Watch as it is received and asked that consideration be given to finding a local coordinator for the scheme. This does not necessarily have to be a parish councillor but could be any interested resident of the village. Cllr Davidson said he would advertise this in the benefice newsletter.

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**Highways
2019/27**

Proposed Bypass - Cllr Hide updated the Council on the progress with this initiative. Rockingham Parish Council has also submitted a supporting letter and a dialogue is being progressed with the County Council with a view to establishing the bypass as a high priority. Two traffic surveys, the first of which was believed to be flawed due to adverse weather and length of survey, have been carried out by Corby Borough Council in response to Rutland County Council's objection to the West Corby development. The Council **agreed** to write to Rutland County Council expressing thanks for its prompt action in highlighting to Corby Borough Council the potentially flawed data collected during the survey on 31 January and to request the results of the surveys and any action being progressed by RCC regarding the West Corby development.

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A website dedicated to the scheme has been set up at

www.caldecottbypass.strikingly.com

CRAG Documents - Cllr Hide informed the Council the cost to scan the CRAG documents including historic traffic data was prohibitive therefore they would continue to be stored in the Village Hall on a temporary basis.

Welland Close Parking – Photographic evidence of the parking along Welland Close had been circulated prior to the meeting. The problem of congestion and restricted access was discussed. The Council **agreed** to seek guidance from Rutland County Council and to invite a representative from County Highways to attend the next meeting.

Feasibility Study for Pelican Crossing – The Chair advised the Council that Rutland County Council is currently undertaking a feasibility study in relation to improving the crossing facilities through the village and that she and Cllr Hide would be meeting the Highways Engineer next week to discuss the findings so

far and the proposals in mind. The Council **agreed** to request that the engineer look also at Welland Close whilst in the village.

**Planning
2019/28**

2019/0153/FUL Meadow Farm The Green Variation of Condition 2
The Council considered this application and made no comment.

**Review of Risk
Assessment
2019/29**

The Council reviewed the Risk Assessment. There were no changes or amendments, therefore it was approved by the Council and duly signed by the Chair and the Clerk.

**Safety Review of
Parish Assets
2019/30**

Cllr Richmond informed the Council that he was currently investigating grants available from the Heritage Lottery Fund for the repair to the Pinfold wall. He hoped to have more information on this for the next meeting.

JR

The Council discussed purchasing a new parish notice board for the bus shelter. The Clerk was asked to cost up a like for like replacement.

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**Children's Play
Park
2019/31**

Cllr Hide updated the Council on the current position regarding the proposed children's play park.

Since the approval by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government in January for the Parish Council to borrow £40,000, fundraising efforts have continued along three strands to reduce the amount that the Council borrows: these being events, grants and pledges of financial support from local companies. It is hoped that with a concerted effort the Council could be in a position where it will not require the loan.

At this point Cllr Hide was very pleased to report that the grant funding application to WREN had been successful and that an amount of £30,052.10 has been awarded. Pledges of financial support have been received totalling £500 and several fund raising events including a sponsored walk have been organised. Cllr Hide wished to thank everyone involved so far in the fundraising activities – £1,723.01 has been raised since 1st January which will be held in the Parish Council bank account and ring-fenced.

The Focus Group, which is open to all residents, had met to consider the playground and wider village.

The next step is to issue a press release relating to the WREN grant award and an advert placed for the provision of the playground in accordance with procurement guidelines

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Further information can be found on the Village Facebook page, on the noticeboard, Benefice Newsletter and at the Parish Council website at

www.caldecott-pc.gov.uk

The Council commended Cllr Hide on all his efforts with this project.

**Phone Box
2019/32**

The Council was informed that there were no grants currently available for the renovation of the phone box. It was **agreed** to defer any further discussions on this until later in the year.

**Mill Garage
2019/33**

There was nothing to report on this item. The Council will continue to monitor the site.

Correspondence The following were distributed by e-mail.

2019/34

LRALC – Update / Round Robins / Elections Workshop

RCC – Notification of Bus Stop Improvements

RCC – Green Waste Service Renewals / Prospective Councillor Event

Letter regarding school readers – The Council noted that this had been already promoted in the parish.

Letter from new allotment tenant regarding waste left on allotment – The Chair will contact the old tenant to request this is removed.

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Next Meeting

2019/35

The next meeting of Caldecott Parish Council will be held on Thursday 16th May 2019 at 7.30 p.m. in Caldecott Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm

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