

Minutes of Caldecote Annual Parish Meeting on 19 May 2005
At 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present: 14 parishioners including Councillors, Cllr Robin Martlew, County Cllr Denzil Baldwin, and the Minute Secretary.

Councillor C Stopp chaired the meeting.

1. **Apologies:** Frank Wolton (Parish Council Chairman), Saskia Dart, Rachel Lewis and Wendy Quince.
2. **Minutes of the previous parish meeting on 20 May 2004.**
Item 2 should read 17 May 2004 and not 17 May 2001. Item 4.2, 2nd line down Sakia Dart should be spelt Saskia Dart. The minutes were proposed as a true record after the above amendments by N Whyatt, seconded by P Phillips and carried unanimously by the meeting, were signed by the chairman.
3. **Matters arising.**
Cllr Robin Martlew reported that to reduce the speed limit to 30 mph in the old part of the village would mean a change in policy which would cost too much money to do.
4. **To receive reports:**
 - 4.1 **Parish Council for the last year (Parish Council Chairman).**
The Chairman read out the report for 2004/2005 which is attached (as appendix 1) to these minutes. The report noted that the Parish Council has moved from a seven person council to a nine person council due to increase of properties in the village. The report included the never ending battles with Wilson Connolly.
 - 4.2. **The audited financial statement of the Parish Council for the year ended 31 March 2004 and the Council's observations on its finances for the past and forthcoming years. (2)**
The Chairman read out the report on behalf of Mrs Stoehr, Responsible Financial Officer which is attached (as appendix 2) to these minutes. The report stated that the accounts for the FY ended 2004 passed both the internal and also the external audit with no adverse comments from either party. The audit for 2005 has now been summoned and the PC will this year have an intermediate audit. The accounts will be available for public inspection between 1 and 30 June by contacting the clerk.
 - 4.3. **Community Beat Officer (PC C Bradley).**
No report had been received. PC C Bradley did not attend the meeting however it was noted that he did come to the last Parish Council meeting where he did report on the goings on in the village over the last year.
 - 4.4. **District Councillor (Cllr Robin Martlew).(3)**
Cllr Martlew reported on the Local Development Framework LDF, overspend of the Housing Direct Labour Organisation, Travellers and the 100% rise in SCDC Council Tax.

4.5. **County Councillor.**

Cllr D Baldwin was welcomed to the meeting. Cllr Baldwin had not prepared a report but gave a brief background. He has lived in the village for the last 3 years and covers various parishes including Madingley and Hardwick and this is the 8th APM he has attended since being appointed about 2 weeks ago.

Questions were asked on the safety issues in the village including speed bumps and speeding in the old part of the village. Cllr Baldwin offered to help and assist where he can. He will contact the parish clerk for the background papers on both situations and resolved to do everything in his powers to sort out all the problems.

The issues surrounding TKA Tallent were discussed. On a proposition by J Lang, seconded by N Whyatt it was agreed to write a letter to Fiona McMillan from the APM on behalf of the residents voicing their concerns about TKA Tallent and the ongoing problems and delays. A copy of which is to be sent to John Valentine.

4.6. **The accounts of the Parochial Charity, the Town Lands and Sitwell's Charity, accompanied by a brief report from the Trustees.(4)**

Mr Whyatt provided a report and brief statement of accounts. Mr Whyatt reported that the charity funds have been held over for 2005 and a notice is to be placed in the Parish newsletter inviting suggestions for a good cause that might benefit from a payment from the funds. An advert is also to be placed in the Parish newsletter to see if there is any interest in restoring some land for use as allotments.

4.7. **The accounts and report from the representative of the Parish Church of St Michael and All Angels.**

No representations or reports were received.

4.8. **The accounts and report from the Caldecote Village Institute Trustees.(5)**

Mr Paul Phillips, Chairman to the trustees gave the report. There were no accounts available. Mr Phillips was asked if he would pass the accounts onto the parish council when they were available, for inspection. It was reported that the Village Hall financially is self sufficient and employs cleaning staff, gardener and a window cleaner to ensure the Hall maintains a high standard. It was reported that the Annual General Meeting will be on the 4th July 2005 at 7.30pm. The Hall extension plans are still under debate but it is hoped 2006 will see further development.

Mr Phillips was questioned if the cooker in the Village Hall is to be replaced and he replied that when the Hall extension is planned they will look at all aspects including possibly replacing the kitchen.

4.9. **CALYPSO (6)**

Mrs B Phillips read the report on behalf of CALYPSO. It was reported that the MUGA was officially opened by Andrew Lansley MP and was being put to good use. Funding is now in place for a cycle rack and youth shelter to be erected

subject to final details. The meeting expressed its thanks to everyone connected with the project for all their hard work and efforts on behalf of the village youths.

4.10. **Caldecote Sports Association.** (Clerk's note appended 6a)

No report was received.

4.11 **Caldecote Community Primary School.(7)**

Wendy Quince's report was read in her absence. The head teacher, Mrs. Piotrowicz is on maternity leave, she recently had a baby daughter, Helena Maria. During her leave Wendy Quince will be acting head teacher. A new teacher, Mrs. Faye Brickel will join the school in September. The school currently has 109 children on roll and will be expanding over the next couple of years by an additional two classes.

The PTA is organizing a History Day on 2nd July 2005 with Roman and Iron Age enactors and many other exciting things happening.

It was brought to the attention of the meeting that Ashwell Developments has moved the fencing over the ditch to include some of the school land. It was agreed to ask the Parish Council to write a letter to the school informing them that it appears that the fence erected alongside the School and Ashwell Developments is in the wrong place and inadequate to keep intruders out.

4.12 **Representatives of voluntary organisations in the village.**

Reports from the following were received by the meeting. All are appended in full to these minutes. Those that kindly attended to give their reports were thanked by the meeting for kindly doing so.

- Royal British Legion (8) – read in their absence.
- Tuesday Club (9) – Diane Wakeling, read in her absence.
- Hardwick Evangelical Church (10) – Philip Thompson, read in his absence.
- PTA (11) – read in their absence.
- Brownies (12) – Rachel Lewis, read in her absence.

Social Club – It was reported that the Social Club had an excellent year with lots of events. The membership currently stands at 284 members which are increasing daily. They have recently redecorated the club and they are looking at the possibility of opening the kitchen to provide food. Ron Graham has been elected as Chairman, Colin Fotland as Treasurer and Neil Windsor is the secretary.

Questions were raised about the noise being emitted from the building and the opening hours. The opening hours are 8 – 11pm Sunday to Thursday and 6-11 Friday and Saturday. With regards to the noise, this matter is being looked into with various solutions being suggested to try and overcome this problem.

5. **To consider:**

5.1 **Resolutions of which written notice has been given**

None have been received.

5.2 **Other Resolutions arising from the meeting**

Disappointment was expressed that most of the resolutions from the last meeting were still outstanding although it was noted that this was not for want of trying on the Parish council's part. It was agreed that these resolutions should be reiterated.

- The meeting **resolved** that the County Council and the Parish Council should do everything in their power to sort out the traffic calming problems.
- The meeting recorded its dissatisfaction that the noise nuisance still continues from TKA Tallent Chassis Ltd.
- The meeting **resolved** that the Parish Council and the County Council should take steps to reduce the speed limit in the old village of Caldecote from 40mph to 30mph.

Disappointment was expressed that the Church had not sent a report or representative again to the meeting.

6. **Any other Parish Matters.**

Questions' concerning parking outside the school were raised. The possibility of hardening the green area up Grafton Way next to the school to make more parking spaces available was raised. The meeting noted that this issue has previously been raised and for various reasons was not a viable option at present. A proposal was put to the meeting that the school use their own land for parking on.

It was noted that parking continues to be a problem and it was agreed that a letter would be sent on behalf of the residents highlighting their dissatisfaction to Highways Department. A letter is also to be sent to the school informing that a breached request has been received requesting that they consider parking on own land. A copy of the letter is too forwarded onto Highways Department and the Education Authority.

Questions about Taylor Woodrow Developers were raised. Part of the hedging had been removed. It was brought to the attention of the meeting that some of the removed hedge has now been replaced. The ditches and culvert's especially where Clare Drive crosses Hall Drive are blocked and concern was expressed that this may cause flooding. The chairman agreed to take this matter to the next Parish Council meeting on behalf of the residents.

It was brought to the attention of the meeting that there is a small section of land up Hall drive that has not been built on. The parish meeting confirmed that this was due to building regulations that stipulated that all building had to be built approx 10ft back from the hedge to protect it. Taylor Woodrow has been approached by residents offering to buy the land but they have indicated that at present it is not for sale.

There was no further business to report. The chairman was thanked for chairing the meeting, who then went onto thank everybody for attending the meeting. The meeting was closed at 9.00pm.

Signed (Chairman) Date.....