

**Minutes of the Caldecott Annual Parish Meeting held on 30th May 2023 at 7.30 p.m. in
Caldecott Village Hall**

Present 2023/01 Cllrs MacDermott (Chair), Bennett, Hook, Kendrick and Parker, Mrs J Medwell (Clerk), County Cllr Brown and one member of the public.

Welcome 2023/02 The Chair welcomed the Parishioners.

Chair's Report 2023/03 The Chair gave the following report:

Another year has passed and my first as Chair. I am pleased to recall just a few of the many highlights for the last 12 months.

Following the destruction of the bench on the village green by the runaway Tesco van and much back and forth with their insurer, a new bench was installed over winter and more recently, kind volunteers positioned a sleeper behind this to retain the earth and Cllr Hook reattached the plaque. A smart normality is returned.

After much waiting and great anticipation, Caldecott is officially on the Community Speed Watch programme. A great thank you for to Cllr McCole for spearheading this initiative and to all those brave volunteers who will be attending the training on 1st June 2023.

Several notices of high-quality design and manufacture have been erected around the village in relation to the droppable bollards, play park donations and dog fouling in the Church Yard. Whilst these are small the overall effect is one of considered attention to detail. Many thanks to Cllr Parker.

As a village we have celebrated both the Queen's Jubilee and our new King's coronation after the past 12 months. Thank you to all those involved in co-ordinating these celebrations, particularly the Village Hall Committee. I extend the Parish Council's gratitude to the outgoing Chair of the Village Hall Committee, Andrew Davidson for 12 years of serve and wish the incoming Chair Hazel Pitt, the best of luck for an equally long and successful tenure.

Checks of the play park, defibrillator and other Parish assets have continued. Thank you to all who keep an eye over these and report back so diligently.

I am very pleased to have had the pleasure of welcoming two new councillors this year. Susan Wood joined the PC in October 2022 and Bob Hook joined in January 2023. Thank you to all councillors who have given their time to the cause over this year for without you there would be no Parish Council. I will take this opportunity to remind and ask other villagers to consider serving the community in this way in the future.

In similar vein, we congratulate Andrew Brown upon his election as our County Councillor for another term. Thank you very much for your regular attendance at our meetings and great voluntary work within the village whether it be shifting sleepers and undertaking bits of fencing in the play park to badgering fellow County Councillors on our behalf. We are all very grateful.

Thank you to Justina our Clerk for her ongoing astute administration of our meetings and tolerance of us all, particularly of the Chair.

Lastly, thank you to members of the Parish who attend the meetings, engage through the public forum and hold us as Councillors to account.

Financial Report 2023/04 The Clerk presented the 2022/23 Financial Statement:

	2021/22	2022/23
<u>INCOME</u>		
Precept	£ 5,670.00	£ 6,237.00
Donations / Grants	50.00	1,200.00
VAT Refund	461.53	441.83
Rental Income	577.00	580.00
Fund Raising	825.00	530.00
CIL Monies	669.23	-
TOTAL	8,252.76	8,988.83
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
Clerk's Salary and Pension	3,148.08	3,262.48
Administration	517.75	430.25
RCC Streetlight Costs	210.68	420.21
LRACC Membership / Training	160.00	172.99
Internal Audit	75.00	75.00
Insurance	519.92	528.14
Village Maintenance	52.45	2,791.77
ICO	40.00	40.00
Dog Bin Emptying	162.50	97.50
Grass Cutting	1,209.00	653.01
Defib / Phonebox	-	296.00
Play Park	1,475.82	930.77

VAT	441.83	382.08
TOTAL	8,013.03	10,080.20
<u>Balances</u>	<u>1st April 2021</u>	<u>1st April 2022</u>
Lloyds	5,252.37	5,492.10
	-	
	5,252.37	5,492.10
Plus Income	8,252.76	8,988.83
	13,505.13	14,480.93
Minus Expenditure	8,013.03	10,080.20
TOTAL RESERVES 31st March	5,492.10	4,400.73

Local
Issues of
Concern
2023/05

There were none raised.

The meeting closed at 7.40 pm