

**Minutes of the Meeting of Caldecote Parish Council on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2005 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall**

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

**In attendance:** Mr Roger Hume (Clerk) and 4 members of the public.

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

**Apologies:** Cllr Stopp, Cllr Breeze, rayton and Cllr Martlew

**Declaration of interests: For the following planning item were received (not prejudicial).**

**S2107 Cllr Wolton – lives in the same road**

**S2107 Cllr Footman – lives in the same road**

**S2107 Cllr Levett – lives in the same road**

**75. To approve the minutes of the previous meeting on November 3rd 2005.**

On a proposition by Cllr Whyatt , seconded by Cllr Footman the minutes were approved as a true record of the meeting with no amendments.

The Chairman then signed the minutes.

**76 Matters arising for information only (Clerk's report). Were noted**

**76.2 (72.3 72.2) Street Lighting- Overhanging trees and bracket problems reported (ref 2384174).**

**76.3 (57.2 49.2.4 52.6 52.5) School flashing lights** are due soon, by new year hopefully.

**76.4 (67.2) Village Maps** Improved maps are on order.

**76.5 (67.3) Consent Street Status** has been applied for – likely to take several months

**76.6 (69.1.6) Taylor Woodrow** have confirmed they have asked Pearce Kemp to replace street lamp bulbs in their development.

**76.7 (72.5) A428 Nuttall** have adjusted the lamps on their compound to avoid dazzle.

**77 Matters carried forward from the last meeting for discussion / decision**

**77.1 (72.7) Anglian water.** Flooding of pumping station, Information received suggests that the flooding to the pumping station on November 3<sup>rd</sup> was caused because it is at maximum capacity, and when there is a heavy rain it cannot cope. The information came from a technician The clerk has written to Anglian Water (22/11/05) as a follow up and get confirmation. The clerk was asked to write to the managing director if no reply is received within a reasonable time,

**77.2 (67.1) Highways –** from Dennis Vacher Blocked drain will be cleaned ASAP.

Drainage works and trickle of water near the bridge is on going.

There will be no reimbursement for underpaid grass cutting allowance.

The Parish council are aware that Breheny are about to start further work on the Grafton Drive Highfields Road junction. The clerk was asked to contact Taylor Woodrow urgently to find out exactly what is planned as none of the councillors have seen the plans, which involve road widening removing the island, installing a pedestrian refuge and another speed bump.

**77.4 (67.4) TKA Court Case,** contact from the office of our MP Andrew Lansley asking if anything is possible to avoid expensive court action, it was reported that the residents affected would prefer a meeting with Andrew Lansley. The clerk was asked asked to follow up the letter to the SCDC legal department regarding the request for a temporary injunction.

**77.5 (67.5) Ashwell's turning head (end of West Drive).** Nothing to report in time for the meeting.

**77.6 (67.6) Bus Shelter –** carried over to the next meeting as Cllr Drayton was absent..

**77.7 (67.7) Ditch Works,** it was reported that the main ditches have been cleared of debris and growth, the clerk was asked to write to Pat Matthews at SCDC thanking him and his team.

The clerk was asked to follow up with Brian Heffernan the issue of the levelling of a tributary ditch in a private garden.

**77.8 (72.5) New Concrete road** at Childerley Estates, it was reported that this is in preparation for the new flyover and access to Bourn airfield.

**77.9 (66a) Local Heritage Initiative**, a note from Karen Champion footpaths officer at Cambs CC was handed out, Cllr Wolton has tried to contact Will Wall about an application, concern was expressed that any grant offered was likely to result in a lot of paperwork in reporting progress etc. Mrs Smith is involved in the historical issues in Caldecote and will be approached to see if she is willing to get involved.

## **78. Finance and procedural matters**

**78.1** To receive the financial report and approve the payment of bills

Glasdon	Dog Bins/clamps	199.32	517
MD landscapes	Grasscutting	246.75	518
Kathie Martlew	Salary	33.00	<i>Direct Debit</i>
R Hume	Salary	243.48	519
Viking DIRECT	Stationery	44.79	520
Ringway RHS (EA) Ltd	Posts for bins	88.13	521
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>855.47</b>	

Late Payments Clerk expenses of £48.13 also approved and will be added to next months schedule.

All Payments were checked and approved,  
Proposed by Cllr Wolton and seconded by Cllr Whyatt.

The clerk was asked to ask for confirmation of signatories from the bank and request the forms to add Cllr Levett as a signatory.

A note from SCDC on the effects of capping had been circulated. A letter has been received by the chairman pointing out changes to the funding of street lighting.

## **78.2 Precept Budget 2006/2007,**

The clerk presented a budget proposal that he and the chairman had worked on based on the next 12 months financial period 2006/2007 for consideration by councillors.

The clerk pointed out that the council should be planning ahead for the next few years. The current level of the precept is based on a village with few facilities. With recent additional play areas MUGA and the sports fields this will have to change.

The Council as yet do not have firm estimates of maintenance costs but for the sports area it is likely to be substantial. Some short term funds will be handed over by the developers.

Insurance costs too will rise along with the general increases expected (20%) in premiums.

Recycling credits have been stopped as a direct result of SCDC's capping.

Election expenses have been added to the budget.

The clerk was asked to pursue Mel Pooley who has offered to provide a basic specification schedule for the sports areas and basic costing for maintenance.

It was agreed that the clerk and the chairman would meet again to consider the budget before the January meeting where it is hoped a decision can be made. Needed by February 14<sup>th</sup> latest..

**78.3** CALC is running a general Workshop for Councillors, it was agreed that this was not necessary at this time as councillors had been to a training course within the past 12 months.

**78.4 Insurance** The Clerk mentioned MUGA fencing is not on the policy but it was felt by councillors to be substantial enough not to be damaged easily, the clerk was asked to

change cover for the cantilever bus shelter which no longer exists to the brick built shelter at a value of £2000.

**78.5 Request for Funding**, From Macmillan Cancer, (and the BAA campaign) - it was decided not to contribute to either at this time.

**79. To attend to correspondence/communications received since the last meeting**

**79.1 Parishioner correspondence**

**79.1.1** From Helen Kamper (Manor Farmhouse) Helen has spoken to Royal Mail House to propose the moving of the post box which sits at the end of Caldecote village, on the narrow stretch of Main Street, just at the entrance to Manor Farmhouse, she suggested (with safety in mind) that it would be better sited a few yards further up Main Street, in the lay-by by the church, where it would be safe and easy for cars to pull up. Due to the increase in traffic over the past few years, the present location of the box creates a considerable risk to those who stop on the road to either post or collect mail.

The council decided to support this suggestion and the clerk will write to Royal Mail House and to make sure that the same post box is used.

**79.1.2** Email from Mr Payne – He was concerned that the address for new flats above the shop would be confused with other homes in the road.

It was pointed out that the flats address will include the name “School Court”, the clerk was asked to contact the street naming officer at SCDC to point out the issue.

**79.1.3** Email from Mark Lincoln – There are problems with parents using the mini roundabout at the junction of Highfields Road and Furlong Way to carry out U turns. This has resulted in a few near misses with pedestrians. The parish council thought it unlikely that highways would install barriers.

There are a number of safety issues on Highfields Road, Clare Drive (highlighted in the press recently, the parish council have reported this in the past), the West Drive exit was also mentioned.

The clerk was asked to write to highways requesting a site visit, the Parish Council will invite residents to take part if they wish.

**79.2.1** Email from John Littlechild Woodside Main Street concerning the non illumination of traffic signs in the village, the clerk has reported the problem but it was felt that there is no power to the signs anyway so will not be a quick solution.

**79.2.2** SCDC – The clerk presented a summary of the results of service cuts due to capping

**79.2.3** CCC - Major waste location and design, no comments offered.

**79.2.4** CCC Traffic management joint committee, no items on the agenda that effect Caldecote directly.

**79.2.5** Sustainable communities bill, letter received thanking the Parish Council for their support and requesting information on problems being faced by the village. The clerk will reply.

**80. To attend to planning received since the last meeting**

**80.1.1 S/2154/05/F Turner - Dwelling and garage 22 West Drive**

Application is recommended for REFUSAL - Proposed by Cllr Wolton and seconded by Cllr Levett.

Back land development has caused problems in the past, particularly with disturbance to adjoining properties. Access is too near an existing access.

The parish council have become aware that during heavy rain the water pumping station in Caldecote is still unable to cope and floods, despite being upgraded recently, the latest incident was on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2005, we suggest that until infrastructure is improved any new housing application in Caldecote should be refused.

It would be welcome if the Parish Council could have some clear definition of a policy to this type of development as recent decisions seem to be inconsistent.

**80.1.2 S2107/05/F Hassan - Extension and gates 8 Highfields Road**

This application is recommended for REFUSAL Proposed by Cllr Lang and seconded by Cllr Footman.

Overdevelopment of the site. Proposed garage abuts boundary.

**80.1.3 S2243/05/F Extension (amended design) 3 Mitwell Close Highfields Caldecote**

No recommendation is offered for this application - Proposed by Cllr Lang and seconded by Cllr Whyatt.

**SCDC Decisions for note only**

**80.2.1 S1797/04/F Amended – adjacent to 8 East Drive - Garage re-siting (Approved)**

**80.2.2 S1531/05/CC School Extensions (Approved)**

**80.2.3 S1746/05RM (S/2045/04/0) Agricultural Dwelling Orchard Farm (Approved)**

**80.2.4 S1832/05/F Agricultural Buildings, R/O The Poplars (Approved)**

**80.2.5 Tree Preservation order 72 Highfields Caldecote 16/05/SC**

**81 The village development, recreation grounds and public open spaces,**

**81.1.1 Report from Sport and Recreation Committee held on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November.**

Reported in minutes of that meeting.

**81.1.2 Village verges, questionnaire, Cllr Whyatt has agreed to fill in the form from SCDC.**

**82 Councillors' items**

**82.1.1 The provision of waste bins and dog** - bins in new areas and the bottom end of the village, move forward to next meeting agenda after consultations with residents and the clerk will write to developers asking if they intend to fit any. It was suggested that the colour green is preferable for litter bins in the old (South) part of the village.

**82.1.2 Parking** The clerk was asked to write to the occupants of 99 Highfields Road who are constantly parking on the footpath causing an obstruction to pedestrians.

**82.1.3 Clare Drive** - The recent residents publicity about the exit from Clare drive was welcomed but it was pointed out that the parish had raised this on several occasions before.

**82.1.4** It was noted that work had been carried out by highways on West Drive/Bosserts Way including bollards. The clerk was asked to write to Dennis Vacher to express the council's appreciation.

**83. Closure of meeting and parish matters.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 21-29 to allow the public to express their views, the meeting was reconvened at 21-44.**

**There being no further business the meeting was closed at 21-45., next meeting January 5<sup>th</sup> 2006, the chairman wished all those present a Happy Christmas !**

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

Winter Gritting information

CALC Newsletter

SCDC traffic management

Cambs County Council Community Involvement

Software Grant available for software for news sheet (Journal).

<http://www.standardsboard.co.uk/> has information on the Code of conduct

Village Halls – call to join Village Halls Network