

Minutes of the Meeting of Caldecote Parish Council on Thursday 1st September 2005 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present: Parish Cllrs P Phillips, F Wolton (Chairman), B Drayton, J Lang, A Levett and C Stopp (Vice Char).

In attendance: Mr Roger Hume (Trainee Clerk), Cllr R Martlew and 11 members of the public.

44. To receive apologies for absence and also declaration of interests from members:

Apologies: County Cllr D Baldwin, Parish Councillors, N Whyatt, S Breeze and T Footman

Declaration of interests:

(for the following planning items)

Cllr Wolton - S/1565/05/f Personal interest, Cllr Stopp - S/0460/02/f, S/1426/05, S/1565/05/f, Personal resident of West Drive, Cllr Drayton - S/1426/05/f – Resident WD, S/1662/04 – financial , S0460/02/f – Personal (resident WD), Cllr A Levett S/1565/05/f,

Declarations were entered in the book.

45. To approve the minutes of the last meeting on 28 July.

On a proposition by C Stopp, seconded by F.Wolton the minutes were approved as a true record after the following spelling amendments were made;

- (37.1) Dennis Vacher. – (42.3) Nuisance - (42.6) Assess

The Chairman then signed the minutes.

46. Matters arising for information only (Clerk's Report).

Noted.

47 Matters carried forward from the last meeting for discussion / decision

47.1 (37.1) Highways, grass cutting in the village. It was agreed that we could possibly achieve a better service to take back the grass cutting now that funding had been increased. The clerk was asked to obtain quotes for the work and subject to satisfactory costings, the Parish Council would take over responsibility next year. Proposed by Cllr F Wolton, seconded by Cllr Stopp.

47.2 (37.2) Hardwick Wood, the response from English Nature - the report did not recommend any new measures to control flooding/mud and it was agreed to ask for a site meeting , preferably in November when conditions might show the problems .

47.2 (37.6) Papworth Hospital, The Parish Council appreciated the work done at Papworth Hospital but can understand the need to relocate to Cambridge and therefore agrees to the relocation proposal. There was some concern about the effect on the village of Papworth

47.3 (36.3) Risk Assessment – As the Audit report has not been received this will be deferred, there are still a few questions outstanding..

47.4 (37.5) Social Club licence, the licence application has been approved. The conditions were discussed and it was agreed that the situation should be monitored.. Any problems should be reported to the Licensing Authority and you are requested to send a copy in the Parish Council

47.5 (42.7) Name of shop, no one could suggest a good name so the task has been handed to Cllr Wolton to consult with members.

47.6 Code of Conduct for Councillors - the advice from CALC and the flowchart provided were noted, and the importance emphasised.

48. Finance and procedural matters

48.1 To receive the financial report and approve the payment of bills (the clerk presented a revised report including the items approved as late due payments last month)

LGS Services £405.36 (The admin bill has not yet been prepared so will be dealt with next month) (489 cheque cancelled)

LG Stoehr Salary £XX (490)

R Hume Salary £XX (492)

LGS Services Journal Printing £260.00 (493)

MD Landscaping (grass cutting) £164.50 (494)

M Kember Salary £XX (495)

K Martlew £XX (direct debit)

48.2 It was noted that 2 cheques had been cancelled as they were more than 6 months old and had not been presented at the bank. The clerk will write to the church. The unused SCDC cheque was returned to the clerk.

48.3 Photocopier – the clerk asked for consideration of replacing the current photocopier which is not working, it requires a new cartridge at least and may require other work, it is getting very old, the clerk gave budget costings for a replacement leased photocopier/fax /scanner costing £30 to £50 per quarter plus, under 1p per page for service including cartridges. The clerk was asked to provide costings and full details for the next meeting if possible.

49. To attend to correspondence/communications received since the last meeting including

49.1 Parishioner correspondence

49.1.1 Caldecote village hall have an open day on Sunday September 4th, 10-30 until 12 noon.

49.1.2 Village Hall accounts - A copy of the accounts have been received and are available for reading by contacting the clerk.

49.1.3 A resident in Cavendish Way has asked for clarification of the maintenance of the hedge overhanging the bridleway and the grass area, and also asks if bulbs can be planted. The Parish Council do not see any problem as long as there is no encroachment, Cllr Wolton will visit the site and offer advice.

49.2 Other correspondence

49.2.1 Mills and Reeve – (1) Transfer of open space at Highfields Caldecote Cheque received for £9432.12 as part of the planning agreement.

The Parish Council are still awaiting response about part of the open space that has been retained.

(2) Ownership of fence on public open space at Highfields Caldecote is not clear, it was decided not to employ a surveyor at this stage, and wait to see if the hedge gets cut.

49.2.3 East of England Plan public examination (EiP) Notification of deferment until 1st November.

49.2.4 Cambs CC – School parking. On the road, improvements have been made to the cycle racks and the school are publicising the travel to school policy and making

efforts to control parking. The question of the promised flashing lights was raised and the clerk was asked to enquire.

49.2.5 Nuttall – A428 Caxton Common to Hardwick Improvement.

Letter and plan from Nuttalls indicating what is proposed to protect Caldecote from noise, concern was expressed about how far this will extend beyond the plan toward Bourn, the clerk was asked to clarify with Nuttall's.

49.2.6 Campaign for the Sustainable Communities Bill.

The Parish council expressed a wish to offer support in a campaign to end Ghost Town Britain. The clerk will respond, endorsing support for the motion to our MP.

49.2.7 Jointly funded minor Highways Scheme. Our application has been acknowledged.

49.2.8 Cambs CC – Kingston and Bourn Old Railway, The Parish Council decided to support the proposal to designate this a local nature reserve, (mostly located in Kingston).

49.2.9 Caldecote Sports Association minutes were presented..

There is a request for matched funding for sports kit (£150). This has been referred to the Parish Council Sports Association Committee's next meeting.

The sports event on September 17th was noted.

50. Planning received since the last meeting

50.1 S/1662/04/F - Erection of shops & flats - amendment and SCDC approval
Amendments noted, no comments.

50.2 S/1565/05/F Chalmers r/o 53 Highfields Road - dwelling – Refuse, Unacceptable backland development, proposed by Cllr Stopp, seconded by Cllr Phillips.

50.3 S/01531/05/CC Caldecote CP school - single storey extension to provide a classroom, community room, a group room, & wcs 4 additional car parking spaces & landscaped play areas

Recommended for approval but pointing out present parking problems on the road and to ask if there are any improvements to Grafton Drive access..

Proposed Cllr Drayton, seconded Cllr Lang

50.4 S/0460/02/F Amendments Direct from Ashwell Homes - turning head.

The changes are unacceptable, The Parish Council specifically requested the turning head, and can see no reason why this road cannot be adopted, Query 33 homes served by a private drive when the limit is normally 5. Clerk to request a meeting with SCDC (Ray McMurray) and Sue Reynolds.

50.5 S1604/05/F Thistledew 353 St Neots Road Hardwick (in the boundary of Caldecote) 9 dormer bungalows.

Recommended for Refusal – outside the village envelope, overdevelopment, totally unsuitable site for this kind of development, The development is contrary to the Local Plan.

Proposed by Cllr Wolton, seconded by Cllr Drayton.

50.6 S/1426/05/F Jackson, 16 West Drive – The Parish Council are confident that they followed procedures correctly when dealing with this application and the original recommendation for refusal still stands..

Proposed by Cllr Wolton. Seconded by Cllr Stopp.

50.7 SCDC APPROVALS and Refusal

S/0326/05/f Plot 2 West Drive - house

S/1167/05/F College farm, main street - tennis court

S/1198/05/F Hayslind, St Neots Road - two storey rear extension.

S/1138/05/F 3 Mitwell Close - extension

S/1150/05/O 12 West Drive - Refused

51. The village development, recreation grounds and public open spaces

51.1 The wrong Road name signs have been erected in Grafton Way, the intention was to rename the whole road. The clerk was asked to contact Dianne Duncan at SCDC.

The meeting was adjourned temporarily to allow members of the public to speak.

The meeting was reconvened after 10 minutes.

52 Councillors' items

52.1 The New Village Map – minor revisions were suggested but it was not felt necessary to return to the next meeting, to go to printers after amending.

52.2 (42.1) TKA – no further progress, noise started again this week after vacation break.

Cllr Martlew said that it had not been possible for SCDC to serve an enforcement notice but are doing as much as they can.

There is a requirement for them to prove 4 years use, but it was pointed out there had been complaints from the early stages of the problem.

52.3 (32.1) Spring Bulb Planting Cllr Lang has kindly provided some spring bulbs for planting around the village, a working party will be arranged at the apple pressing event, Cllr Lang will organise

52.4 Ditch Works - It was noted that a drainage ditch had been very recently levelled at 53 Highfield Road, concern was expressed about the effect on land drainage, the ditch runs from west to east alongside number 57 Highfield Road. The clerk was asked to query this with Pat Matthews Environmental Officer at SCDC.

To be put on the agenda of the next meeting

52.4 The road gully's throughout the whole village have become overgrown with weeds etc, the clerk was asked to contact highways.

52.5 It was reported that residents are dumping soil in Hall Drive.

52.6 The potholes throughout the village have been indicated with yellow paint but the clerk was asked to write to highways expressing disappointment at the lack of prompt repairs which are normally done within 24 hours of reporting.

52.7 The new clerk asked to record his thanks for the warm welcome in Caldecote and to thank publicly Gail Stoehr for all her efforts in training.

53. There was no further business and the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.50 pm.

Signed..... Dated