

Minutes of the Meeting of Caldecott Parish Council held on Thursday 20th January 2022 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

Present 2022/01	Cllrs Bennett (Chair), McCole, and Parker, Mrs Medwell (Clerk) and County Cllr Andrew Brown.
Apologies approved 2022/02	Cllrs Richmond, MacDermott and Kendrick
Declarations 2022/03	Cllr McCole declared an interest in Item 2022/09 Tree Planting. There were no changes to the Member's Register of Interests.
Open Forum 2022/04	<p>There were no visitors present.</p> <p>The Chair referred to a query from a resident regarding the keys for the bollards on Church Lane. The Chair will liaise with Cllr Richmond to organise the siting of a key safe on the village hall with all parish councillors in possession of the combination number. MB</p> <p>Cllr Parker stated that she had been approached by a resident regarding the noise and vibrations arising from the new traffic calming surface at the north entrance to the village. It was suggested that the resident either contact Rutland County Council copying in the Parish Council on all correspondence or to contact County Cllr Brown.</p> <p>Meeting closed to the public.</p>
Minutes 2022/05	<p>The minutes of the meeting held on 11th November 2021 were approved as a true record and duly signed by the Chair.</p> <p>Proposed Cllr McCole Seconded Cllr Parker</p>
Matters Arising 2022/06	There were no matters arising.
Highways 2022/07	<p>Update on Proposed Zebra Crossings – There was nothing to report on this item at present. The Council again expressed its frustration that no update had been provided from the County Council despite numerous requests. County Cllr Brown will pursue this with RCC as a matter of concern and the matter will be raised at the site visit with Councillors and the Highways Portfolio Holder later this month.</p> <p>Village Footpaths – There was nothing to report on this item at present. This will also be raised at the site visit with the Highways Portfolio Holder later this month.</p> <p>HGV Weight Limits – The Council noted the response from RCC regarding the possibility of pursuing a weight limit on the A6003 through Caldecott. Given this road is classified as a strategic route, unless there was a structural issue with any bridge, no weight limits would be imposed on the A6003 as both the diversion length and rat running effects to other communities</p>

would be detrimental and not acceptable.

Overgrown Vegetation 5 Main Street – The Council referred to a complaint from a local resident regarding the overgrown hedge at 5 Main Street which was obstructing the footpath. It was **agreed** to write to the owner of the property requesting that this is cut back if it has not been done so already.

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Bypass Website – It was noted that the free hosting for the Bypass Website, set up for a specific purpose during the RCC transport plan phase, had not had any visitors for the last 6 months and was coming to an end. The Council **agreed** that now there is a functional Parish Council website in place which summarises the main bypass points, there is no need to continue with the site.

**Parish Council
Vacancy
2022/08**

No residents had come forward to fill the Casual Vacancy. The position will continue to be advertised.

**Children's Play
Park
2022/09**

Routine Inspection – Cllr McDermott had provided a report for the Council. Dog fouling had been highlighted as a current issue both in the park and other areas of the village. The Council considered options in terms installing a further dog poo bin and more signage, monitoring with CCTV or banning dogs from the area. After much discussion the Council **agreed** to put up additional signage encouraging dog owners to clear up after their dogs and for anyone witnessing this not happening to report to the Council. Failure to do this may result in the park being a dog free zone. Cllr Parker will draft an appropriate sign.

AP

Hedge Cutting – the contractor has been contacted but no response has been received as yet.

Zip line - Highlighted issues with mechanism. Cllr MacDermott will contact the suppliers to see if this can be resolved.

AM

Pinfold Wall, Revised Quote – The Council was pleased to note that fund raising was well under way towards the repairs to the Pinfold Wall. The Council commended Cllr McCole for her efforts with this. The Council **agreed** to book the contractor to start mid-April.

Tree Planting – The Council **agreed** the quote of £295 received from Jo's Garden Care to plant two of the three replacement trees required to fulfil the terms of the FCC grant. Jo's Garden Care will kindly donate and plant the third. The works will be undertaken in February when ground conditions allow. It was noted that ABC had also been asked to quote for the work, but no response had been received. The Council considered the purchase 10 slow-release watering bags and 10 padlocks to secure them at a total of £183.81 and will approve at the next meeting once the final fund raising amounts are known.

The Council expressed its appreciation to Jo's Garden Care for donating the third tree.

**Specific Items
2022/10** **Queens’ Platinum Jubilee 2022** – There was nothing further to report on this item until after the Village Hall meeting.

**Planning
2022/11** There were no applications to discuss.

**Finance
2022/12** The following payments were presented for signature and unanimously agreed. Those payments not paid by cheque were made by bank transfer:

- J Medwell - Clerk December Salary and Expenses - £255.81
- NEST – Clerk December Employer and Employee Pension - £17.92
- J Medwell - Clerk January Salary and Expenses - £255.81
- NEST – Clerk January Employer and Employee Pension - £17.92
- Public Works Loan – Loan Repayment - £227.51
- Seagrave – Annual Inspection of Play Park - £156.00
- Post Office – Stamps - £15.84
- Information Commissioners Office – Data Protection - £40.00

b) Bank Reconciliation

Lloyds Account	£7,304.43
Less Ringfenced Crag	£281.54
Total Balance of Reserves	£7,022.89

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

The Council **agreed** to use the remainder of the ring-fenced CRAG monies for the replacement of the defibrillator pads and battery.

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

**Correspondence
2021/87** County Cllr Brown updated the Council on the 2022/23 RCC budgets and expenditure.

Following correspondence from a local resident Cllr Brown will seek some clarity on the County Council’s stance on electric vehicles and charge points.

**Next Meeting
2021/88** The next meeting of Caldecott Parish Council will be held on Thursday 17th March 2022 in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm