

Minutes of the Meeting of Caldecott Parish Council held on Thursday 12th March 2026 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

Present 2026/15 Cllrs B Hook (Acting Chair), L McCole, P Clark and D Young, Mrs Medwell (Clerk), RCC Cllr A Brown and one member of the public.

Apologies 2026/16 Cllrs A MacDermott and K Lawrie.

Declarations 2026/17 There were no Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda nor any changes to the Members' Register of Interests.

Minutes 2026/18 The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 15th January 2026 were approved as a true record of the meeting and duly signed by the Chair.

Proposed Cllr McCole Seconded Cllr Young

Matters Arising 2026/19 The Clerk reported to the meeting that the newly established generic email address for the parish council is now fully operational. This development ensures compliance with Assertion 10 of the audit, as required.

Open Forum 2026/20 The Council had been notified of various issues with kerbstones around the village. The member of the public present volunteered to report on FixmyStreet. The matter of deep flooding at the Uppingham Road end of Church Lane, making it impassable on foot after heavy rainfall, was also raised. The Clerk will contact RCC to request that the drains are cleared. The damaged 30 mph sign at the northern side of the village will also be reported.

JM

Highways and Rights of Way 2026/21 **Update on visit from RCC Portfolio Holder** - The Council noted the following response from Cllr Christine Wise, the RCC Portfolio Holder for Highways, who had attended the last meeting to discuss ongoing traffic issues within the village:-

Cllr Wise reported that no previous correspondence on the crossings could be found and noted the loss of historical knowledge following the departure of the former Highways Manager. Potential funding may become available through a School Safety Zone initiative within the Local Transport Plan, although this is at an early stage and dependent on securing funding. The Parish Council is invited to provide any further information on proposed crossings to support progress. Any new crossing proposals would need to consider pedestrian usage and Department for Transport guidance.

Regarding HGV use on the A6003, while advisory signage suggests the route may be less suitable, it remains part of the strategic road network and a key direct route. Introducing restrictions would be complex, potentially displacing traffic, increasing costs and emissions, and requiring wider consultation. This would need careful consideration.

Regarding traffic calming and a 20mph speed limit, priority is currently given to the evidence-based countywide Speed Reduction Programme, and significant additional expenditure is unlikely at this stage.

A potential survey of the bridge is still under consideration.

The Council undertook to forward all previous communication regarding the proposed crossings to Cllr Wise.

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Police and Crime Commissioner Police Community Grant – There was nothing further to report on this item.

Community Speed Watch Scheme – The Council agreed to take part in the scheme from 3rd to 16th October 2026 and will continue with its efforts in recruiting volunteers from the local community to participate in the initiative. 20 volunteers will be required.

The Council felt at this point that the next step would be to engage with residents and to seek their ideas on what can be done to mitigate against the traffic issues in the village. The Council agreed to host a community meeting on Saturday 11th April at 10am for an hour in the Village Hall to which residents are invited to share their views and discuss the way forward. Cllr McCole will advertise this via Facebook group. Cllr Clark will co-ordinate a leaflet drop.

LM/PC

**Parish Matters
2026/22**

Parish Assets – Cllr Hook had undertaken and circulated a review of all parish assets. The Clerk will remind the mowing contractor to remove the ivy from the Pinfold Wall once the mowing schedule starts.

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Play Area – The Council referred to the faulty braking mechanism on zipwire which had been identified in the recent annual inspection. The Clerk had contacted the supplier of the play equipment for a quote to repair /replace the affected components. The supplier had suggested that this issue could be quite easily fixed by a local contractor. Cllrs Hook and Brown undertook to have a look at this. The Council felt it was safe to use in its existing state in the meantime.

BH/AB

Allotments – There are no further updates concerning the allotments at this time. All plots remain fully tenanted.

**Review of Risk
Assessment
2026/23**

The Risk Assessment was shared with all Councillors before the meeting. An item 'Cyber Security' was added to identify and mitigate against risks such as email hacking, phishing, malware, data breach or fraudulent payment requests. This addition was formally approved.

Proposed Cllr McCole Seconded Cllr Clark All in favour

**Planning
2026/24**

2026/0143/FUL Meadow Farm, The Green, Caldecott Demolition of Existing Buildings and erection of three new dwellings

The Council objected to this application on the same grounds as it made to the previous application ref 2024/1241/FUL and submitted the following response:-

i) *Access - The Council has concerns regarding the narrow access to the site and the validity of the road width measurements which may not accommodate larger vehicles. It also has concerns with increased traffic turning in and out of the development, particularly as this area is frequented by children. The Parish Council would also like to add that access on to the A6003 from here is already difficult due to heavy congestion and the large volume of HGBV's travelling through the village.*

ii) *Parking overflow - The Council has concerns regarding parking overflow from the development onto the adjoining Village Green. Problems occur when The Green becomes congested with parked cars, as clearance is required for a Primary School bus to drop off and turn around.*

The Parish Council would also like to highlight the importance of the public footpath crossing the adjoining grassland. This route forms an important nature walk for residents and part of the only circular route which is not on the busy main road.

**Finance
2026/25**

a) There were no payments presented for approval.

Payee	Details	Total Amount	VAT Element	Legal Authority
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b) Bank Reconciliation

Reserves £6,843.96

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
2026/26**

RCC Cllr Brown provided an update regarding the ongoing local government reorganisation. He informed members that the reorganisation process is still underway, and a decision on which authority will be established is expected to be made by July. He also mentioned the introduction of RCC's new waste scheme.

**Next Meeting
2026/27**

The next meeting of Caldecott Parish Council will be held on Thursday 14th May 2026 in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.33 pm.

Signed (Chair)

Dated