

**Minutes of the Meeting of Caldecott Parish Council held on Thursday 21st July 2022
at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.**

**Present
2022/55** Cllr MacDermott (Chair), Bennett, McCole and Parker, Mrs Medwell (Clerk), and 3 members of the public.

**Apologies
approved
2022/56** Cllr Kendrick
County Cllr Andrew Brown

**Declarations
2022/57** There were no Declarations of Interests.
There were no changes to the Member's Register of Interests.

**Open Forum
2022/58** A discussion took place on the issue of heavy HGV traffic through the village in terms of emissions and structural damage to the old properties adjacent to the road and the possibility of diverting these from the village to the A43 was raised. The Chair reiterated that this was an important matter and asked Councillors to consider actions the Council might take bearing in mind the history behind previous discussions and to bring these back for consideration at the next meeting.

Blocked drains outside 7 Uppingham Road and weeds along Church Lane and around The Green were brought to the Council's attention. The Clerk will report to Rutland County Council. The Chair urged residents to report any maintenance and Highways matters via Fix My Street

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Meeting closed to the public.

**Minutes
2022/59** The minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 12th May 2022 were approved as a true record of the meeting and duly signed by the Chair

Proposed Cllr Bennett Seconded Cllr MacDermott

**Matters
Arising
2022/60** It was noted that the allotment fence will shortly be repaired.

**Council
Vacancies
2022/61** The Council was pleased to note that a resident new to the village had shown an interest in becoming a councillor and will be in a position to be co-opted at the next meeting in September. The remaining vacant position will continue to be advertised on the various social media platforms.

**Highways
2022/51** **Footpath** – It was noted that Great Easton Parish Council had agreed to support the Council's proposal to pursue a footpath along the B6003 towards Rockingham, on land that falls under Leicestershire jurisdiction, and will raise with Harborough District Council in the first instance.

RCC Response to Village Walkabout – In the absence of County Cllr Brown there was nothing to report on this item. County Cllr Brown to be asked to pursue with the new Portfolio Holder for Highways to provide a formal response on his findings during the recent village walkabout.

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	<p>Cattle on Footpaths – The Chair advised that contact had been made with the owners of the livestock grazing on the land on the Lyddington Road, bringing to their attention the issues raised and reminding them of their duty of care when grazing cattle on land with public access. A positive response had been received and the cattle have since been removed.</p> <p>It was also noted at this point the overgrown vegetation around the kissing gate on the footpath at the end of Mill Lane. The Clerk will contact the agent responsible for the land requesting that this is cut back.</p>	JM
	<p>Additional Speed Monitoring Sign – The Chair referred to an inquiry from a local resident on the possibility of installing a second speed sign in the village. The Council discussed this at length and agreed to draw up a list of possible speed deterrent options to be considered at the next meeting.</p>	All Cllrs
Children's Play Park 2022/52	<p>Routine Inspection – It was noted that recent problems with the emptying of the dog bins had been resolved. It was agreed to book the next annual inspection with Seagrave, requesting the possibility of a 5-year fixed price deal.</p>	
Specific Items 2022/53	<p>Damage to Parish Assets – The Council noted two recent incident of damage to parish property by delivery lorries. Regarding the damage to the bench and bin on the Green, the insurance company has been contacted and discussions underway to replace the bench. The Chair will contact the contractor responsible for works at the play park for a quote to replace these as well as the posts on The Green which were damaged during a separate incident. The Clerk will contact the company responsible for the second incident to proceed with an insurance claim. The damaged waterbags at the playpark have been replaced, the cost will be met by the grass cutting contractor responsible.</p> <p>Responsibility for Defibrillator Monthly Checks – Cllr McCole asked the Council to consider someone to replace her in carrying out the monthly checks of the defibrillator. She also raised whether any residents would consider taking responsibility for watering the new commemorative apple tree on The Green. Cllr Parker undertook to advertise this on the various media platforms.</p> <p>Village Volunteers – The Chair asked Councillors to consider how the Council might identify and support a network of volunteers to assist in any maintenance work arising around the village. It was suggested that a community led WhatsApp Group and leaflet drop may be the best way to promote this and to engage with residents.</p> <p>Biodiversity Crisis – The Chair raised whether residents might be interested in being part of a group looking at climate emergency and environmental issues and to investigate any relevant grants. This Council agreed to consider this with the 'Village Volunteer' initiative and will bring back to the next meeting.</p>	AM JM
Planning 2022/54	<p>2022/0646/FUL Land adjacent to Fairchild Lodge 2 New Dwellings (For information) The Council had previously considered this application and had no objection</p> <p>2022/0696/FUL 5 Welland Close Single Storey Extension (For information) The Council had previously considered this application and had no objection</p>	AP

**Finance
2022/55**

The following payments were presented for approval and unanimously agreed.

J Medwell - Clerk June Salary and Expenses - £263.44
NEST – Clerk June Employer and Employee Pension - £18.48
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NEST – Clerk July Employer and Employee Pension - £18.48
BIFFA – Bin emptying - £39.00
PWLb – Loan Repayment - £227.51
Amazon – Tree Watering Bags - £139.99
TSO Host – Domain Renewal – 124.94
CHT – Defib Battery - £240.00
Amazon – Replacement Water Bags - £128.99
Amazon – Padlocks - £49.95

b) Bank Reconciliation

Lloyds Account	£8,342.94
Total Balance of Reserves	£8,342.94

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

The Council **agreed** to update the bank mandate to add Cllrs MacDermott and McCole as authorised signatories. Clerk to action.

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Proposed Cllr Bennett Seconded Cllr Parker

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

**Correspondence
2022/56**

There was no further correspondence discussed.

**Next Meeting
2022/57**

The next meeting of Caldecott Parish Council will be held on Thursday 15th September 2022 in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.07 pm