

Minutes of the Meeting of Caldecote Parish Council on Thursday 3rd November 2005 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

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

In attendance: Mr Roger Hume Clerk, District Cllr R Martlew, County Cllr D Baldwin and 5 members of the public.

Specially invited Karen Champion (Public Rights Of Way Officer)

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

Apologies: Cllr Stopp, Cllr Breeze.

Declaration of interests: None

65. To approve the minutes of the previous meeting on October 6th 2005.

On a proposition by Cllr Footman, seconded by Cllr Phillips the minutes were approved as a true record of the meeting.

The Chairman then signed the minutes.

66 Matters arising for information only (Clerk's report).

Was noted

66a Karen Champion gave a presentation on the Local Heritage Initiative and grant funding available - the web site <http://www.lhi.org.uk> - has examples of application so far.

It was agreed that the Parish council would consider an application to the fund for a project to try and involve the many new residents in Caldecote. Perhaps targeting rights of way issues, it was felt that this approach may be successful, being an unusual project.

The Parish Council would probably need to attract someone from the new community to drive this, identifying local skills that could be used.

A suggestion was made about creating a wildlife trail around the new sports fields, badger sets, woods etc.

Karen left some information sheets.

Karen was thanked for her presentation and Cllr Wolton agreed to look further at the details.

66.1 Sport and Recreation meeting is to be held on 22nd November at 7-30 in the Village Hall.

66.2 Storm Cell Issue is still ongoing, the Parish Council have no intention of taking on responsibility for this.

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

67.1 (57.2) Highways – The Grass verges had been cut between the A428 and West Drive. It was noted that rectification work was currently being undertaken with potholes in the village.

67.2 Village Map - The cost of updating the Village map is £228 each plus vat, the clerk was instructed to order the replacements. Cllr Lang confirmed the latest was Version 15.

Proposed by Cllr Levett, seconded by Cllr Wolton

67.3 Kebab Van The council resolved to apply for “Consent Street Status”, the clerk was asked to find out if there were any costs to the application and to progress an application. Proposed by Cllr Wolton and seconded by Cllr Whyatt

67.4 (57.4) TKA – The Court Case

At Cambridge magistrates court on Thursday October 20th 2005, the magistrates permitted TKA who are the appellants in this case, to have a trial in respect of the noise nuisance that district council maintains that TKA have created and are continuing to create at their Bourn site. TKA maintain that they will require three weeks of time for the case to be heard as there will be many witnesses from both sides and much technical data to discuss. TKA's solicitors explained that their acoustic consultant would not be available for two of the summer months in 2006 and that their barrister has a busy schedule of cases. For these reasons TKA requested that the court grant them an extension of time to exchange evidence for a three week trial that will have to be heard by a District Judge. The magistrates reluctantly agreed to this request from TKA's solicitors and

encouraged both parties to achieve the deadlines in the agreed directions timetable. The trial date was set for a three week period commencing September 4th 2006 in all probability at Ely Magistrates Court.

The meeting was adjourned temporarily to allow comments from the members of the public present

The meeting was re-convened after 10 minutes.

The clerk was asked to write to the SCDC legal department to see if a temporary injunction could be issued to prevent overnight work at the TKA site.

67.5 Ashwells Turning head (West Drive)

Cllr Drayton, and Cllr Wolton met with Nick Jones from Ashwells – and Ray McMurray SCDC planning confirmed that further investigation are being carried out to see if the adoption problems with drainage can be resolved.

67.6 Bus Shelter – the design specification is being revised to try and bring down the cost to £4000.

67.7 Ditch Works Cllr Drayton has spoken to the developer who claims that there was no drain. The matter is being investigated by Pat Matthews of SCDC. And Gary Morgan (environment agency) has been asked to take a look by Brian Heffernan SCDC.

68. Finance and procedural matters

68.1 Items were approved for payment

Expenditure for approval this month		£	CHQ NO.
K MARTLEW (8)	Salary DD	33.00	DD
Moore Stephens	Audit	763.75	505
SCDC replacement cheque	Planning application	55.00	506
SLCC	Clerks membership (p 905 58.3)	93.00	507
R HUME	Salary	243.48	508
M Kember	Salary	27.30	500
MD Landscape	Cancelled bill incorrectly sent to Caldecote		509
Clerks Expenses	Itemised	74.32	510
Caldecote Village Hall	Parish Council 4 meetings to Dec	70.00	511
Minster Play Systems	Youth shelter and cycle racks	8319.01	512
Caldecote Sports Association	Replacement for cheque lost	100.00	513 (474)
CBS Office Supplies	Printer/Fax/Copier	292.58	514
CBS Office Supplies	Spare Cartridge	48.18	515
Cambourne Fencing	Reimburse Cllr Wolton for fence palings	22.26	516

Late Payment Glasdons - Dog Bins £199.32

Late Payment MD Landscapes - grass cut x 3 x £70 + vat £246.75

It was decided not to contribute to the Victim Support Unit.

Payments were approved by Cllr Lang and Cllr Drayton

68.2 Precept Budget 2006/2007.

The clerk was given some guidance on the Parish Councils priorities for the 2006/7 budget by the Council. The clerk will present a budget for consideration and discussion at the next meeting.

The clerk was asked to contact highways to see if any back payment for grass cutting for the period we were under funded.

69. Correspondence/communications received since the last meeting.

69.1 Parishioner correspondence

69.1.1 Phone call from a resident querying the status of the area in front of his property at Roman Drift (Orchid Fare) It has been recently levelled and seeded - but very badly as weeds are still prominent. The area is to be monitored, the Parish Council will not take over ownership until it is up to a good standard. It was noted that manhole covers were also raised above the level of the grass.

A hedge has once again been removed by contactors for the 6 new houses being built on Roman Drift (Bryant), this was reinstated last year but has now been removed again. An email was sent to Ray McMurray, (Leslie Dickinson SCDC Trees officer has left) asking for the details of the planting plan.

69.1.2 A resident of Porthmore Close raised the issue of the problems with missing mail, the road signs have now been improved to clearly indicate there is another road with a similar name.

69.1.3 A further complaint about cars being displayed for sale in Highfields Road

69.1.4 Further Concern about the ditch levelling at Highfields Road, as expected it is now causing flooding into the gardens of neighbours.

69.1.5 The large culvert running alongside Highfield Road needs clearing of growth and rubbish, between the village green and from Furlong Road to Strympole Way.

The owner of the land is normally responsible but as it has been impossible to identify the owner - SCDC will continue to keep this clear, by hand before mid February 2006.

69.1.6 A resident in the housing area near the Village Hall has complained about the non working street lights, the clerk reported that a letter to Taylor Woodrow had been prepared.

Other Correspondence

69.2.1 Mills and Reeve -Sam Lansdell Solicitor is to assist Beverley Firth regarding Public open space under the section 106 (Taylor Woodrow).

69.2.2 Dog Problems Paul Quigley Environmental Health sent a report regarding dog wardens.

Unfortunately SCDC do not at the present time have a dog warden, the previous warden having left and the post having been frozen pending service decisions following the recent council tax capping.

The Police enforce Dangerous Dog legislation and should therefore contact the police

The clerk has contacted PC Chris Bradley about the allegedly dangerous dog. PC Amie is to investigate.

69.2.3 SCDC budget cuts

We have been notified of the effect of the cuts to SCDC's budget.

It was noted that there will be no more recycling credits

70. To attend to planning received since the last meeting

S/1957 TKA Bourn - Certificate of lawfulness for a scrap conveyer

Recommended for refusal on the grounds that they have not used the equipment for the required 4 year period.

The clerk was also asked to point out the delays in enforcing the noise abatement notice and to provide any relevant papers concerning proof that the conveyer had not been in use for 4 years to SCDC planning.

SCDC Decisions for note only

70.4	S/1565/05/F Chalmers - House r/o 53 Highfield Rd	Refused
70.5	S/10934/03/F Taylor Woodrow 6 dwellings – land off Samion Close	Granted
70.6	S/1755/05/F H Lawgee Conservatory 36 Strympole Way	Granted
70.7	S/01531/05/CC School Extension	Granted
70.8	Notification of Tree Preservation Order - Land at 53 Highfields Road.	

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

71.1 A report From Melvin Pooley He attended a site meeting on Friday to sign off the completion of the sand slitting and top dressing of the field. The work has been carried out and left in excellent condition with no damage to the area. A small area near the left hand side of the car park where the materials were stored may need some reseeding but this will be picked up in the maintenance period and will not be any cause for concern.

He will continue to monitor the field and make sure any problems that may arise will be dealt with immediately.

71.2 Thanks were expressed to all those that had given their time to plant more spring bulbs this year.

72 Councillors' items

72.1 Taylor Woodrow are to improve the drainage in the driveway at the end of Furlow Way, and tarmac the drive.

72.2 Highways are to be approached about trees obscuring street lights.

72.3 Street lamp SC14 has a broken bracket, clerk to report

72.4 Grass cuttings are being deposited on verges, clerk to write to the journal pointing out that green bins can and should be used.

72.5 A new concrete road is being constructed at Childerley Estates opposite Pre Star/TKA, it is thought to be for the new A428 construction Cllr Wolton will query this at the exhibition.

72.5 Motorists are being dazzled approaching Caldecote on the A428 from Cambridge by security/work lights for the A428 construction, clerk to contact Richard Gethin of Nuttal's

72.6 The open notice board for villagers use is very hard and impossible to pin to. It was suggested that costs be obtained for a full sheet of "Sundeala" soft board, used for notice boards, this would enable replacement of the surface as necessary.

72.7 The Highfield Road was flooded on 3rd November near the pumping station on Highfields Road opposite Bourn Bridleway, the clerk was asked to write to Anglian Water.

The main road near the new bridge is also still flooding.

A drain is blocked on the West Side of Highfields Road from "West Winds" to Clare Drive.

72.8 The shop is anticipated to open soon after New year, the journal may wish to announce this in its next issue.

72.9 Speed Bumps - More complaints have been made, they no longer meet the required new specification but did when put in. It was reported that there are going to be more speed bumps along this road.

Also there are incidents with cars miss-using the mini roundabouts by driving on the wrong side.

73. Closure of meeting and parish matters

The meeting was adjourned temporarily to allow comments from the members of the public present.

The meeting was re-convened at 10-20 pm

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 10-21

Date of next meeting Thursday December 1st 2005

Non agenda items for note, please ask the clerk if you wish to view these

Ramblers Program for 2005/6

Cambridgeshire Waste Strategy consultation

For note A428 Caxton Common to Hardwick, start of work exhibition is open to the public at 12 noon on the 11th November. And on 12th November