

Minutes of the Meeting of Caldecote Parish Council on Thursday 7 April 2005 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present: Parish Cllrs T Footman, P Phillips, F Wolton (Chairman), J Lang, A Levett, N Whyatt and C Stopp.

In attendance: Mrs. L Hazel (Clerk) and 6 members of the public.

37. **Apologies for absence:** S Breeze, and B Drayton.

38. **To approve the minutes of the 3rd March 2005.**

On a proposition by F Wolton, seconded by T Footman the minutes were approved as a true record. The Chairman signed the minutes.

39. **PC Chris Bradley - Introduce new PCSO.**

It was confirmed that PC Chris Bradley will be attending the next meeting in May.

40. **Matters arising for information only**

40.1 Tree Bosserts Way.

A letter from Westley & Huff dated 11 March 2005 informing the Parish Council that Mrs. Joslin is obtaining competitive quotes to have the tree felled has been received. Caldecote Parish Council is concerned about the length of time this issue is taken (approx 6 months). It was agreed that a letter should be sent to Mr. Hellingsworth, Tree and Landscape Officer and CCC Highways to enquire if they can apply any pressure to get this matter resolved ASAP. It was agreed that this item should be reviewed again in June.

40.2 TKA Tallent Chassis Ltd – Appeal update

It was noted that the court date has now been adjourned until 12 May 2005 at 2.pm and that the nuisance continues in varying degrees.

TKA Tallent had forwarded the Parish Council copies of two letters dated 3 and 22 March that they have sent to SCDC drawing attention to the requirement of Beechdale Homes to provide acoustic screening. A letter dated 21 March from a resident in response to this was also noted.

A letter dated 4 April along with several photographs written on behalf of the Highfields Residents Action Group has been received regarding planning issues at the TKA Tallent site. It was agreed that a letter should be sent to SCDC informing them that we fully support the residents of this village and would they please provide them with the details they have requested.

41. **To attend to correspondence/communications received since last meeting including.**

41.1 Parishioner correspondence

None outstanding.

41.2 Other

Stop Stansted Expansion - two letters, one regarding the proposed Runway Ramble on Sunday 26 June.

Defra - A promotional CD-Rom highlighting the benefits of Broadband from Defra was noted.

Cambridgeshire Local Access Forum - details of forthcoming meetings and a poster for the notice board.

The Cambridgeshire Society for the Blind and Partially Sighted – seeking volunteers to co-ordinate a collection in the village during June. It was agreed that an article would be placed in the next Caldecote Journal.

CCC - details of the proposed experimental suspension of the historic centre cycling restriction in the centre of Cambridge.

CCC - A new information leaflet 'Organising events on roads'.

Office of the Deputy Prime Minister - Two discussion documents: Citizen Engagement and Public Services: Why Neighborhoods Matter and – Vibrant Local Leadership have been received.

The Standards Board for England - consultation on The Code of Conduct. These were handed out to the Parish Councilors for consideration.

CCC Jointly Funded Minor Highway Improvement Scheme for 2005/06. The bid to improve the accessibility of the footpath west side of Highfields Road was unsuccessful. However there maybe funding from the Divisional Discretionary Budget to provide a new footpath from Blythe Way to Hardwick Bridleway. It was agreed that a letter should be sent to Mike Cooper stating that although we lost out on the scheme perhaps he would consider improving the footpath approx. 50 yards from West Drive northwards to the new part. Caldecote Parish Council would be prepared to consider part payment for any work carried out.

42 To attend to planning received since the last meeting including

- 42.1 S/0884/04/F Drayton – Land adj. 98 West Drive – Erection of Dwelling – Amended. On a proposition by F Wolton seconded by P Philips it was agreed No Recommendation. C Stopp declared a personal interest in this application.
- 42.2 S/0580/05/F Bibby – Clare Farmhouse, Main Street, Caldecote – Conversion of additional rooms to external annex. On a proposition by T Footman, seconded by F Wolton it was agreed No Recommendation. J Lang declared a personal interest in this application.
- 42.3 S/0572/05/0 Dr R Falconer & Dr S Gale – Land R/O 99 Highfields Road – Dwelling. 8.05pm – the meeting was closed to allow members of the public to speak. 8.10pm – the meeting was re-opened. On a proposition by F Wolton, seconded by T Footman it was agreed to recommend the application for refusal on the following grounds:
- Overdevelopment of site
 - Access to site is narrow. Concerns were expressed over road safety.
 - Additional drainage would be required.
- 42.4 S/0581/05/LB – Clare Farmhouse, Main Street, Caldecote – Alterations. Conversion of store to provide additional bedroom to existing bed-sit including installation of 4 rooflights, 2 windows and new opening between existing bed-sit and store. On a proposition by T Footman, seconded by F Wolton it was agreed No Recommendation. J Lang declared a personal interest in this application.

42.4.1 S/0337/05/F Jackson – 16 West Drive – Extensions and Garage - Additional information only. Noted.

42.5 SCDC planning notices.

The following were all granted permission: Extensions at 52 West Drive, Extension at Hayeslind, St, Neots Road, Hardwick, Conservatory at Carrara Farm, Retention of Mobile Home at Orchard Farm, Main Street, Caldecote.

42.6 Information from South Cambs.

Details have been received of representations to the Local Plan in relation to the village envelope. It was agreed that a letter should be sent to South Cambs enquiring as to why the parish council was not notified of the proposals and objecting to the proposals as the current plan restricts number of houses at present to a certain limit. This is to maintain a village environment. It should also be pointed out that there is no adequate infrastructure in place to support such applications.

43. The village development

43.1 Developer matters, Taylor Woodrow, Banner, JS Bloor, Ashwell Homes and Beechdale Homes.

Banner Homes – Mills & Reeves informed the parish council that the Inland Revenue would not accept the current map with the transfer papers as it was not adequate enough. A new map has now been received and duly signed.

JS Bloor – A letter dated 5th April 2005 in connection with the turning head was received.

44. A428 Bypass.

A press release from Andrew Lansley was read. In brief it stated that work on the A428 Caxton Common to Hardwick improvement scheme will proceed. Mr. Lansley MP expressed his gratitude to the County Council and parishes for taking up these arguments.

45. Finance.

45.1 Re-issue of lost cheque for the Ramblers Association.

A letter from The Ramblers Association has been received apologizing that the cheque recently sent to them to renew the parish council's membership has been lost in their office. On a proposition by F Wolton seconded by C Stopp it was agreed that a replacement cheque will be sent along with a covering letter informing them that the parish council will not cancel the previous lost cheque however if it is presented to the bank they must undertake to refund the full money.

It was brought to the parish council's attention that K Martlew still has 2 cheques outstanding. It was agreed that a letter should be sent to K Martlew requesting her bank details to allow the parish council to pay the cheques direct into her bank to save any further problems arising.

45.2 Grass Cutting Specification Quotes

A total of 5 quotes were received and considered. On a proposition by J Lang, Seconded by F Wolton it was agreed to offer the contract to MD Landscapes with immediate effect subject to two satisfactory references being received. This will be confirmed in writing. Letters are to be sent to the unsatisfactory applicants thanking them for bidding for the work.

45.3 To receive the financial report and approve the payment of bills

The financial statement was received and considered and the invoices and bank statements were available for checking. On a proposition by the Cllr T Footman, seconded by a Cllr P Philips the following payments were approved:

L Hazel (Salary)	£XXX
K Martlew (salary)	£XXX
M Kember (March salary)	£XXX
Mission Computers (Journal)	£241.20
CALC (Chairman's Evening)	£30.00
L Hazel (Ink cartridges)	£59.98
CCA (Affiliation fee)	£7.00

A donation of £100.95 from CALYPSO towards payment for recent trees purchased and planted by the MUGA was kindly received. A letter is to be sent to convey this.

46. Councillors' items.

It was brought to the attention that a member of the public did not clean up after their dog. This was reported to the Dog Warden and the necessary action is being taken.

A tree recently planted on the Ashwell Development appears to be too close to the new dwelling. It was agreed that the parish clerk would get out the relevant landscaping plans to compare. It was noted that the fence/hoarding erected along the entrance road to the development by the bungalow has a very sharp corner to it. There is only a small fence erected by the drainage ditch at the entrance to the development to stop people falling in and does not appear to be very adequate. It was agreed that the parish clerk would look at the recent planning application and plans relating to highway works.

It was noted that Mr. P Phillips had spoken to Alan Rosher of Taylor Woodrow regarding the state of the paths around the Village Hall and the Bus Shelter. Full details of the problems will be sent to Mr Rocher to deal with, along with details of the broken bollards and sign.

A letter dated 7 April from CALYPSO regarding seating area and cycle racks by the MUGA was noted. It was agreed that this item will be placed on the next agenda for further discussion.

An update on a recent meeting held with Anglian Water, one of their contractors along with 2 parish councillors regarding the pumping station was provided. Anglian Water has agreed to undertake remedial work regarding all grass verges damaged by their vehicles with immediate effect. Solutions to the problems of their tankers turning around in a small confined space were also discussed.

The issue of speeding in the old part of the village was raised. It was agreed to place this item on the next agenda to allow solutions to be sought.

It was brought to the Parish Council's attention that the culvert in the road by Clare Drive is broken and has now become dangerous. This is to be reported to Mike Cooper, Highways.

It was noted that the recent Neighborhood Watch Report was incomplete and is not reporting all crimes that occur in the Village. It was agreed that a letter be sent to them highlighting this.

47. Set dates for AGM and next Parish Council meeting.

It was noted that the next meeting is due to be held on General Election day and agreed that the next Parish Council meeting should still go ahead as normal.

The AGM was set for 19 May 2005 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Letters are to be sent out to all the relevant parties inviting them along.

48. Parish Clerk's resignation.

It was noted that the parish clerk had resigned and had completed her one month's notice. The Parish Clerk was thanked for her work carried out to date. It was noted that an advert has been placed in the Caldecote Journal advertising for a new clerk. Various options were discussed. On a proposition by J Lang, seconded by P Phillips it was agreed to employ Mrs Gail Stoehr as Clerk, Proper Officer and Responsible Financial Officer and to contract the support services of LGS Services for a period of 6 months to allow time for the current vacancy to be filled. It was noted that as Mrs Stoehr was unable to attend the meetings LGS Services would send a minutes secretary to the meetings to take the minutes and that NALC had advised that there was nothing in legislation to prevent this.

On a proposition by F Wolton, seconded by P Phillips it was agreed to pay Mrs Hazel for another two weeks until the hand over to LGS Services is complete.

49. Closure of meeting and Parish Matters

There was no further business and the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.45 pm.

Signed..... Dated