

**Minutes of the Meeting of Caldecott Parish Council held on Thursday 11th November 2021
at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.**

- Present
2021/75** Cllrs Bennett (Chair), Richmond, MacDermott, McCole, Kendrick and Parker, Mrs Medwell (Clerk), County Cllr Andrew Brown and three members of the public.
- Apologies
approved
2021/76** None received.
The Council noted the resignation of Cllr White. RCC Electoral Services have been informed and the vacancy will be advertised in due course. Any interested parties to contact the Clerk.
The Chair thanked Ms White for her support during her time on the Council
- Declarations
2021/77** There were no declarations of interest or changes to the member's register of interests.
- Open Forum
2021/78** The Chair was pleased to welcome the visitors.
An observation was made on the amount of tyres delivered to Mill Garage.
Meeting closed to the public.
- Minutes
2021/79** The minutes of the meeting held on 16th September 2021 were **approved** as a true record and duly signed by the Clerk on behalf of the Chair.
Proposed Cllr Parker Seconded Cllr MacDermott
- Matters Arising
2021/80** There were no matters arising.
- Highways
2021/81** **Update on Proposed Zebra Crossings** – The Council was very disappointed to note that despite requests for an update on the proposed zebra crossings on the A6003 from Rutland County Council Highways department, no response had been received. County Cllr Brown will pass on the Council's frustrations and arrange for the new Portfolio Holder for Highways along with the relevant Highways engineers to come out to Caldecott to meet with councillors at a village walkabout to look at the various issues in the village.
Village Footpaths – The Council agreed to pursue with Highways the possibility of extending the village footpath to Rockingham during the above Village walkabout in the first instance before pursuing with Leicestershire County Council.
HGV Weight Limits – The Council discussed the increasing weights and lengths of Heavy Goods Vehicles and the unsuitability of the road through the village to accommodate these. Issues such as environmental damage to infrastructure and buildings, including the bridge and risks to vulnerable road users were raised. The Council discussed working in conjunction with Uppingham Town Council and Rockingham Parish Council to pursue the possibility of putting in a weight restriction on the A6003 and agreed to raise this with the Portfolio Holder and Highways Engineers at the Village Walkabout.
County Cllr Brown advised that the Portfolio Holder was willing to engage with the Council and that he would send through to him more details of the issues raised at this meeting ahead of the Walkabout.

**Phone box
2021/82**

A request on behalf of Residents for a funding contingency for an artificial Christmas tree was declined as it was not planned for in the budget. Cllr Parker will seek to support resident led decoration by advertising for a tree donation, if so required.

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**Children's Play
Park
2021/83**

Routine Inspection – Cllr MacDermott had carried out the monthly check and had nothing to report. He advised that he would organise the Annual Inspection with Seagrave Inspections, due shortly and will complete the FCC progress report on funding.

AM

Pinfold Wall, Revised Quote – Cllr MacDermott reported that he had obtained a revised quote of £1,300 for the repairs to the wall. It was suggested that fundraising for this could be done in conjunction with the Queen's Jubilee Celebration next year, thus encouraging community engagement and to put a plaque on the wall commemorating the event. The Council **agreed** to allocate the £670 received from CIL towards the repairs to the wall. Cllr MacDermott will contact the contractor for his availability to start the works in the spring.

AM

Tree Planting – The Council was pleased to note that £340 had been raised so far toward the replacement trees in the play park, with more to come. It was expected that the full amount of £400 for these trees will be met through fund raising.

**Specific Items
2021/84**

Queens' Platinum Jubilee 2022 – There was nothing further to report on the celebrations other a proposed street party to commemorate the Queens Diamond Jubilee next year. Cllr Parker said that the daffodil bulbs had been planted around the village and expressed the Council's thanks for the donated bag of bulbs.

Rutland Flag – An informal survey to gauge support from the wider village to fly a Rutland Flag on occasions had been carried out by residents and independently verified by the Clerk. This showed that of the 70 surveys distributed, 36 in favour and 3 against. The Council therefore **agreed** that the flying of the Rutland Flag can be alternated on occasions with the Union Jack, to be co-ordinated by the residents and at no cost to the Council

Proposed Cllr Richmond Seconded Cllr Kendrick All in favour

2022/23 Budget and Precept - The draft budget was presented to the Council for consideration. After much discussion the Council **agreed** to increase the allocation for village maintenance to £400 and to include an extra £240 for village improvements. Notice had been given to the tenants of the allotments and garages last year to raise the rents of both to £30 per annum from January 2022.

The Parish Council **resolved to agree** the budget for 2022/23

Proposed by Cllr McCole Seconded by Cllr Richmond

Three Councillors in favour Two abstained One against.

This was then signed by the Chair.

The Parish Council duly then **resolved** to set the level of precept at £6,237.00 for the financial year 2022/23. This equates to a 10% increase on last year.

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Three Councillors in favour Two abstained One against.

The Clerk will submit the Precept Demand of £6,237.00 to RCC.

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The Council observed that the budget setting process was an important issue, especially if it wanted to budget for larger capital improvements and will start to address the process earlier in the year in future.

**Planning
2021/85**

There were no applications to discuss.

**Finance
2021/86**

The following payments were presented for signature and unanimously agreed. Those payments not paid by cheque were made by bank transfer:

J Medwell - Clerk October Salary and Expenses - £285.72
NEST – Clerk October Employer and Employee Pension - £17.92
J Medwell - Clerk November Salary and Expenses - £285.72
NEST – Clerk November Employer and Employee Pension - £17.92
BIFFA – Dog Waste Emptying - £39.00
A Parker – Bulbs - £44.97

b) Bank Reconciliation

Lloyds Account	£6,838.73
Less Ringfenced CRAG	£281.54
Total Balance of Reserves	£6,557.19

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
2021/87**

County Cllr Brown had circulated a 'Future Rutland Draft Vision Launch and Toolkit' for distribution to residents. A link to this will be put in the newsletter.

He also raised an invitation from the High Sheriff to a Christmas lunch on 22nd December for all those on their own over Christmas. Details of how to register for this will also be advertised in the newsletter.

The Chair informed the Council that the flagstones which had been knocked over on the Green had been reported to RCC

Cllr Richmond advised that he been tasked to source a second hand filing cabinet for the Village Hall Committee and asked the Council to consider whether it wanted one too.

**Next Meeting
2021/88**

The next meeting of Caldecott Parish Council will be held on Thursday 20th January 2022 in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.35 pm