

## Minutes of the Meeting of Caldecott Parish Council held on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

- Present 2021/49** Cllrs Bennett (Chair), Richmond (Vice Chair), Kendrick and Parker, Mrs Medwell (Clerk) and County Cllr Andrew Brown.
- Apologies approved 2021/50** Cllrs MacDermott and McCole.
- Declarations 2021/51** There were no declarations of interest or changes to the member's register of interests.
- Open Forum 2021/52** There were no members of the public present.  
Meeting closed to the public.
- Minutes 2021/53** The minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021 were **approved** as a true record and duly signed by the Clerk on behalf of the Chair.  
Proposed Cllr Richmond      Seconded Cllr Parker
- Matters Arising 2021/54** The Council thanked Cllr Parker for putting up in the telephone box the plaque thanking the local community and businesses for their kind donations to the renovation of the box
- The Council **agreed** to add the phone box at a value of £800 to the asset register and insurance schedule. The clerk will circulate an amended asset register. **JM**
- The Council referred to the locked gate on the main road which obstructed access to the footpath leading down to Mill Lane. It was agreed that as that the local authority had a responsibility to provide access to a footpath, the Council would contact Rutland County Council to request that a stile is provided. **JM**
- Regarding the grazing of cows and calves on public footpaths, the Council reiterated that farmers take reasonable steps to protect the public walking along the footpaths. Cllr MacDermott is still to draft a letter to the landowners with NFU information to highlight the safety and liability situation of having cattle near to footpaths. .
- It was also noted that the same footpath was very overgrown by the kissing gate – The Chair undertook to report via Fix My Street. **MB**
- Finance 2021/55** **a) Payments**
- The following payments were presented for signature and unanimously agreed. Those payments not paid by cheque were made by bank transfer:
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| 000047 | Clerk May Salary and Expenses                    | 255.81 |
|        | NEST – Clerk April Employer and Employee Pension | 17.92  |
|        | PWLB – Loan Repayment                            | 227.51 |
|        | NEST - Clerk May Employer and Employee Pension   | 17.92  |
|        | ABC Gardens – Balance of Mowing                  | 601.80 |
|        | BIFFA – Dog Bin Emptying                         | 39.00  |
|        | J Medwell – Clerk June Salary and Expenses       | 255.81 |
|        | I Arnott – Internal Auditor                      | 75.00  |
|        | Zurich – Insurance                               | 519.92 |
|        | NEST – Clerk June Employer and Employee Pension  | 17.92  |

000050	JBB Ground Maintenance – Fencing	250.00
000051	Clerk July Salary and Expenses	255.81

**b) Bank Reconciliation**

Lloyds Account	8,606.75
Less Ringfenced CRAG	281.54

Total Balance of Reserves £8,325.21

The Bank Reconciliation was unanimously approved and then duly signed by the Chair.

The Council noted a successful internal audit with no issues raised.

All matters pertaining to finance are displayed on the website on [www.caldecott-pc.gov.uk](http://www.caldecott-pc.gov.uk)

**Highways  
2021/56**

Cllr Richmond advised that use of the community speed monitoring equipment in the County had commenced again and that he hoped it to be the turn of Caldecott shortly.

It was noted that the police speed camera had been present in the village on several occasions.

**Children’s  
Playpark  
2021/57**

The Clerk will follow up the monthly routine inspection from Cllr McDermott. **JM**

The Council noted that Cllr McDermott had requested support from his colleagues in doing these monthly checks and will rota in a Councillor to assist with this at the next meeting.

Regarding the Pinfold Wall, it was noted that Cllr McDermott had agreed to ask Mr Graveson for his opinion on whether it was safe. Cllr MacDermott hadn’t had the opportunity to do so yet but was monitoring and replacing the stones when necessary. Cllr Richmond volunteered to work with Cllr MacDermott to seek out the best way to address the repair and any necessary fundraising including the possibility of a small grant from the Lottery Fund.

**Specific Items  
2021/58**

**Queens’ Platinum Jubilee 2022** - The Chair referred to a request of support from the Village Hall Committee for a street party to commemorate the Queens Diamond Jubilee next year. The Council would be in favour of this but decided against purchasing a beacon. The Council considered marking the occasion with tree planting or erecting a village sign. Cllr Parker will research options and prices for the signs. **AP**

**Rutland Flag** – The Chair advised that some residents would still like to have a Rutland Flag flying on occasions despite some resistance to this. The Council agreed the best way forward would be for an informal survey to gauge support from the wider village, to be carried out by the residents driving this and independently verified.

**5 The Green Garden Wall** – The Council noted the deterioration of the property boundary wall which was causing an obstruction onto the pavement on Mill Lane. The Council felt this to be a health and safety issue and agreed to contact the property owner requesting that remedial works are done immediately to

prevent this becoming more of a hazard.

JM

**Overgrown Hedging, Caldecott Sign** – The Council noted that the village sign on the Rockingham entrance to the village was being obstructed by overgrown vegetation. The Council **agreed** to contact the landowner to request that he cut back his hedge.

JM

**Climate Emergency** – The Council referred to correspondence from RCC regarding feedback on community initiatives to tackle climate emergency and seeking a representative as a point of contact. The Council suggested finding out what other rural Councils are doing before advertising for a volunteer.

**Community Flower Show** – Cllr Parker suggested the possibility of organising a community flower as an idea to brighten up areas of the village. Other suggestions were raised such as a hanging basket competition, bulb planting or to tie in a sponsored flower bed with a village sign. It was **agreed** to revisit again at the September meeting to plan for next year.

**Village Footpaths** – This was covered in item 2021/54.

**Planning  
2021/59**

**Re application 2021/0672/FUL Fairchild Lodge Demolition of barn and erection of 3 two storey dwellings**

The Council had previously considered this application and whilst it supported the initial application, which was approved on appeal to convert the barn into 3 holiday letting units, it has reservations on this new application to demolish the barn in order to build 3 two storey dwellings. These reservations are on the basis that these dwellings have a more residential feel and the Council is concerned that this might set a precedent for further residential development outside the village boundary.

**Correspondence  
2021/60**

The Chair referred to emailed correspondence, circulated by the clerk and annotated with 'Action Required', particularly with reference to planning applications received between meetings. She reminded Councillors that these needed immediate attention and responses from the Council and asked for support with improving replies to this more urgent correspondence going forward.

County Cllr Brown drew the Council's attention to an online Mental Health Survey and will circulate the link. He also asked whether the Council would consider using the Community Payback Scheme for maintenance work around the village.

County Cllr Brown read out a letter of thanks from the High Sheriff following his recent visit to Caldecott.

**Next Meeting  
2021/61**

The next meeting of Caldecott Parish Council will be held on Thursday 16th September in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm