

Minutes of the Meeting of Caldecott Parish Council held on Thursday 18th March 2021 at 7.30 pm. This was held via electronic conferencing due to the Government requirement for social distancing during this coronavirus pandemic.

Present 2021/16 Cllrs Bennett (Chair), Richmond (Vice chair), MacDermott, McCole and Parker, Mrs J Medwell (Clerk), County Cllr Andrew Brown and Cllr Alan Walters (RCC).

Apologies 2021/17 Cllr White.

Declarations 2021/18 There were no declarations of interest or changes to the member's register of interests.

Open Forum 2021/19 The Chair welcomed Cllr Walters, Chair of Health and Wellbeing Board, RCC.
Cllr Walters introduced himself and his role and gave a brief presentation on the current position on Health and Social care in Rutland. He spoke of excellent relations between health and social care partners and low levels of delayed transfer of care. He welcomed questions or observations from the Council with the aim of getting as much information as possible in terms of gaps in service provision and issues with accessing health provision particularly with reference to being on the border of the County, in order to inform a Health Plan for Rutland.
The Chair thanked Cllr Walters who duly left the meeting at 7.53 pm
Meeting closed to the public.

Minutes 2021/20 The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 21st January 2021 were **approved** as a true record and duly signed by the Clerk on behalf of the Chair.
Proposed Cllr Parker Seconded Cllr Bennett

Matters Arising 2021/21 It was noted to follow up with Mr Burns from the Welland Rivers Trust, information on River Wardens and the requirements for training. **JM**

Highways 2021/22 **RCC Highways proposed solution to reduce the speed of traffic north of Caldecott Village** – The Council referred to a recent site meeting with the RCC Highways Engineer looking at ways to reduce the speed of traffic north of the village with the aim of preventing accidents at the corner, preventing further occurrences of vehicles ploughing into number 11 Main Street and safeguarding pedestrians. The Council also noted its response to the proposals put forward by RCC Highways which it had submitted along with photographic evidence to RCC to be heard at its Transport Meeting on 23rd March. This response detailed the issues that Caldecott face in terms of size, speed and volume of vehicles travelling through and requested that more physical measures such as speed bumps on both sides of the road which are already on the A6003 when entering Uppingham or a speed camera be considered.
It was also noted that an approach had been made to the BBC who may be interested in reporting on the problems that the village faces with traffic. The Council **agreed** to draft a 'press release' identifying key issues prior to this so that the 'case' for traffic calming is presented correctly.
County Cllr Brown left the meeting at this point.

Parish Assets
2021/23

BT Phone Box – The Council praised the various displays by residents in the box and **agreed** to continue with the current position for the time being with parishioners coming up with ideas and taking responsibility for producing the displays. Cllr Parker will put a note on the ‘Next Door app’ reiterating this decision. It was also **agreed** to erect a plaque to thank the community and local businesses who contributed to the refurbishment. Cllr Parker will draft the text for the plaque.

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Children’s Play park
2021/24

Routine Inspection – Cllr MacDermott reported that he had carried out the monthly inspections and requested again that these checks be shared out with colleagues. He will endeavour to send the completed paperwork to the Clerk as soon as possible.

Cllr MacDermott noted the outstanding points from the annual inspection regarding the fencing and informed the Council that he had received a quote for £250 for wooden fencing. It was felt that green metal fencing to match that already there would be preferable, Cllr MacDermott will liaise with contractor to find out how much extra this would be. The Council **agreed** that the safety of residents was paramount and to go-ahead with the fencing on the proviso that the quote for the metal fencing was reasonable.

AD

Cllr MacDermott also identified three trees that had died. He reminded the Council that it was obliged to replace these under the terms of the grant. Cllr MacDemott suggested putting a note on Next Door asking whether any resident would like to donate a tree.

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Eyebrook Reservoir
2021/25

There was nothing further to report on this item at present.

A suggestion was made to have a conversation with Mr Burns from the Welland Rivers Trust with a view on how to progress this and also the possibility of initiating a co-ordinated ‘walk’ or ‘litter pick’ in the area with the Eyebrook stakeholders and local communities.

Cllr Parker raised the possibility of improving access to the Eyebrook and walks from the village. She suggested talking to local landowners with a view to creating some type of permissive footpath to join Caldecott with a footpath that leads from the Uppingham Road to Stoke Dry.

Cllr MacDermott also suggested that old railway line may be cleared and opened up as a route to consider for a village footpath. The Chair will raise this with the landowner.

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Review of Risk
Assessment and
Financial Regulations
2021/26

Review of Risk Assessment and Financial Regulations – The Risk Assessment had been circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting. A sentence was added to ‘minutes’ section stating that these may be recorded by the Clerk to aid minute taking and will be deleted once minutes are approved.

Proposed Cllr Bennett Seconded Cllr McCole

The Financial Regulations had been circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting. There were no changes made to the financial regulations.

Proposed Cllr Bennett Seconded Cllr McCole

Parish
Communications
2021/27

Website – The Council referred to the website upgrade which now included extended village history and parish information and commended Cllr Parker for her work with this. The Council thanked the Village Hall Committee for its contribution towards the upgrade costs.

Nextdoor Account – Cllr Parker had researched the possibility of setting up a Parish Council Nextdoor Account. The Council felt it was a useful tool to raise the profile of the Parish Council and to communicate village information quickly. It **agreed** to set one up and to monitor its effectiveness. **AP**

Planning
2021/28

2021/0070/LBA 1 Main Street Replacement of Guttering

The Council considered the above application and had no objection.

Finance
2021/29

a) Payments

000046	J Medwell – Clerk Salary and Expenses	517.09
18/03/21	A C Brooke Clarke - Mowing	291.00
18/03/21	J S Oakley – Hedge Cutting	96.00
18/03/21	J Medwell – Computer and Zoom	364.39

Receipts

Rental Income	226.50
Village Hall – contribution to Website	50.00

b) Bank Reconciliation

Lloyds Account	5,170.87
Less Ringfenced Crag	281.54

Total Balance of Reserves

£4,889.33

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
2021/30

RCC – A6003 Road Closure
RCC – Information on Covid, Rapid Testing and Vaccination Centres
RCC – Weekly Round-up

Business for Next Meeting
2021/31

The next meeting of Caldecott Parish Council will be the Annual Meeting held on Thursday 6th May 2021 via electronic conferencing.

The meeting closed at 9.28 pm