

**Minutes of the Meeting of Caldecott Parish Council held on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.**

<b>Present 2025/64</b>	Cllrs A MacDermott (Chair), B Hook, L McCole and K Lawrie, Mrs Medwell (Clerk) and one member of the public.
<b>Apologies 2025/65</b>	RCC Cllr A Brown
<b>Declarations 2025/66</b>	There were no Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda nor any changes to the Members' Register of Interests.
<b>Minutes 2025/67</b>	<p>The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> September were approved as a true record of the meeting and duly signed by the Chair.</p> <p>Proposed Cllr Lawrie      Seconded Cllr Hook</p>
<b>Matters Arising 2025/68</b>	There were none.
<b>Open Forum 2025/69</b>	The Council was invited to consider organising poppy displays throughout the village in order to commemorate Remembrance Sunday. It was noted that similar displays in neighbouring villages had been well received, and it was suggested that the Council do something similar.
<b>Councillor Vacancies 2025/70</b>	The Council observed that the three councillor positions remain vacant. A leaflet promoting these roles has been printed and will be distributed to all households.
<b>Highways and Rights of Way 2025/71</b>	<p><b>A6003 HGV signage</b> – The Chair advised he had followed up with Rockingham Parish Council on a response from North Northants Council regarding the additional signage redirecting HGVs to the A43. There was no update as yet on this.</p> <p><b>Police and Crime Commissioner Police Community Grant</b> - The Council discussed the available Police Community Grant and agreed to apply with the aim of securing funding for traffic calming measures within the village. The funding window is scheduled to open on 17th November. Various options to improve road safety were considered including the installation of a mobile, vehicle-activated speed sign as well as metal figures depicting children playing, to be placed on the village green as a visual deterrent to speeding motorists. The Chair undertook to compile the proposed ideas and gathering the necessary costings. Once this information has been collated, the Council will complete and submit the application form for consideration within the grant window.</p>
<b>Parish Assets 2025/72</b>	<p><b>Parish Assets</b> – Cllr Hook had carried out a review of parish assets. He had identified a number of issues including a few loose stones and vegetation growing in the Pinfold Wall, a badly rusted bollard by village hall and also cracked lid on village green dog bin. These will be addressed.</p> <p><b>Play Area</b> – The Clerk will book the annual inspection of the play area.</p> <p><b>Village green posts</b> – The Council considered again the two quotations to replace the deteriorating posts on the Village Green. The Council <b>agreed</b> to award the contract to Mr Steve Morphy who will replace all with new posts on the large green and repair the posts on</p>

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the smaller green as discussed with Cllr Hook. The cost for this is estimated in the region of £1,500 which has been allocated under village improvements in the budget.

**Poppies** – The Council **agreed** to pursue a poppy display moving forward. Various options were considered and the Council resolved to obtain costings for these options over the coming year and to ensure provision is made for the necessary expenditure in the next budget.

**Allotments** – There were no additional matters to report regarding the allotments. Cllr Hook offered a composter and a water tank to the allotment tenants. The Clerk will pass this on to the site representative.

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**Budget  
2025/73**

**Budget 2026/27** – Preliminary discussions took place on the budget for next year. The Council discussed increasing the defibrillator allocation to cover a replacement battery and agreed the draft in principle, which would result in a 2.72% increase in the precept. The final draft budget will be presented to the Council for approval and the precept set at the next meeting once the mowing costs and the grant towards this from RCC have been confirmed.

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**Planning  
2025/74**

**a) 2025/1264/FUL Land Adjacent to Fairchild’s Lodge Variance of Conditions**

The Council had no objection to this application.

**b) 2025/1194/FUL 5 The Green Conversion of Storage barn to accommodation**

The Council had no objection to this application

**c) 2025/1105/PIP Land Adjacent to Church View 6-9 New Dwellings**

The Council had submitted a detailed objection to this application on the basis that it introduces severe highway safety risks, conflicts with local planning policy, puts a strain on the current infrastructure and provides no tangible benefit to the community.

It was noted that this application has since been refused by the planning authority.

**Finance  
2025/75**

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

Payee	Details	Total Amount	VAT Element	Legal Authority
S Morphy	Mowing	£600.00		OSA 1906 s.15

**b) Bank Reconciliation**

Reserves £9,713.98

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](http://www.caldecott-pc.gov.uk)

**Correspondence  
2025/76**

There was no further correspondence to report.

**Next Meeting  
2025/77**

The next meeting of Caldecott Parish Council will be held on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026 in the Village Hall. The meeting closed at 8. 27 pm.

Signed ..... (Chair) Dated .....