

**Minutes of the Meeting of Caldecott Parish Council held on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>  
September 2019 at 7.30 p.m. in Caldecott Village Hall.**

**Present  
2019/72** Cllrs Bennett (Chair), MacDermot, McCole and White, Mrs J Medwell (Clerk),  
County Cllr Andrew Brown and eleven members of the public.

**Apologies  
2019/73** Cllrs Richmond and Brown.

**Declarations  
2019/74** Cllr White declared an interest in Item 2019/68.  
There were changes to the member's Register of Interests.

**Open Forum  
2019/75** The Chair welcomed the visitors.  
  
The planning application for a new dwelling at 4 Main Street was raised. Residents felt that the development was very similar to the previous application which had been refused by Rutland County Council and therefore pointed out that this current application should not be supported by the Council.

One member of the public questioned the rationale behind the Council's decision to replace the fixed bollards on Church Street with collapsible ones and expressed concern that residents in the immediate vicinity had not been consulted.

Meeting closed to the public.

**Minutes  
2019/76** The minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2019 were **approved** as a true record and duly signed by the Chair.  
Proposed Cllr Bennett      Seconded Cllr McCole

**Matters Arising  
2019/77** There were no matters arising.

**Council  
Vacancies  
2019/78** Ms Becky White expressed a wish to volunteer for co-option on to the Council.  
Ms White was proposed by Cllr Bennett and seconded by Cllr MacDermott  
Ms White signed the acceptance of office form witnessed by Cllr McCole and completed the Register of Interest form which will be checked by the clerk before being returned to the RCC Electoral Monitoring Officer.

**JM**

The Parish Council noted that there was still one casual vacancy remaining.

A vacancy has arisen for the position of parish Flood Warden. Mr Bennett had volunteered to take on the role in the absence of any other interest. None was forthcoming therefore the Council thanked Mr Bennett for agreeing to undertake the position.

**Finance  
2019/79** **a) Payments**

The following cheques were presented for signature and unanimously agreed:

000011	J Medwell – Clerk Salary and Expenses	488.96
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000012	LRALC – Training	40.00
000013	RCC – Election Costs	109.69
000014	Red 17 – Parish Noticeboard	267.90

Receipts		
Allotment Rent		27.00
VAT		158.07

#### **b) Bank Reconciliation**

Lloyds Account	13,808.31
Less Ring-fenced Money from CRAG	368.54
Transparency	350.00
Play Park	4,111.68

Total Balance of Reserves £8,978.09

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](http://www.caldecott-pc.gov.uk)

#### **Neighbourhood Watch 2019/80**

The Chair reported on a recent meeting attended by County Councillor Brown, a police inspector and sergeant and local residents who had been victims of crime. The Police agreed to follow up on any new information on crimes reported and have organised a 'property marking' session on 28<sup>th</sup> September in the village hall. This will be widely advertised via posters, Facebook and the 'Next Door' app.

Leicestershire Police and Commissioner will be present in the village on 2<sup>nd</sup> October along with County Cllr Brown to discuss with residents various issues and concerns they have raised. The Council encouraged any resident that has concerns or has been a victim of crime to come on the day.

The Chair informed the Council that she would be attending a RCC 'Safer Villages Scheme' information session.

#### **Highways 2019/81**

The Council was pleased to note that the footpath leading from Welland Close to the playing field had now been completed.

The Clerk will contact RCC Highways Engineer Robyn Green for an update on the assessment for the zebra crossings which was expected to go to the Transport Committee in September.

**JM**

A discussion took place on the future of the website dedicated to the bypass scheme. This free site had originally been set up to communicate the issues, to encourage people to sign the petition before the deadline, and to request the backing of other local villages. The Council **agreed** to keep the website going adapting the content to be a general 'overview' of the situation and providing key news updates as and when required. Alex Parker volunteered to take responsibility for editing the content for the time being.

This site can be found at [www.caldecottbypass.strikingly.com](http://www.caldecottbypass.strikingly.com)

**Parish Assets  
2019/82**

In the absence of Cllr Richmond there was nothing to report on the Pinfold Wall.

The new notice board had been ordered. Cllr McCole advised that her husband would be happy to put it up in the bus shelter.

The Chair was pleased to inform the Council that a local decorator with a family involvement with MacMillan had agreed to refurbish the phone box free of charge. Macmillan will provide the paint and assist with repairs and painting, including the replacement of the perspex with glass.

**Children's  
Playpark  
2019/83**

Cllr MacDermott gave the following report.

“Following some scheme amendments and selection of our preferred contractor we have final agreement from the grant funding body. The grant contract has been prepared and it is expected to arrive imminently. Once we have received and signed this we can formally place our order with the play provider.

Councillors McCole and MacDermott reviewed the tenders received as previously reported and have selected a preferred supplier of NGF Play. The design has been further revised to ensure best value for money. If the Parish Council is able to confirm the order before the end of the month it is anticipated installation will happen in November 2019 with contractors on site for around 3 weeks.

The grass in the area where the installation will be undertaken has been mown more regularly by volunteers from the community over the last couple of months to aid installation. Many thanks to them and if anyone else would be happy to mow this area please let the Parish Council know. Once the play area is complete and bedded in their will be formal opening party and volunteers to assist in organising this are invited to make themselves know to the Clerk or Councillors McCole or MacDermott”

The Council noted that the contracts had now been received and would be signed and returned as soon as possible.

**Planning  
2019/84**

**2019/0983/FUL 4 Main Street Detached two storey dwelling with garaging.**

The Council considered this application and objected on the following grounds. This new application does not address the reasons for the refusal of the previous application (ref 2018/0355/FUL) in terms of the vehicular access and the impact of the development on surrounding properties. The proposed vehicular access does not appear to provide safe and suitable access for emergency vehicles and the position of the house could impact on the Church and surrounding properties if the 'screening' trees and hedges were removed. The development was felt to deplete the quality of the 'Old School House' as an over-development of the site.

**2019/0685/LBA 1 Main Street Listed Building Consent to replace windows (For information only as previously considered)**

The Council made no objection to this application

The Clerk had circulated prior to the meeting a Planning Policy Procedure for the consideration of applications received between meetings. The Council **resolved** to approve this policy details of which can be found on the website.

Proposed Cllr Bennett

Seconded Cllr MacDermott

**West Corby Urban Extension** – The Council noted that this urban development comprising of 4,500 houses was being discussed at the Corby Borough Council Planning Committee meeting on 26th September. County Cllr Andrew Brown and RCC Lead Member for Highways and Transport will endeavour to speak at the meeting on behalf of Caldecott raising the impact of this development on the village and its need for a bypass.

**Correspondence  
2019/85** The following were distributed by e-mail.

RCC – Highways and Transport Working Group August Agenda  
RCC – Notification of Road Closures  
RCC - Safer Villages Scheme  
RCC – Representatives wanted for Conduct Committee  
RCC – Parish Council Forum Minutes

**Next Meeting  
2019/86** The next meeting of Caldecott Parish Council will be held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November at 7.30 p.m. in Caldecott Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm