

Minutes of the Meeting of Caldecote Parish Council on Thursday 5th January 2006 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

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

In attendance: District Cllr R Martlew, County Cllr D Baldwin, Mr R Hume (Clerk) and 4 members of the public.

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

Apologies None - all the Council were present

Declaration of interests:

For the following planning item were received (not prejudicial).

S2327 Cllr Wolton – lives in the same road

S2327 Cllr Levett – lives in the same road

S2327 Cllr Breeze – lives in the same road

S2327 Cllr Drayton – lives in the same road

For Agenda items

90.6 Access to School works

Cllr P Philips Caldecote Village Institute Trustee

Cllr T Footman Caldecote Village Institute Trustee

85. To approve the minutes of the previous meeting on December 1st 2005.

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

The Chairman then signed the minutes.

86 Matters arising for information only (Clerk's report) were noted

86.1 (S&R 4.1) Bloor Homes are to reinstate the temporary turning head and provide a small public open space, to comply with the 106 agreement, councilors felt that this should be investigated further as it was felt that extra parking could be provided with the existing layout. Cllr Baldwin offered to make enquiries at the County Council to see if the existing layout could be adopted. The clerk was also asked to write to Bloor homes to suggest that the Parish Council may possibly agree to apply for planning permission if necessary.

86.2 (57.1 47.1) **Grass Cutting 2006 contract**, confirmation from MD landscapes that they have accepted the contract.

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

87.1 (72.7) Anglian water. Flooding of pumping station, still awaiting a response from customer service manager John Pirie, he had indicated the problem may have been a faulty pump on November 3rd but would investigate fully and notify the outcome.

87.2 (67.1) Highways – The clerk has reported a small part of Highfields Road that had sunk, possibly where recent water road works had recently taken place (Beyond Mitchell Wood House),.

Street lights on Banner Homes development (have been reported to street lighting faults. The Blythe Way development was adopted in 2004 but it appears they had no record, The clerk has contacted Cambs CC and has been assured that the light bulbs will be replaced.

87.3 (77.3) Grafton Drive Highfields Road Junction plans had been received for current work being carried out by Breheny. The clerk was asked to query again when changes will be made to road signs from West Drive to Grafton Drive.

87.4 (77.4 67.4)TKA Court Case, Reply from SCDC legal office on the councils injunction request, suggesting that it would not be possible to justify any further action. The clerk was asked to write again pointing out the disturbance being suffered by residents for another 9 months, while TKA continue their profit making operation unchecked.

87.5 (67.5) Ashwell's Development turning head (end of West Drive). Letter from Ashwell -This is now to be adopted, drainage problems have been solved, details of proposed tree planting and the erection of fencing to plot 33. The chairman expressed thanks to Cllr Drayton who had pointed out the solution.

87.6 (67.6) Bus Shelter – There is a new shelter in Dry Drayton and the clerk was asked to find out details as it was felt this design could be used in Caldecote.

87.7 (67.7) Ditch Works, Brian Heffernan is arranging a meeting with Gary Morgan from the Environment Agency. To be put on the next agenda.

87.8 (66a) Local Heritage Initiative - A resident had been contacted regarding this possible project but it was felt that there would be too much paperwork and reporting back etc. Cllr Lang offered to write a short item for the Journal to see if anyone else might be interested.

87.9 (79.1.2) New Shops and apartments address The addresses will be:- Number, School Court, Furlong Way Highfield Caldecote Cambridge

88. Finance and procedural matters

88.1 To receive the financial report and approve the payment of bills.

Clerk expenses (November)	Approved November	48.13	Chq 522
Kathie Martlew	Salary	33.00	<i>Direct Debit</i>
R Hume	Salary	243.48	523
May Kember	Journal delivery	27.30	524
LGS Services	Printing Journal	292.50	525
Viking direct	Stationery	53.86	526
Data protection Register	Renewal	35.00	527

Payments were checked and approved - Proposed by Cllr Footman and seconded by Cllr Phillips, including a late payment of £48.03 for (December) clerk expenses to be added to next months schedule..

88.2 - Notification of charges for Street Lighting, the clerk has contacted the County Council once again to point out that the two street lights PC1 and 2 have been removed, confirmation of the cancelled charge have been requested.

There is some confusion over the lights currently being provided by SCDC, it is expected that these could become the Parish councils responsibility both for running costs and maintenance.

88.3 Notification from CCC that funding is likely to be cut for grass cutting allowance for 2006/7 from 5 cuts to 4..

In view of the fact that Caldecote has been short changed in recent years the clerk was asked to write to the County Council pointing out the promised amount for 2006 had only just been agreed, and had influenced the decision to take back the contract for grass cutting and to point out the funding shortfall in the past

88.4 Precept Budget 2006/2007, to set a precept for 2006/7, The Chairman and clerk have discussed the budget and the Chairman had suggested an increased figure.

After much debate there was concern that the Caldecote precept was more akin to a village with few facilities.

Funding had also been lost from recycling credits and the likely charges for street lighting being transferred from SCDC.

Also In view of recent additions and particularly the sports fields coming on line in the summer it was felt that the council should increase this further.

A proposal was made to set a budget of **£27,162.00**

With the property base figure – of equivalent band D's at 679.6 will result in a band D property charge of £39.97 (up £10.90) per annum.

The budget was revised with an allowance for street lighting of £1000 and an increased amount for sports field maintenance to £4000.

A vote on this amount was carried unanimously

88.5 Request for Funding, From WRVS, the council felt unable to contribute at this time, the clerk was asked to write and explain that the work carried out by the service was appreciated and if they could indicate the specific work being carried out in Caldecote this would be reviewed at a later date.

88.6 Approval of clerk training - for election procedures was agreed, it was the councils policy to fund training for the clerk as necessary.

88.7 Financial Regulations – As a result of CiLCA training, the clerk suggests approval of Financial Regulations for the council, moved to next meeting so that the document can be studied in more detail.

88.8 The bank has confirmed signatories as Cllr's Footman, Phillips, Drayton, Stopp, Lang and Wolton. It was decided not to change these before the coming election.

88.9 Clerks Office – The clerk has made a planning application to convert a garage into an office as more space was required.

The Parish Council agreed to write a letter from the Council supporting the application. To be signed by the chairman.

88.10 Transport information in newsletter, a proposal to include transport information in Parish Newsletters. Moved to next agenda to see if funding for this will be available.

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

89.1 Parishioner correspondence

89.1.1 Highfield Road - copy of letter from Mr Reynolds to the County Council was read out, problems with drivers misusing the verges near speed bumps, the council decided to support the views expressed. The clerk will write a letter of support.

89.2 Other Correspondence

89.2.1 Parish Paths Partnership – application for 2006/7 and a news bulletin for 2005 also a request for information on missing links on public rights of way. Cllr Wolton will investigate to see if an application could be made

89.2.2 Register of Electors (now 1080 on register was 1041 last December)

89.2.3 Changes to bus services were noted but there were none that affected Caldecote.

90 To attend to planning received since the last meeting

90.5 (taken as first item) **Planning Responses** - The Parish Council agreed that it would be sensible to make sure that some responses should be applied for each standard item, particularly for items such as back land development, drainage, surface water run off and disturbance during construction. The items were presented and agreed. Proposed by Cllr Lang, seconded by Cllr Levett.

90.1 S2327/05/F S Chalmers - Land R/O 53 Highfields Road Highfields Caldecote.

Two letters of objections from residents were circulated to members.
Recommended for refusal

Overdevelopment of site. Concern over drainage, and surface water run off
The Parish Council consider this form of back land development undesirable.
It is out of keeping with the linear pattern of development and consequently out of keeping with policy P1/3 of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Structure Plan of 2003 and Policies SE4(b) and HG11(4) of the South Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2004.
It would be detrimental to existing and future occupiers of the adjoining properties by vehicular access along the proposed narrow access driveway.
The proposal is therefore contrary to Policy SE4(b) and HG11 of the South Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2004..

Access should not be allowed to increase risks.
Proposed by Cllr Lang and seconded by Cllr Levett.

90.2 S1150/05/O Notification of appeal land at 12 West Drive Caldecote, dwelling and garage, Items from the agreed standard list will be sent to the inspector.

SCDC Decisions for note only

Tree preservation order - 72 Highfields Road, Caldecote - order confirmed 15th November 2005.

90.3 The clerk was given approval for a letter responding to advice received on the CiLCA course regarding S106 provision and parish council involvement in consultation.

90.4 Parish Plan, a Parish Plan would allow Caldecote Parish council to form its own plans for the future of the village, these plans would allow the council to decide, for instance on policies for backland development which could be quoted on application responses. Concern was expressed about the cost of this as the original support funding had been withdrawn, it was decided not to pursue this at this time.

90.6 Access to School building Works . The Village Hall committee have a meeting on Monday next to discuss a proposal to use the hall grounds for a temporary access.
The Parish Council are keen to ensure the safety of the children during the construction and the clerk was asked to write to the County Council asking that all available options are fully explored.

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

91.1 There were 3 quotations for a knee high rail and path in the MUGA area. The bid from SP Building Services appeared to be the best value and the contract was awarded to them, for a total sum of £455 + VAT. Proposed by Cllr Lang and seconded by Cllr Breeze

92 Councillors' items

92.1 Bossets Way and Highfields Road, street name is damaged, clerk to report. It was also mentioned that 2 more lights had failed in Mitwell Close.

92.2 SCDC newsletter - Residents did not all receive copies of the SCDC newsletter, West Drive was missed, some got 2 in Highfields Road, clerk to notify.

92.3 School road works by contractors Breheny, will the speed humps be the same as current spec ?

92.4 Footpath, Blythe Way to Hardwick bridleway, some work was promised on this by Mike Cooper, clerk to check correspondence.

92.5 Hedge along footpath 3, some residents have trimmed the hedges but some have not, Clerk to write to Karen Champion.

92.6 Bridleway by the kennels has been churned up, to be monitored by councilors.

92.7 Old Caldecote, speed limit signs, entering the 30mph from the 40mph and the A428 end are not as large as normal, clerk to query

92.8 Waste bin in A428 bus shelter, clerk to order a green metal litter bin.

92.9 A commercial truck - is causing an obstruction in Strympole Way, along with a car that may have been dumped. Report to Chris Bradley (Police).

92.10 Christmas period waste - The clerk was asked to write to SCDC about the disappointing refuse collection service over Christmas/New year period.

93. Closure of meeting and parish matters.

The meeting was suspended temporarily at 21-50 to allow representation from the public.

The meeting was reconvened at 21-55.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 21.55

Next meeting is on February 2nd 2006, Sport and Recreation on 31st January.

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

CALC Bulletin December 2005.

East of England Road works to Feb 2006.

CCC Budget 2006 – your services your choice.

Cambs Local Access forum – leaflet and poster.

South Cambs Event Guide – and information sheets, grants and equipment available.

CCC Historical Resource and cultural Centre (HRCC) Consultation questionnaire (redevelopment of Cambridge Railway Station to include this facility).

CALC Quality Status Panel Sitting January 17th, next is April

Comberton Village College – News Magazine