

**Minutes of the Caldecott Annual Parish Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 7.30 p.m. in Caldecott Village Hall**

Present 2024/01 Cllrs MacDermott (Chair), Bennett, Hook, Kendrick and Parker, Mrs J Medwell (Clerk), County Cllr Brown and one member of the public.

Welcome 2024/02 The Chair welcomed the Parishioners.

Chair's Report 2024/03 The Chair presented his annual report:

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

A group of residents generously supported the Parish's participation in the Community Speed Watch which took place at the beginning of the last 12-month period in June 2023. This successful fortnight of action identified a significant number of speeding vehicles and helped raise awareness of this issue within our village. Thank you to all those volunteers who supported this initiative which we hope will be repeated.

Thanks to the joint efforts of past Councillors Wood and Bennett, we have benefitted this year from the attention of our local Member of Parliament on highways issues in the village with a visit to us in the autumn of 2023. A study by an independent expert to review all highways work to date was subsequently committed to by Rutland County Council at the MP's request to be delivered within a timeline of 6 months. Unfortunately, RCC have failed to deliver on this time commitment and back away from a Caldecott specific review as they now look to include any consideration of Caldecott issues within the wider refresh of the Local Transport Plan. We are hopeful this will still review A6003 in detail and we will pursue this in an effort to ensure residents are not unreasonably impacted by the increasing traffic that travels through the heart of our community.

The Parish Council has reviewed a number of its assets over the past year including allotments, garages and garden land and this work continues. These reviews will result in more formalised agreements which hopefully place the Council in a stronger and more resilient position for the future.

We have also taken up responsibility for the mowing of communal areas in the Parish when faced with either a much-reduced service from RCC or to do it ourselves with a small financial contribution from the county. The first year of this new arrangement has recently commenced and we hope villagers will see the benefit of this change.

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. The play park zip wire

mechanism was replaced during the year, made possible by the generous financial donation by a local household, for which the Council is sincerely grateful.

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. We said goodbye to two councillors this year as they stepped down from their roles, Susan Wood and Margaret Bennet. The latter having served on the council for over 30 years which is an exceptional commitment and for which I would like to extend my congratulations and thanks. I will take this opportunity to remind and ask other community members to consider serving the Parish in this way in the future, it does not have to be for 30 years!

In a similar vein, we thank Councillor Andrew Brown for his regular attendance at our meetings and helpful guidance in navigating our relationship with RCC. We are very grateful.

Thank you to Justina our Clerk for continuing to keep us in order and ensure the smooth running of the Parish Council meetings and its general functions.

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  
2024/04

The Clerk presented the financial position for the last financial year. The balance of reserves was up from the previous year at a figure of £5,579.86. A full breakdown of all financial matters can be found on the website at [www.caldecott-pc.gov.uk](http://www.caldecott-pc.gov.uk)

Local  
Issues of  
Concern  
2024/05

There were none raised.

The meeting closed at 7.40 pm