

Minutes of the Meeting of Caldecott Parish Council held on Thursday 19th November 2020 at 7.30 pm. This was held via electronic conferencing due to the Government requirement for social distancing during this coronavirus pandemic.

Present 2020/58	Cllrs Bennett (Chair), Richmond (Vice Chair), MacDermott, McCole, Parker and White, Mrs J Medwell (Clerk) and County Cllr Andrew Brown.	
Apologies 2020/59	There were none	
Declarations 2020/60	There were no declarations of interest or changes to the member's register of interests.	
Open Forum 2020/61	<p>There were no members of the public present.</p> <p>The matter of access to the Eyebrook Reservoir was raised. It was suggested that the parish councils surrounding the site collectively initiate contact with TATA and the resident fishing organisation to open up lines of communication with a view to reinstating access to the site. The Chair will contact the local parish councils in the first instance to gauge their support.</p> <p>Cllr McCole raised a concern raised by a local resident regarding the persistent problem of dog fouling along the footpath off Burgess Row. The Council agreed to source some 'anti-fouling' signs encouraging dog walkers to pick up their mess.</p> <p>It was also brought to the Council's attention that several allotments were untended. This will be discussed under the agenda item later in the meeting.</p> <p>Meeting closed to the public.</p>	<p>MB</p> <p>AB</p>
Minutes 2020/62	<p>The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 17th September 2020 were approved as a true record and duly signed by the Clerk on behalf of the Chair.</p> <p>Proposed Cllr Richmond Seconded Cllr Bennett</p>	
Matters Arising 2020/63	There were no matters arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda.	
Highways 2020/64	Parking on Pavements, Mill Lane - The Council referred to the recurrent problem of parking on the pavements along Mill Road which causes a hazard to pedestrians, particularly buggy users and the elderly. The Council agreed to write to Car Sense at Mill Garage requesting that they park considerately along the road and refrain from obstructing the pavement.	JM
Parish Assets 2020/65	Pinfold Wall – Cllr Richmond informed the Council that he had exhausted all possible channels of grant funding towards the repairs to the wall. The Council agreed to look in to some community fund raising in the spring.	
	BT Phone Box – The Council was very pleased to note the excellent refurbishment of the phone box and on behalf of the Council, the Chair thanked all those who had enabled this to happen. A discussion took place on the use of the box going forward. It was agreed to seek the views of residents via the Facebook Page and Nextdoor app. Cllr White will collate the responses and report back at the next meeting.	BW

Defibrillator – The Council noted that new replacement pads had been purchased. Cllr McCole will continue to check the equipment monthly and record on the webnos site. **LM**

**Children’s Play park
2020/66**

Annual Inspection - Cllr MacDermott had carried out the monthly inspections of the play area and reported that the zipwire seat had been repaired. The completed templates had been returned to the clerk for filing.

The Council **agreed** to use a local company Seagrave Inspection Services to carry out the annual inspection of the play park at a cost of £130.

Cllr McCole informed the Council that she had raised £150 for the park through selling wreaths.

**Allotments / Garages
2020/67**

Non payment of rents - The Clerk informed the Council that there were currently 4 allotments not being tended and that two tenants had failed to pay their rents despite many reminder letters. The Council **agreed** to give these tenants until 31st December 2020 to pay any outstanding rents after which time these plots will be passed on to the next on the waiting list.

Rent Review - Allotment rents for 2020 were set to remain at £27.00, approved unanimously. Garage Ground rents for 2020 were set to remain at £27.50, approved unanimously. Garden Rent for 2020 was set to remain at £10.00, approved unanimously.

Allotment and Garage ground rents were set to increase to £30 effective from 1st January 2022, approved 5 in favour, 1 against. The Garden Rent is fixed at £10. The Clerk will give the tenants notice of this increase.

JM

**2121/22 Budgets
2020/68**

The draft budget was presented to the Council for consideration. The Council **agreed** to include a provision for the clerk’s pension at a rate of 3% of existing salary, to increase the grass cutting allowance and to add an allocation for councillor training.

The Parish Council therefore **resolved to agree** the budget for 2021/22

Proposed by Cllr Bennett Seconded by Cllr McCole

This was then signed by the Chair.

The Parish Council duly then **resolved** to set the level of precept at £5,670.00 for the financial year 2021/22.

Proposed by Cllr McCole Seconded by Cllr White

The Clerk will submit the Precept Demand to RCC.

**Village Matters
2020/69**

Rutland Flag – The Council considered the request from local residents to replace the Union Jack with a Rutland County Flag and **agreed** to leave this for the time being as there had not been the opportunity to consult with the whole village. The Council will revisit this at a later date.

Village Maintenance and Improvements – The poor surface at the entrance to the play park was raised. Cllr Parker will endeavour to find out who owns this piece of land. The Council discussed planting a few quicks in the spring to fill the gaps in the hedge and Cllr

AP

MacDermott will update the Covid sign.

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**Finance
2020/70**

a) Payments

000042	J Medwell – Clerk Salary and Expenses	524.87
15/10/20	PKF Littlejohn – External Audit Fee	240.00
10/10/20	DPK Knight - Phone box Repairs	1,175.00
19/11/20	NGL Play – Zipwire set repair	54.00
19/11/20	Community Heartbeat – Defib pads	104.40

Receipts

RCC – Community Infrastructure Levy	669.23
Phone box Fundraising	988.00

b) Bank Reconciliation

Lloyds Account	7,035.16
Less Ringfenced	
Transparency Code	350.00
CRAG	281.54

Total Balance of Reserves **£6,403.62**

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

**Correspondence
2020/71**

The Council referred to correspondence from the Welland Rivers Trust introducing a new project funded by the National Lottery Community Fund that aims to reconnect people with their local rivers and develop new ways for communities to access and enjoy nature. The Council **agreed** to invite the Engagement Officer to the next meeting.

**Business for Next
Meeting
2020/72**

The next meeting of Caldecott Parish Council will be held on Thursday 21st January 2021 via electronic conferencing.

The meeting closed at 9.07 pm