

Minutes of the Meeting of Caldecott Parish Council held on Thursday 18th July 2019 at 7.30 p.m. in Caldecott Village Hall.

- Present 2019/56** Cllrs Bennett (Chair), Richmond (Vice Chair) and McCole, Mrs J Medwell (Clerk) and five members of the public.
- Apologies 2019/57** Cllrs Brown and MacDermott
County Cllr Andrew Brown
- Declarations 2019/58** There were no declarations of interests or any changes to the member's Register of Interests.
- Open Forum 2019/59** The Chair welcomed the visitors.
- The damaged fencing at the northern gateway into the village was raised. The Clerk will report to Rutland County Council. **JM**
- Concern was expressed regarding the hazard posed by an unlit skip outside 7 Main Street. Cllr Bennett will pursue. **MB**
- The need to sign 'No Parking / Clear Access' was identified once the new removeable bollard are in place on Church Street. The Clerk will raise with RCC. **JM**
- Meeting closed to the public at 7.38 pm.
- Minutes 2019/60** The minutes of the meeting held on 16th May 2019 were **approved** as a true record and duly signed by the Chair.
Proposed Cllr McCole Seconded Cllr Richmond
- Matters Arising 2019/61** There were no matters arising.
- Council Vacancies 2019/62** The Council noted the resignation of Cllr Hide and expressed its appreciation for all his invaluable efforts particularly on the play park and bypass.
There is now one actual vacancy and one casual vacancy.
- Finance 2019/63** **a) Payments**
- The following cheques were presented for signature and unanimously agreed:
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| 000009 | J Medwell – Clerk Salary and Expenses | 488.96 |
| 000010 | BIFFA – Dog Bin Emptying | 39.00 |
| Receipts | | |
| | Allotment Rent | 54.00 |
| | Play Park | 3,658.00 |
| b) Bank Reconciliation | | |
| | Lloyds Account | 14,529.79 |
| | Less Ring-fenced Money from CRAG | 368.54 |
| | Transparency | 350.00 |
| | Play Park | 6,988.68 |
| | Total Balance of Reserves | £6,822.57 |
- The Bank Reconciliation was unanimously approved and then duly signed by the

Chair.

All financial matters are displayed on the website on www.caldecott-pc.gov.uk

Neighbourhood Watch 2019/64

The Chair reported on a recent meeting attended by County Councillor Brown, the police, Russ Horne (director of Neighbourhood Watch), members of the council and local residents. Issues raised at the meeting included incidents of crime and concerns that these were not being followed up. A few local residents volunteered to form a core group to re-establish the NW in the village. The Chair thanked all that had attended. A follow up meeting, to which more senior police have been invited, has been organised for 31st August.

The Council commended the Chair for all her efforts with this.

The Council was then informed of another incident of theft of two ride-on mowers stolen from Mill Lane.

Highways 2019/65

The Council noted the following update from RCC Highways.

Orders for the construction of a footpath on the Lyddington Road leading to the playing field, the installation of a 'children playing' sign and creation a 40 mph buffer zone alongside the playing field have been raised with a completion date of 19th September. The zebra crossing proposal will be moving forward for a road safety audit to assess the safety of the crossing and the frequency of use. The work has not yet been commissioned but the County Council is in the process of receiving quotes. A speed survey is proposed towards the end of September, after the 40mph buffer zone has been installed and has had a bedding-in period.

Proposed Bypass – The Council referred to the following correspondence received earlier in the day regarding the response by Rutland County Council Cabinet to the petition put forward by Caldecott Parish Council supporting a bypass around the village.

“There is a long and well documented history of a demand for a bypass for Caldecott, and RCC has previously successfully submitted its case and had funding allocated for such a project. Whilst the previous scheme was shelved as a consequence of the 2007/8 financial crisis, the situation needs to be reviewed in the face of exacerbating factors such as further increases in average annual daily volumes as measured by the Department for Transport, the considerable planned expansion of Corby, and the growth of Rutland’s tourism industry. We will commit to re-establishing the case for a relief road against set national standards and to seek the funds to undertake a feasibility study.”

The Council was disappointed to note that a time frame had not been included in the cabinet's response and **agreed** to meet with Cllr Brown before the next meeting to discuss how he could support and progress this.

MB
/JR

A website dedicated to the scheme has been set up at

www.caldecottbypass.strikingly.com

**Parish Assets
2019/66**

Cllr Richmond informed the Council that he had sourced funding from the Lottery Heritage Fund and possibly the Hedgerows and Boundaries Grant Scheme to repair the damaged Pinfold Wall. He hoped that the full cost of repair would be met and is currently seeking a further two quotes for the work.

JR

The Council **agreed** to purchase the new notice board for the bus stop. Cllr Richmond volunteered to measure up and order the appropriate size.

JR

The Chair informed the Council that she and Cllr McCole had met with Elaine Rootham, Macmillan Volunteer Co-ordinator, to discuss the refurbishment and combined use of the phonebox. It was **agreed** that usage will cater for both books and support information for Macmillan. Macmillan will fund the paint and assist with repairs and painting. The Council will source and consider further quotes to refurbish the box.

**Children's
Playpark
2019/67**

Cllr McCole updated the Council on the current position with the play park. Eight tender submissions had been received and carefully considered by both herself and Cllr MacDermott. The final choice of provider was NGF Play.

Cllr McCole then presented the chosen submission to the Council and asked that it approve the final cost of £40,301.85 excluding VAT to include the tree plantings. This would be made up of following.

FCC/WREN Grant: £30,051.10
Fundraised: £7,342.28
Taken on Precept (to date): £2,877.00

£40,270.38

Less third Party Contribution: £3230.60

Total funds available: £37,039.78

Total amount required:

NGF Quote: £39,600.75

Tree Quote: £701.10

Total amount required: £40,301.85

The Council unanimously **approved** the above quote to deliver the full specification and **agreed** to draw the additional required £4,000 by way of the previously arranged PWLB loan, to be paid back through parish precept.

Proposed Cllr Bennett Seconded Cllr Richmond

**Planning
2019/68**

2019/0586/FUL Fernleigh Cottage, Church Close Demolition of existing poorly constructed lean-to extension and replacement with new lean-to (For information only as previously considered)
Cllr MacDermott had expressed an interest in this item. The Council made no objection to this application.

2019/0477/FUL Mulberry House 8B Uppingham Road Conversion of Existing Garage to Annexe to provide living accomodation for disabled family member (For information only as previously considered)
The Council made no objection to this application

2019/0651/FUL Fairchild Lodge Lyddington Road Conversion of Barn to 2 residential units
The Council considered this application and whilst it made no objection, it was concerned to note that the conversion to the development had already started. The Clerk will pursue with Rutland County Council Planning Department.

JM

**Allotments
2019/69**

The Clerk informed the Council that two vacant allotments had been recently taken up.

The Council discussed the tenancy agreement and **agreed** the following amendments - to reduce the notice period to 2 months, to remove the decision to install water and to request that those vacating the allotment remove all debris and leave in a reasonable condition.

**Correspondence
2019/70**

The following were distributed by e-mail.
RCC – Highways and Transport Working Group Meeting 4th June
RCC – Highways Request for Service
RCC - Parish Council Working Group Notes 12th June
RCC – Parish Council Forum Agenda 12th July

**Next Meeting
2019/71**

The next meeting of Caldecott Parish Council will be held on Thursday 19th September at 7.30 p.m. in Caldecott Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.56 pm