

Minutes of the Meeting of Caldecott Parish Council held on Thursday 15th January 2026 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

Present 2026/01	Cllrs A MacDermott (Chair), B Hook, L McCole, K Lawrie, P Clark and D Young, Mrs Medwell (Clerk), RCC Cllr C Wise, RCC Cllr A Brown and four members of the public.
Apologies 2026/02	There were none.
Declarations 2026/03	There were no Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda nor any changes to the Members' Register of Interests.
Minutes 2026/04	<p>The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13th November were approved as a true record of the meeting and duly signed by the Chair.</p> <p>Proposed Cllr McCole Seconded Cllr Hook</p>
Matters Arising 2026/05	The Council extended its thanks to Cllr Lawrie's for her very kind offer to fund the commemorative poppies following discussions at the previous meeting.
Open Forum 2026/06	There was nothing raised at this point.
Councillor Vacancies 2026/07	<p>The Council agreed to co-opt Mr David Young to fill one of the vacancies.</p> <p>Proposed Cllr MacDermott Seconded Cllr McCole</p> <p>Cllr Young was welcomed onto the Council and duly completed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office witnessed by the clerk.</p> <p>The Council agreed to co-opt Mrs Polly Clark to fill one of the vacancies.</p> <p>Proposed Cllr MacDermott Seconded Cllr McCole</p> <p>Cllr Clark was welcomed onto the Council and duly completed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office witnessed by the clerk.</p>
Highways and Rights of Way 2026/08	<p>A6003 HGV signage – The Chair advised that he had followed up with Rockingham Parish Council on the additional signage redirecting HGVs to the A43. As yet there had been no response from North Northants Council.</p> <p>The Chair extended a welcome to Cllr Christine Wise, the RCC Portfolio Holder for Highways, who attended to discuss ongoing issues within the village relating to traffic speeds and the volume of vehicles, with particular emphasis on the impact of heavy goods vehicles (HGVs). Cllr Wise acknowledged that similar problems are being experienced in Uppingham. She suggested that a long-term solution could involve pursuing a major joint infrastructure project, such as the construction of a bypass to serve both Caldecott and Uppingham. However, she noted that this undertaking would exceed the financial capacity of the RCC and would need to be considered as part of a national infrastructure scheme.</p> <p>Councillors discussed the steps necessary to progress such a project, including determining the types of surveys required to support the case for a bypass. It was noted that there is an existing alternative route which is currently underutilised.</p> <p>Cllr Wise mentioned the limitations on implementing traffic calming measures along the A roads, as enforcement of a non-HGV route is not feasible and there is currently no</p>

justification for imposing a weight limit. Concerns were raised about the absence of zebra crossings in the village, and the possibility of conducting a bridge survey was considered. The potential for introducing a lower speed limit of 20 mph within the village was discussed, Cllr Wise advised that this is being pushed for in all Rutland villages, but it can be difficult to enforce.

Cllr Wise agreed to arrange for a traffic engineer to visit and assess the feasibility of installing a chicane, as well as to investigate the reasons for the lack of zebra crossings, especially in relation to the Safer Routes to School scheme. She will also pursue North Northants Council regarding the required signage at the BP roundabout in Corby, and request information on the timing of the next bridge survey. Cllr Wise will also seek guidance on how to be included on the national infrastructure list for consideration of a bypass project.

Police and Crime Commissioner Police Community Grant – The Chair informed the Council that, regrettably, the deadline for submitting an application for the Police Community Grant had been missed. Enquiries have been made to ascertain whether the bid may still be considered despite the missed deadline. He also advised that he is currently awaiting the required permissions from RCC Highways to install a moveable Temporary Vehicle Activated Sign (TVAS) within the village.

Community Speed Watch Scheme – The Council is actively promoting the forthcoming round of the Community Speed Watch (CSW) scheme within the village. Efforts are currently focused on recruiting volunteers from the local community to participate in the initiative. Cllr McCole agreed to act as the primary point of contact for individuals interested in volunteering for the scheme. Residents are encouraged to come forward and support this important project aimed at improving road safety in the area.

**Parish Matters
2026/09**

Parish Assets – Cllr Hook agreed to undertake a review of all parish assets once the weather is suitable for such an inspection. The Clerk will ask the mowing contractor to remove the ivy from the Pinfold Wall once the mowing schedule starts.

It was noted that the posts surrounding the village green had now been replaced. Councillors expressed satisfaction with the quality of the work carried out, noting that the total cost amounting to £965 was lower than expected. The posts will be treated with creosote once the weather allows.

Play Area – The annual inspection of the play area had been carried out. Issues identified included a faulty braking mechanism on zipwire and movement in the central pivot bush on the seesaw. The Clerk was tasked with contacting the supplier for a quote to repair /replace the affected components.

Councillor Generic Email Addresses – The Council noted that there is no legal requirement for all councillors to have a council email address at this present time. There will be no further action on this until such time as legislation requires.

Allotments – There were no additional matters to report regarding the allotments.

Signed (Chair)

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**Budget
2026/10**

Budget 2026/27 – The Council **Resolved to Agree** the Caldecott Parish Council budget (see appendix) for 2026/27

Proposed by Cllr MacDermott Seconded by Cllr McCole All in favour

The Parish Council **Resolved to Agree** the level of precept set at £8,671.00 for the financial year 2025-26. This equates to an increase on last year’s figures of 2.72%.

Proposed by Cllr MacDermott Seconded by Cllr McCole All in favour

The Clerk will submit the precept demand to RCC.

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**Planning
2026/11**

a) 2025/1589/FUL Conversion of Redundant Building to 1 New Dwelling Uppingham Road

The Council submitted the following objection to this application: -

“The Parish Council notes that the previous consent on this site related to the conversion of an existing agricultural building. That consent would not have been granted for the erection of a new dwelling in this location, particularly given its proximity to a dangerous bend. Reliance on a “fallback position” in this context is considered to be an inappropriate use of the planning process and should not be afforded significant weight. It is recognised that the proposal is to secure better environmental standards and house a member of the community, whilst also increasing building footprint. Nonetheless, this application is unlikely to have gained consent in its own right and using the fallback position for its justification appears to manipulate this process.

Highway safety remains a serious and unresolved concern in this location. The site is located close to a known hazardous bend and opposite a property that has been struck by vehicles on multiple occasions. These site-specific risks have not been satisfactorily addressed and should be given significant weight in the Council’s assessment of this application”

b) 2025/1500/LBA Conversion of Barn to accommodation 5 The Green

The Council had no objection to this application.

It was noted that listed building consent had been given.

c) 2025/1438/OUT 4 New Dwellings Land at Uppingham Road

The Council had submitted a detailed objection to the application on the grounds that it constituted development outside the village envelope, presented an unacceptable highway safety risk, failed to adequately consider collision history and servicing arrangements, and was supported by insufficient arboricultural, ecological, and drainage information.

It was noted that the application has since been withdrawn.

**Finance
2026/12**

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
S Morphy	Village Green Posts	£965.00		OSA 1906 s.15
Information Commissioner	Data Protection	£52.00		Data Protection Act 2018

Seagrave Inspections	Playpark Inspection	Annual	£180.00	£30.00	OSA 1906 s.15
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b) Bank Reconciliation

Reserves £7,449.76

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 2026/13

RCC Cllr A. Brown updated the Council on the budget-setting process. He advised that the proposed Council Tax increase is 3.9%, which is lower than in recent years. He further noted that Council Tax will require harmonisation in line with the new local government reform over the next seven years.

Next Meeting 2026/14

The next meeting of Caldecott Parish Council will be held on Thursday 12th March 2026 in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8. 37 pm.

Appendix

Projected Expenses	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
Insurance	£540.00	£520.00	£550.00	£500.00
RCC Electricity	£450.00	£600.00	£396.00	£420.00
Clerk's Salary	£3,410.00	£3,845.00	£3,960.00	£4,158.00
Clerk's Pension	£103.00	£115.00	£118.00	£124.00
Clerk's Expenses	£120.00	£144.00	£144.00	£144.00
Grass Cutting	£920.00	£2,400.00	£2,000.00	£2,000.00
Audit Fee	£75.00	£75.00	£100.00	£90.00
Dog Bin Emptying	£250.00	£130.00	£0.00	£0.00
Admin Costs	£70.00	£80.00	£100.00	£100.00
Information Commissioner	£40.00	£40.00	£40.00	£52.00
Training	£88.00	£0.00	£44.00	£44.00
Website	£185.00	£185.00	£275.00	£275.00
LRALC	£135.00	£200.00	£200.00	£330.00
Defib	£100.00	£100.00	£100.00	£150.00
Village Maintenance	£400.00	£300.00	£300.00	£300.00
Village Improvements	£240.00	£0.00	£650.00	£650.00
Play Area Loan Repayments	£455.00	£455.00	£455.00	£455.00
Play Area On costs	£210.00	£210.00	£210.00	£210.00
Contingency	£165.00	£165.00	£450.00	£300.00
Total Expenses	£7,956.00	£9,564.00	£10,092.00	£10,302.00
Projected Income				
Garage Ground Rent	£120.00	£120.00	£120.00	£200.00
Garden Rent	£10.00	£10.00	£20.00	£20.00
Allotment Rents	£510.00	£510.00	£510.00	£510.00
Grant	£0.00	£701.00	£701.00	£701.00

