

**Minutes of the Meeting of Caldecott Parish Council held on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>  
September 2020 at 7.30 pm. This was held via electronic conferencing due to the  
Government requirement for social distancing during this coronavirus pandemic.**

<b>Present 2020/45</b>	Cllrs Bennett (Chair), Richmond (Vice Chair), MacDermott, McCole, Parker and White, Mrs J Medwell (Clerk) and County Cllr Andrew Brown.
<b>Apologies 2020/46</b>	There were none
<b>Declarations 2020/47</b>	There were no declarations of interest or changes to the member's register of interests.
<b>Open Forum 2020/48</b>	<p>There were no members of the public present.</p> <p>Cllr White raised a concern raised by a local resident regarding the use of power tools and the resulting noise nuisance during the weekend. The Council advised any resident bothered by noise nuisance to contact Rutland County Council Environmental Services for advice.</p> <p>County Cllr Brown informed the Council that Rutland County Council had authorised £50K for a feasibility study into whether the County wanted a radio station. The Parish Council commented that this was not a good use of public funds.</p> <p>Meeting closed to the public.</p>
<b>Minutes 2020/49</b>	<p>The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2020 were <b>approved</b> as a true record and duly signed by the Clerk on behalf of the Chair.</p> <p>Proposed Cllr Richmond    Seconded Cllr Bennett</p>
<b>Matters Arising 2020/50</b>	There were no matters arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda.
<b>Highways 2020/51</b>	<p>The Council referred to the recent serious incident on the A6003 in Caldecott during which a car came off the road and hit a residential property, destroying a conservatory in the process. County Highways was informed of the incident and has advised it is looking at some form of resolution that would significantly reduce the likelihood of this occurring at this location again. County Cllr Brown agreed to organise a site visit with portfolio holder Cllr Lucy Stephenson and the Parish Council to look at both this location and the proposed zebra crossings.</p> <p>County Cllr Brown advised that the County Council had allocated monies to resurface Church Lane.</p>
<b>Parish Assets 2020/52</b>	<p><b>Pinfold Wall</b> – Cllr Richmond informed the Council that he had applied to a charitable fund provided by Unipart for a grant towards the repair to the wall.</p> <p><b>BT Phone Box</b> – A discussion took place on the renovation of the phone box including the need to commence work before the winter to prevent further deterioration. Three quotes had been sought and two received. The Council approved the quote of £975 for the exterior works. To enable this work to start straight away, the Council unanimously <b>agreed</b> to set up a 'Just Giving' page and to bridge any gap in funding up to a maximum</p>

of £300.

The Chair informed the Council that she has submitted an application for funding available towards interior refurbishment.

**Children's Play park  
2020/53**

**Monthly Inspection** - Cllr MacDermott had carried out the monthly inspections of the play area. The zipwire seat and chain have been removed for repair. The completed template had been returned to the clerk for filing. Cllr McCole volunteered to assist Cllr MacDermott with these routine inspections.

**Litter** – It was noted that the bi-weekly emptying of the bins seemed to be adequate for the majority of the time. The Council will continue to monitor and **agreed** to site some signs requesting that users of the park take their rubbish home where they can. Cllr MacDermott and Parker will arrange the signage.

The Council referred to correspondence from a local resident raising concerns over the use of the park by older children, car parking, dog fouling and signage. The Council discussed these issues at length and **agreed** to monitor. The missing Covid Social Distancing signs will be replaced immediately.

**AM**

**Accessibility  
2020/53**

**New Website Regulations** - The Council referred to new Website Accessibility Regulations which determine that public sector organisations have a legal duty to make sure websites meet accessibility requirements. The Council considered the accessibility of its current site and various options available to improve accessibility. In light of the low usage of the site, it was considered that many of the possible improvements were cost prohibitive and would place an unnecessary financial burden on the Council. The Council **agreed** therefore that the Parish Council website would carry an accessibility statement announcing it to be partially compliant in line with expectations for a small parish council.

**Future Meetings** - The Council discussed the format of meetings in the coming months. It was expected that the current legislation to meet electronically was unlikely to change, therefore the Council **agreed** that it would continue using the Zoom platform which would need to be upgraded to make the Council fully compliant with accessibility, allowing those without internet access to join the meetings by telephone.

**Village Matters  
2020/54**

**Rutland Flag** – The Council referred to a request from local residents to replace the Union Jack with a Rutland County Flag. The Chair advised of the history behind the flag pole and current Union Jack. It was **agreed** to canvas the opinion of the whole village before any decision is made.

**Village Hall Committee** – The Chair informed the Council that the Village Hall Committee was keen for a member of the Parish Council to join the Committee. Cllr Richmond agreed to take on the role of Parish Council representative.

**Village Maintenance and Improvements** - Cllr Parker brought to the Council's attention ideas for improving the physical appearance of the village including bulb planting, wooden village signs and tidying up the neglected areas. The Council **agreed** to form a small working group, made up of Cllrs Parker, MacDermott and Bennett, to look at areas in more detail and to recruit volunteers from around the village.

**Finance  
2020/55**

**a) Payments**

000037	J Medwell – Clerk Salary and Expenses	517.07
000039	BIFFA – Dog bin emptying	78.00
000040	Curtis Website Design – Maintenance	135.00
000041	Zoom Video Conferencing	14.39

Receipts	
Allotment Rent	54.00

**b) Bank Reconciliation**

Lloyds Account	7,476.20
Less Ringfenced	
Transparency Code	350.00
Crag	368.54

**Total Balance of Reserves** **£6,757.66**

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

**Correspondence  
2020/56**

The Council referred to information received from Fight4Rutland on how to enable residents to respond to the Regulation 19 consultation, part of the Local Plan response to the St Georges Barracks Development. At this point concern was raised on how this large development may impact on the village in terms of increased traffic flow. Cllr McCole and Richmond will endeavour to attend the zoom information meeting.

**LM  
/JR**

Biodiversity Project Questionnaire – The Clerk will complete.

**JM**

**Business for Next  
Meeting  
2020/57**

To commence setting 2021/22 Budget

The next meeting of Caldecott Parish Council will be held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November via electronic conferencing.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm