

**Minutes of the Caldecott Annual Parish Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at 7.30 p.m. in Caldecott Village Hall**

Present 2025/01 Cllrs MacDermott (Chair), McCole and Hook, Mrs J Medwell (Clerk) and two members of the public.

Welcome 2025/02 The Chair welcomed the Parishioners.

Chair's Report 2025/03 The Chair presented his annual report:

As Chair of Caldecott Parish Council, I am pleased to present this annual report, reflecting on the work and priorities of the Council over the past year.

The Council has remained focused on local priorities, including highways safety, planning matters, and the care of parish assets. Traffic, particularly from heavy goods vehicles, continues to challenge us—both literally and politically. We've maintained pressure on Rutland County Council and our MP to address the issue and await further progress through the Local Transport Plan review. In the meantime, we continue to do our bit to keep Caldecott moving in the right direction.

We've dealt with a number of planning applications, most significantly the proposed development at Meadow Farm. The Council submitted a detailed and robust objection that reflected the widespread concerns of residents, from access and traffic impact to the protection of wildlife and footpaths.

Parish assets have been routinely inspected and maintained, with updated tenancy agreements for both garden and garage plots. We've also reviewed contracts, signage, hedges and fences—all the less visible but important details that help keep the village looking cared for and well-managed.

Financially, the Council remains in a stable position. A modest precept increase of 6.54% was agreed to support ongoing maintenance and improvements.

I want to place on record my thanks to all members of the Council. We said farewell during the year to **Cllrs Alex Parker and Will Kendrick**, both of whom made valuable contributions to our work and to village life. Their time and effort are appreciated.

I especially want to thank **Cllrs Lesley McCole and Bob Hook**, whose continued service and commitment have been hugely appreciated. Their diligence, good judgement, and ability to roll up their sleeves have helped ensure steady progress on a range of issues—even when the agenda gets thornier than the allotment hedge.

Thanks are also due to **County Councillor Andrew Brown**, who regularly attends meetings and keeps us well-informed and represented on county-wide matters.

And a very special thanks to our Clerk, **Justina Medwell**, whose extensive experience and grasp of both detail and procedure help keep the Council firmly on track. Her ability to navigate the complexities of parish governance while keeping us focused is invaluable.

Finally, thank you to the parishioners who attend our meetings, raise issues, and engage with the work of the Council. Your involvement keeps our work grounded and relevant.

With some vacancies now on the Council, I would encourage anyone who wants to help shape the future of our village to consider getting involved. You don't need to be an expert—just someone with a bit of time and care for the place you live. It's not always glamorous, but it is meaningful.

Financial  
Report  
2025/04

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 £6,015.28. 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)

Open  
Forum  
2025/05

The whereabouts of the dog waste bin that had previously been sited on The Green was asked. The Council explained that it was unable to find any contractors to dispose of the waste and therefore had had to remove the bin.

The Council also asked to approach RCC Highways for a 20-mph limit on the Lyddington road outside the playpark.

The Council emphasised the need to report to the police any incidents of damage to cars or property, however small, arising from HGV's travelling through the village.

The meeting closed at 7.47 pm