

Minutes of the Meeting of Caldecott Parish Council held on Thursday 21st January 2021 at 7.30 pm. This was held via electronic conferencing due to the Government requirement for social distancing during this coronavirus pandemic.

Present 2021/01	Cllrs Bennett (Chair), McCole and Parker, Mrs J Medwell (Clerk), Welland Rivers Trust Community Engagement Officer – Mr Burns and County Cllr Andrew Brown (joined 8.40 pm).
Apologies 2021/02	Cllrs Richmond, MacDermott and White.
Declarations 2021/03	There were no declarations of interest or changes to the member's register of interests.
Open Forum 2021/04	There were no members of the public present. Meeting closed to the public.
Minutes 2021/05	The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 19 th November 2020 were approved as a true record and duly signed by the Clerk on behalf of the Chair. Proposed Bennett Seconded Cllr McCole
Matters Arising 2021/06 Highways 2021/07	There were no matters arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda. Condition of Church Lane – Blocked drains on Church Lane and the general poor state of repair of its road surface had been brought to the Council's attention. Cllr Richmond had referred this to the County Council, the Clerk will report again via Fix My Street. JM Parking on Pavements, Mill Lane - The Council noted that the recurrent problem of parking on the pavements along Mill Lane, which had caused a hazard to pedestrians, had greatly improved.
Parish Assets 2021/08	BT Phone Box – The Council was disappointed to note the potential funding for interior repairs to the phone box had been withdrawn due to the fact that the Box falls into the County Of Rutland rather than Leicestershire and therefore outside the funding area. Following consultation for its use via a survey on the Next Door app, the Council noted that over half of the residents that completed the survey would like to see the phone box used as a book swap or information area, with the remainder preferring the space to be left empty. The Council suggested that further consultation with residents be carried out to explore rotating its use and asking for interested parties to approach the Council in the first instance with proposals for use before implementing any change. The Chair will draft a note to that effect for the parish magazine. MB
Children's Play park 2021/09	Annual Inspection – The Council noted that annual inspection had been carried out. This had identified gaps in the fencing and overgrown vegetation around the site. Cllr MacDermott was in the process of seeking quotes to repair the fencing and to replace the trees which had died in the dry weather last year. He had also informed the Council that dog fouling continued to be a problem and that he was following RCC advice in marking out areas of fouling with spray paint. The Council approved the quote for £80 plus VAT for cutting the road side hedge. Proposed Cllr Bennett Seconded Cllr Cole

The poor condition of the parking area outside the play area was raised again. This had been reported to the County Council. The Clerk will follow up to find out if this is being progressed.

**Parish Council
Website
2021/10**

CLlr Parker had reviewed the parish council website and identified a few changes that were necessary to reorganise the site in order to facilitate navigation and to incorporate more village information. This upgrade would cost £180 and the annual tech support by Curtis Website Design increased from £100 to £160.

These changes were welcomed and the Council **agreed** to proceed with the upgrade.

Proposed CLlr Parker Seconded CLlr McCole

CLlr Parker volunteered to oversee this upgrade and format the information as necessary.

**Eyebrook Reservoir
2021/11**

The Chair updated the Council on the current position with seeking the reinstatement of public access to the reservoir. The parish councils surrounding the site had been contacted and offered their full support to the initiative. The Chair had made contact with TATA and the resident fishing to explore if there were any options that could be reviewed in collaboration to improve access for local people whilst limiting any potential issues and identifying potential benefits such as positive PR, supporting responsible behaviour on the site or even additional revenue generation.

A response had been received from the fisheries stating that they were only happy to consider having set days in the year with prior access agreed which would enable the company to staff the site accordingly.

The Council felt that this was impractical in terms of what it hoped to achieve and **agreed** to put together an action group with interested parties in order to drive this initiative forward.

**River Welland
Engagement
Initiative
2021/12**

Welland Rivers Trust Community Engagement Officer – Mr Burns introduced the Welland Rivers Trust, an environmental organisation dedicated to improving the River Welland and its tributaries for people and wildlife. He explained that the aims were to deliver a variety of projects to create new wildlife habitats, bring the river to life through educational sessions and reduce the impact of flooding on vulnerable communities. Mr Burns was tasked with approaching each parish council surrounding the Welland to ask whether they would elect a River Warden to sit on a Steering Group. These river wardens would be trained and tasked with routinely monitoring the chemical and biological properties of the river. The Chair requested a one page document from Mr Burns outlining the requirement from residents, meeting timelines and benefits for the village. Once received the Council will consult with residents to gauge interest in the position.

**Finance
2021/13**

a) Payments

04/12/20	PWLB – Loan Repayment	227.51
23/12/20	Postage	15.60
23/12/20	Seagrave – Play area annual inspection	156.00
23/12/20	LRALC- Training	120.00
000043	J Medwell – Clerk Salary and Expenses	517.07
21/01/21	RCC – Street Lighting Electrical Charges	221.13
21/01/21	ICO – Data Protection	40.00

21/01/21	BIFFA – Bin emptying	39.00
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Receipts

Rental Income	244.00
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Fundraising	270.00
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b) Bank Reconciliation

Lloyds Account	6,212.85
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Less Ringfenced

Transparency Code	350.00
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CRAG	281.54
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Total Balance of Reserves **£5,581.31**

The Bank Reconciliation was unanimously approved and then duly signed by the Clerk on behalf of the Chair.

All matters pertaining to finance are displayed on the website on www.caldecott-pc.gov.uk

**Correspondence
2021/14**

County Cllr Brown updated the Council on the current Covid-19 situation in the County. He also advised that the County Council was in the process of consulting on next year's budget which could mean a potential 5% increase in council tax which included an allowance for an increase in adult social care. The Council observed that an increase was necessary under the circumstances but that this should be kept to a minimum.

**Business for Next
Meeting
2021/15**

The next meeting of Caldecott Parish Council will be held on Thursday 18th March 2021 via electronic conferencing.

The meeting closed at 9.17 pm