

**Minutes of the Meeting of Caldecott Parish Council held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2025 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.**

<b>Present 2025/52</b>	Cllrs A MacDermott (Chair), B Hook and K Lawrie, Mrs Medwell (Clerk) and one member of the public.	
<b>Apologies 2025/53</b>	Cllr L McCole - approved. RCC Cllr A Brown It was noted that RRC Cllr Wise, Portfolio Holder for Transport, Environment and Communities, was unable to attend this evening but that she will endeavour to attend the next meeting.	
<b>Declarations 2025/54</b>	There were no Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda nor any changes to the Members' Register of Interests.	
<b>Minutes 2025/55</b>	The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10 <sup>th</sup> July were approved as a true record of the meeting and duly signed by the Chair.  Proposed Cllr Hook      Seconded Cllr Lawrie	
<b>Matters Arising 2025/56</b>	There were none.	
<b>Open Forum 2025/57</b>	The Council referred to a representation from a local resident raising concerns regarding the play park. These included noise, irresponsible parking, dog mess, litter and antisocial behaviour in the layby area. The Council acknowledged these concerns and discussed various options to minimise these. It was felt that allowing the hedge along Lyddington Road to thicken further rather than grow up would act as a natural barrier against noise whilst at the same time ensure the safety of children by keeping visibility into the playpark. The option of planting additional trees to help with screening and noise reduction was also raised. The Council agreed to update the signage to include a message around responsible parking and will monitor the area to see if further action is needed. The issues of dog mess, litter, and inappropriate use of the layby will continue to be monitored. The Council expressed its thanks to the resident for their continued involvement in supporting the upkeep of the area.	
<b>Councillor Vacancies 2025/58</b>	The Council discussed the three councillor vacancies. It <b>agreed</b> to pursue any existing expressions of interest and to leaflet drop all households to advertise the positions. The Chair will put together an advert.  The Chair advised the Council that it would need to start to think about succession for the position of Chair.	<b>AM</b>
<b>Highways and Rights of Way 2025/59</b>	a) <b>A6003 HGV signage</b> – The Chair informed the Council that he asked RCC to consider adding some new signage at the southern side of the village need redirecting HGVs to the A43. He advised that Rockingham Parish Council were in support of this and had lobbied the Northants County Councillors for the same The Chair will follow this up. The Council agreed to pursue this with Cllr Wise at the next meeting. The Council referred to the Community Grants available from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for road safety and will look at putting a bid together for other traffic calming methods and warning signs.	<b>AM</b>

