

Minutes of the Meeting of Caldecott Parish Council held on Thursday 14th September 2023 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

Present 2023/58 Cllrs McCole (Acting Chair), Bennett, Hook and Parker, Mrs Medwell (Clerk), County Cllr Andrew Brown and 2 members of the public.

Apologies 2023/59 Cllrs MacDermott and Kendrick – approved.

Declarations 2023/60 Cllr Bennett declared an interest in item 2023/67 (a).
There were no changes to the Member's Register of Interests

Co-option of New Councillor 2023/61 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 2023/62 Cllr Bennett advised of a report from a resident regarding a metal pole protruding out of footpath on Main Street. This had been reported to RCC and a cone has been placed over it whilst it is awaiting repair. Cllr Brown will follow this up.

Cllr Bennett also advised that the public footpath from Mill Lane to Burgess Row is very overgrown and impassable. This has been reported to RCC but as yet nothing has been done. County Cllr Brown will follow up too.

Cllr Parker informed the Council that she had offered to replace the signs around the churchyard and asked the Council to consider whether there any more signs needed doing at the same time.

Minutes 2023/63 The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13th July 2023 were approved as a true record of the meeting and duly signed by the Chair.

Proposed Cllr Bennett Seconded Cllr Parker

Matters Arising 2023/64 There were no matters arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

Highways and Rights of Way 2023/65 Following correspondence from a local resident on the possibility of preserving the old brick bridge on the A6003 at the southern entrance to the village, a discussion took place on whether this bridge could be listed and whether there was any advantage of doing this. The Council **agreed** that as this was a complicated process it was not in a position to progress this at the current time.

Cllr Bennett reported from the recent visit she had attended with MP Alicia Kearns to look at the various Highways related issues in the village. A number of points of action were taken away by Ms Kearns including writing to the HGV companies travelling regularly through the village and to request that the width of road be measured/investigated as currently the width of the road at Caldecott negates that A6003 from being an A road. Cllr Bennett advised that she had recently requested feedback but as yet none had been forthcoming. Cllr Brown will chase too.

It was **agreed** to write to Uppingham Town Council, seeking support and to advise of the visit from MP Alicia Kearns and that if any of the actions were progressed, this may be of benefit to Uppingham in terms of volume of HGVs.

Children’s Play Park 2023/66	Routine Inspection – It was noted that the repairs to the zip wire had been funded through a very kind donation by a local resident. The Council expressed its sincere thanks to the resident for enabling this repair.	
Specific Items 2023/67	<p>a) Sale of Garden Plot – It was noted that Councillors will be meeting shortly to look at the site and again to discuss the next steps. The archived paperwork will be circulated to all Councillors. Guidance on the process of land disposal had been provided by LRALC.</p> <p>b) Safety Review of Parish Assets – Cllr Hook advised that all appeared to be in order but that he would do a thorough review in the near future and will circulate the report. It was noted again that to repair the flagpole would be cost prohibitive, therefore the Council will look at options to purchase a new one at the next meeting. Cllr Hook will liaise with the Village Hall Committee regarding the re-siting of the noticeboard.</p> <p>c) Changes to RCC Mowing Contract – Cllr Bennett had met with a contractor and a quote had been provided to mow both the playing field and the RCC owned land. It was agreed to obtain alternative quotes for the parish mowing and to consider these along with the grant and service provided by RCC when setting next year’s budget at the next meeting.</p> <p>d) Allotments – Cllr Parker had circulated a draft letter to allotment holders explaining the benefits of joining the National Allotment Society. The Council agreed to send both this and an updated tenancy agreement with the rent bills at the end of the year. Cllr Parker will draft a new tenancy agreement for review at the next meeting. It was noted that Cllr MacDermott had met with ABC Gardens to look at marking out the individual plots with a concrete marker and to mow the communal areas bi-annually. The Clerk will forward a map of the allotments to ABC Gardens.</p>	<p>BH</p> <p>JM</p> <p>AP</p> <p>JM</p>
Planning 2023/68	2023/0786/FUL 3 Uppingham Road Replacement Utility and Side Extension The Council had considered this application and had no objection. It noted that this had now been approved by RCC.	
Finance 2023/69	<p>a) Payments Curtis Website Design – Website Maintenance - £195.00 RCC – Election Costs - £155.19 NGF Play – Zip Wire Repairs - £794.24</p> <p>b) Bank Reconciliation Lloyds Account £9,084.64</p> <p>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</p>	
Correspondence 2023/70	<p>Alicia Kearns MP – Information on a petition to install average speed cameras along the B604 www.aliciakearns.com/campaigns/petition-install-average-speed-cameras-along-b604</p> <p>County Cllr Brown drew the Council’s attention to his Civic Farm Event on 22nd September walk to which all Councillors were invited.</p>	
Next Meeting 2023/71	The next meeting of Caldecott Parish Council will be held on Thursday 9 th November 2023 in the Village Hall.	

The meeting closed at 8.44 pm.