

**Minutes of the Meeting of Caldecott Parish Council held on Thursday 10th July 2025
at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.**

Present 2025/40	Cllrs B Hook (Vice Chair), L McCole and K Lawrie, Mrs Medwell (Clerk) and one member of the public.	
Apologies 2025/41	Cllr A MacDermott - approved.	
Declarations 2025/42	There were no Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda nor any changes to the Members' Register of Interests.	
Minutes 2025/43	<p>The minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 8th May were approved as a true record of the meeting and duly signed by the Chair.</p> <p>Proposed Cllr Hook Seconded Cllr McCole</p>	
Matters Arising 2025/44	There were none	
Open Forum 2025/45	<p>Attention was drawn to several wooden bollards on the Greens which are either missing or damaged. The Council will obtain quotations for their replacement or repair and will consider the option of installing small concrete posts as a more durable alternative to prevent future deterioration.</p> <p>The Council acknowledged the recent improvements to Mill Garage and agreed to write to the owner expressing its appreciation on behalf of the community.</p>	<p>JM</p> <p>JM</p>
Highways and Rights of Way 2025/46	<p>a) Update on Community Speedwatch – The Council was unable to take advantage of the vacancy in the upcoming scheme as only two volunteers were available at such short notice. Cllr McCole advised that 15 to 20 volunteers were needed to cover two sessions a day over a two-week period. The Council hoped to take part next year when there was more notice to gather support.</p> <p>b) A6003 HGV signage – In the absence of Cllr MacDermott this item was deferred to the next meeting.</p> <p>c) Follow up from Police Commissioner Visit – The Council had written to thank the Police Commissioner for his recent visit. This had been copied to RCC Head of Highways and Ms Kearns MP.</p> <p>A response had been received from the police commissioner agreeing with the Council's suggestion to reduce the speed limit through the village and RCC Cllr Wise, Portfolio Holder for Transport, Environment and Communities, will hopefully attend the next meeting. The Council noted the below response sent from the MP's office from RCC Head of Highways and Transport:</p> <p><i>"Rutland County Council has approved a refresh of its Local Transport Plan (LTP) at the Cabinet meeting on the 8th April 2025. This will ensure that the Council's LTP will align with current national and local planning, transport, and environmental policies. We are currently in the final stages of commissioning with our delivery partner to work on the refresh of the</i></p>	

LTP. This refresh will include consultation with stakeholders of which Caldecott PC will be one.

Within the 2019 LTP4 in PGS2 – Assess the capacity of our network, a relief road for Caldecott was specifically mentioned both with regards to historic funding and with regards to a plan moving forward in respect of a feasibility study. Whilst this may still be the case the refresh of the LTP will need to consider a holistic view across the whole of the Council's network ensuring that priorities are identified in this specific area (PGS2). As you will appreciate much has changed since 2019 and whilst this refresh will bring the LTP in line with current policies it will still be impacted by the spending review currently being undertaken by central government"

Meanwhile, the Council decided to organise a residents' meeting to assess community support and provide an opportunity for villagers to propose suggestions to address congestion, excessive speed, and the presence of heavy vehicles.

**Parish Assets
2025/47**

Routine Inspection – Cllr Hook had carried out the routine check of parish assets. He had observed a missing cover on the rope on the flagpole and some large plants growing out of the mortar joints in the Pinfold Wall, which could potentially cause structural damage if left untreated. Local gardener Joe McCole very kindly offered to deal with this by spraying it off at no cost to the Council.

Play Area– There was nothing to report on this area.

Allotments – The Clerk updated the Council on the current position with the allotments. Plot one is still available and will be offered to prospective tenants at no cost for the remainder of this year.

**Planning
2025/48**

2025/0516/OUT 5 The Green Erection of a Self-Build Dwelling

It was noted that this application had been refused.

2025/0598/LBA Outbuildings at 5 The Green Conversion of existing buildings to form a Dwelling

The Council had no objection to this application

**Finance
2025/49**

a) The following payments were presented for approval and unanimously agreed:

Payee	Details	Total Amount	VAT Element	Legal Authority
S Morphy	Mowing	£150.00		OSA 1906 s.15

b) Bank Reconciliation

Reserves £12,740.51

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
2025/50**

The Council referred to the meeting for the whole Ward regarding Local Government Reorganisation on Wednesday the 16th of July at 7pm hosted by Cllr Andrew Brown at his farm at Fairchild's Lodge.

Next Meeting The next meeting of Caldecott Parish Council will be held on Thursday 11th September 2025
2025/51 in the Village Hall.

Cllr McCole offered her apologies for the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm.

Signed (Chair) Dated