

**Minutes of the Meeting of Caldecott Parish Council held on Thursday 13th July 2023
at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.**

Present 2023/44	Cllr MacDermott (Chair), Bennett, McCole and Parker, Mrs Medwell (Clerk), and 2 members of the public.
Apologies 2023/45	Cllrs Kendrick and Hook – approved. County Cllr Andrew Brown
Declarations 2023/46	Cllr Bennett declared an interest in item 2023/50(a). There were no changes to the Member’s Register of Interests
Co-option of New Councillor 2023/47	There were no candidates put forward for co-option at this time. The Casual Vacancy will continue to be advertised.
Open Forum and Exchange of Information 2023/48	There was nothing raised under this item.
Minutes 2023/49	The minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 30 th May 2023 were approved as a true record of the meeting and duly signed by the Chair. Proposed Cllr Bennett Seconded Cllr Parker
Matters Arising 2023/50	There were no matters arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda.
Highways and Rights of Way 2023/51	Cllr McCole reported on a successful Community Speed Watch Programme which took place between 12 th to 25 th June. Seventy-Four warning letters were sent out by the police to those caught speeding. On behalf of the Council, the Chair expressed thanks to all the volunteers that took part and to Cllr McCole for co-ordinating this. The Clerk was actioned to write to the organiser at RCC to say thank you and to request that the village is considered for the programme again. The Council noted the response from RCC Highways to a previously submitted concern regarding speeding through the village of Caldecott (reference ITCP-2022-31 Caldecott). The response from RCC stated that the concern was categorised ‘no works required’, as the speed survey carried out previously by RCC demonstrated vehicles are complying with the stated speed limit. The Council noted an upcoming visit to the village from MP Alicia Kearns. Cllr Bennett will attend the walkabout on behalf of the Council and will raise cross border dialogue regarding the proposed new West Corby development and the need for a bypass.
Children’s Play Park 2023/52	Routine Inspection – The Chair advised that a resident had offered to pay for the repairs to the zipwire and that he was awaiting final confirmation of exactly what was required from the manufacture before this kind offer was confirmed.
Specific Items 2023/53	a) Sale of Garden Plot – It was noted that paperwork relating to the garden plot including the title deed and the lease had been recovered from the archives and circulated to members of the Council. It was also noted that disposal of land assets by a parish council

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required written consent from the Secretary of State. The Council agreed that the next steps would be for councillors to meet to look at the site and to seek guidance on the process from LRALC. The Council also noted that the leases on the garages needed updating and will look at this as part of the same process.

b) Safety Review of Parish Assets – The recent review of assets identified that the flagpole was not fully operational. The Council agreed to seek quotes to either repair or replace the flagpole. It was noted that the defibrillator is registered on ‘The Circuit’, the national defibrillator network database.

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c) Changes to RCC Mowing Contract – The Council considered Rutland County Council’s Grounds Maintenance contract regarding proposed changes as well as opportunities for Parish Councils. The proposed change is from the current 10 cuts per growing season to 6 cuts. Alternatively, the Council could opt to take on the grass cutting with RCC paying a contribution towards this. The Council agreed to continue with RCC but will monitor over the next cutting season and review if necessary.

d) Allotments – It was noted that all allotments had now been taken. The Chair had visited the site and spoken with the allotment holders, with feedback being that the site was not managed properly and had been allowed to get overgrown resulting in poorer access. The Council discussed the benefits of forming a committee and will write to tenants encouraging this with a lead allotment holder to report issues and also to look at taking a membership with the National Allotment Society. The Council agreed to ask ABC Gardens for a quote to mark out the individual plots with a concrete marker and to mow the communal areas bi-annually. The Council also agreed to update the tenancy agreements.

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**Planning
2023/54**

2022/1290/FUL Conversion of Outbuilding Uppingham Road

The Council noted the above appeal and had no further comment to make.

**Finance
2023/55**

a) Payments

There were no payments presented to the Council.

b) Bank Reconciliation

Lloyds Account £10,057.82

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
2023/56**

Amendments required to the Members’ Register of Interests – All Councillors to complete.

All Cllrs

**Next Meeting
2023/57**

The next meeting of Caldecott Parish Council will be held on Thursday 14th September 2023 in the Village Hall.

Cllr MacDermott offered his apologies at this point.

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm.