

**Minutes of the Meeting of Caldecote Parish Council  
on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2006 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall**

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

**In attendance:** District Cllr R Martlew (arrived during the meeting) Mr. R Hume (Clerk) and 5 members of the public

**Immediately before the meeting started Richard Gethin from Nuttalls gave an update of work progressing on the A428**

**94. Apologies for absence and also declaration of interests from members:**

**Apologies** Cllr Stopp

**Declaration of interests:**

For the following planning items

**S0029 and S0096 Cllr Breeze – lives in the same road**

**S0013 Cllr Drayton – Financial**

**S0096 Cllr Drayton – lives in same road**

**S0096 Cllr Lang - - lives in same road**

**S0096 Cllr Whyatt – lives in same road**

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

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

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

Agenda Item

**100.4 Cllr Footman Caldecote Village Institute**

**100.4 Cllr Phillips - Chair – Caldecote Village Institute**

**95. To approve the minutes of the previous meeting on January 5th 2005.**

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

The Chairman then signed the minutes.

**96. Matters arising for information only (Clerk's report) were noted**

**96.1 (92.1) Christmas/New year waste problems - the response received from S. L. Harwood-Clark Environment Operations Manager was noted.**

**96.2 (87.3 77.3) West Drive road name signs. Are on order, SCDC were not aware of the West Drive "leading" to Grafton Drive signs (erected by the developer).**

**96.3 Shop Contact from the new shop owner. Hopes to open end February**  
No post office but hopes to stock stamps and is enquiring about other specific PO services - To be a MACE trading Store.

**96.4 (86.1) Bloor Homes**

Contact from Bob Tash Bloor Homes Clare Drive turning head to Public Open Space Contractor will be TDS – They will be Providing 2 litter bins and 2 seats on the 2 areas of public open space.

**96.5 (92.4/5) Bridleway 2 and footpath**

Information from Karen Champion,

The owner has phoned and says that he intends to sort out this ditch problem when he next has a digger hired in. He also intends to side up part of the hedge in that area, in time for bird nesting.

**96.6 (92.7) Caldecote - Road Speed Limit signs**

Information from David Lines – Divisional Traffic Engineer - The minimum size for the start of limits is 600mm diameter, repeater signs can be 300mm The Clerk has checked and there is one

40mph sign, the first from the A428 is only 450mm, this has been reported. David has promised to look at the situation and take appropriate action.

**96.7 (92.9) Strympole Way Parking obstruction** Chris Bradley will investigate the next time he is in Caldecote.

**96.8 Orchid Area** contact from Rob Mungovan SCDC Ecology Officer He has checked the work done by the contractor and is very happy with the results.

It was not intended to cut back too hard maintaining a strip of 2 metres cut back less.

There will be a need to maintain this area, He has been asked for a maintenance specification and will arrange a site visit in May.

**96.9 Highfields Road near junction of Clare Drive** - Councilors have reported a fault with the road surface in Highfields Road. Location Highfields Road (from the A428) just before the second mini roundabout near the first entrance to Clare drive

Contact from Dennis Vacher Highways - I have noticed this and will be getting the contractors to repair.

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

**97.1 Anglian Water** – no further response from them.

**97.2 (87.2 67.1) Highways** – to note matters in hand by highways and any report progress. Email Contact from Cllr Denzil Baldwin was noted

**97.3 (87.3 77.3) Grafton Drive Highfields Road Junction** works are nearing completion

**97.4 (97.4 77.4 67.4) TKA** Court Case, No further response from SCDC legal office. Cncl Wolton and several affected Caldecote residents had a meeting with Andrew Lansley and made him fully aware of the situation.

**97.6 (87.6 67.6) Bus Shelter** – The Dry Drayton Shelter cost £7000 well above our budget figure. The clerk is to ask for an updated quote for the original early estimate without the hand made roof tiles.

**97.7 (87.7 67.7) Ditch Works 53/55 Highfields Road** Gary Morgan/Brian Heffernan have responded to the latest planning application as follows

*Re: S/ 2327/05/F- Single dwelling on land to R/O 53 Highfields Road Caldecote*

*Officers from the Council's Housing and Environmental Protection Department recently met with officers from the Environment Agency in respect of a complaint regarding the alleged filling in of a drainage ditch adjacent the site of the proposed dwelling.*

*I understand that officers from the Environment Agency are currently investigating the problem of the in filled ditch adjacent the site where the property 53 Highfields Road Caldecote is located, adversely affecting the drainage of the property that is currently unoccupied since being built and the land on the surrounding properties.*

*I have discussed the matter with both Gary Morgan from the Environment Agency and Pat Matthews the Council's drainage manager. We are of the opinion that until the matter of the infilled ditch is resolved, we object to the development that is the subject of this application.*

**97.8 (66a) Local Heritage Initiative** – ongoing to see if there is any response from the Journal item.

## **97.9 (92.4) Footpath north of West Drive**

Dennis Vacher has now been given funding for this section and the works will take place later in the year.

## **98. Finance and procedural matters**

**98.1 The following items from the financial report were approved**

Expenditure for approval			CHQ NO.
<b>Clerk expenses (December)</b>	<b>see note *(1)</b>	<b>48.03</b>	<b>529</b>
<b>Viking Direct</b>	<b>see note *(2)</b>	<b>11.69</b>	<b>528</b>
Kathie Martlew	Salary	33.00	<i>Direct Debit</i>
R Hume	Salary	243.48	532
CALC	Affiliation fee	336.22	533
Acre	Subscription	25.00	534
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>697.42</b>	

**98.2 (88.7) Financial Regulations – The Caldecote Parish Council regulations were approved as presented by the clerk.**

**98.3 Council tax capping and Footway lights** Caldecote has, 25 lights that are affected at a current total cost of £817 PA. The council agreed that Cllr Footman and Cllr Wolton will investigate the Highfields Caldecote areas affected and report to next months meeting. Cllr Whyatt will look at the Old Caldecote lights and report. The aim is identify where the lights are and see if they are necessary.

**99. To attend to correspondence/communications received since the last meeting****99.1 Parishioner correspondence**

A letter from Saskia Dart (see item 100.4).

**99.2 Other Correspondence****99.2.1 Standards of Conduct in Local Government.**

Proposal to simplify and clarify the code of conduct – Cnlr Wolton offered to consider the new proposals and has the document if anyone else wants to read it.

**99.2.2 Local Development Framework**, public consultation stage. The council will not respond further

**99.2.3 Calor Village of the year 2006 – it was decided not to enter.****99.2.4 Declaration of Local Nature reserve.** Kingston and Bourn old railway was noted**99.2.5 Mobile Library**, changes to be published in the journal.**99.2.6 Post codes - Major changes to the Postcodes in CB areas including Caldecote**

Proposal CB3 7\*\* would become CB23 7\*\*

A number of open days will be held in the next few weeks - Might Take effect in September.

The Parish Council asked the clerk to respond expressing their disagreement with the proposal due to the disruption and unnecessary expense, they felt that an alternative should be investigated for just the new developments.

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

**100.1 S0013/06/F** Erection of 2 bungalows following demolition of existing bungalow 82 West Drive Highfields Caldecote.

Cncl Drayton left the room having declared a financial interest.

**Decision - No Recommendation**, proposed by Cllr Breeze, Seconded by Cllr Levett.

Caldecote Standard conditions to be requested.

Cncl Drayton was invited to rejoin the meeting after the decision

**100.2 S0029/06/F** Erection of Dwelling and garage front Plot at 84 West Drive Highfields Caldecote.

**Decision Recommendation for REFUSAL**

Proposed by Cllr Footman, Seconded by Cllr Levett.  
Overdevelopment of site. - Overlooking issues  
Standard conditions to be requested plus No Hedges to be removed.

**100.3 S0096/06/F** Glasshouse Church Meadow Main Street Caldecote  
**No Recommendation.**

Proposed by Cllr Drayton and seconded by Cllr Breeze  
Concern to be expressed about any increase in vehicular traffic.  
Standard Caldecote conditions to be requested.

**100.5 Planning Late item (amendment)** taken before item 100.4.  
**S2107/05/F Extensions and Gates 8 Highfields Road (Amended)**

Previous response was confirmed and to be sent again.

**Decision recommended for REFUSAL**

Proposed by Cllr Footman and seconded by Cllr Wolton  
Overdevelopment of the site.- Proposed garage abuts boundary.  
Standard Caldecote conditions to be requested

**SCDC Decisions for note only**

**S2154/05/F** R/O 22 West Drive Highfields Caldecote Refused  
**S2243/05/F** Extension (amended) 3 Mitwell Close Highfields Caldecote Granted

**100.4 (90.6) Access to School Works** . Letter from Caldecote Village Institute explaining why they were unable to allow the haul traffic to use the grounds.

- Car Park surface not suitable for heavy good vehicles
- Safety issues of Village Hall users
- Reduced parking spaces
- Access too narrow.
- Furlong Way leads to the children's play area and MUGA/recreation area

Correspondence had also been received from a resident - Saskia Dart on behalf of the concerned parents of the School and Playgroup.

The clerk reported that he had spoken to Simon Butler- Finbow from Ashwells this afternoon about using the County Councils preferred route via Grafton Drive.

The County Council had been in contact with Ashwells for 2 years and Ashwells had initially been happy for this road to be used, it was only recently that they had indicated an unwillingness to agree the use.

Simon promised to investigate as he was unaware of the problem.

The clerk was asked to point out to the County Council that Ashwells do not own the land this road is on, and as it is a public right of way - the Parish Council felt that Ashwells had no right to prevent the road being used.

**101. The village development, recreation grounds and public open spaces.****101.1 Verbal report from Social and Recreation meeting on 31<sup>st</sup> January.**

**The Sport and Recreation - Committee met on Tuesday this week, and agreed a basic specification for the proposed sports area pavilion (see minutes).**

**101.2** Councilors indicated the work on the MUGA area knee high fence and path has been started.

**101.3 Sports Fields** – some areas are not draining properly, the clerk will notify Taylor Woodrow.

## **102 Councilors' items**

**102.1 Play area to the North of Greyway Close**, a tree has been damaged, and a request will be made for it to be relocated away from the kick about area.

A hedge is owned by the Papworth Trust on the boundary which needs to be maintained by them. Cllr Philips is to liaise with developers over the issues and contact Pat Matthews. If possible site meeting will be arranged for all the remaining issues of the Bloor development, including an advertising sign that was erected on Highfields Road, the original protected hedgerow layout needs to be replaced along with some facing bricks on the culvert pipe entrance.

**102.2 Lights** - The clerk was asked to issue a reminder about the damaged light head SC14, West side of Highfields Road, on the footpath opposite Hall Drive.

**102.4 Speeding Traffic** - The clerk was asked to contact the County Council roads section to see if a speed check survey can be arranged.

**102.5 – A428 extra bunding** - Informal questions have been asked about the parish council supporting the owner of the land in building extra homes on the Caldecote side of the A428 so that this bunding can be provided. The parish Council is not in favour.

**102.6 – Quiet Lanes** Cllr Levett had heard a report from CPRE (Campaign for Rural England) for a designation of certain roads being classified as “Quiet Lanes”. The clerk was asked to investigate.

**102.7 Security** - Residents were asked to keep a watch out for an orange “Vauxhall Rascal” van that had been acting suspiciously in the area.

**102.8 Blythe Way. Highfields Road junction**, the white lining needs repainting. The clerk to notify Highways.

**102.9 Humps and thumps**, the clerk was asked to contact Cllr Baldwin to ask again about the legality of the present humps.

## **103. Closure of meeting and parish matters.**

The meeting was suspended temporarily at 21.55 to allow representation from the public.

The meeting was reconvened at 21.57.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 22:00

**Next full Council meeting is on March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2006,**

**Sport and Recreation meeting on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2006**

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

Calc Bulletin,

Making the right decision – A planning workshop for councils and clerks.

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March (£12.50) at Wimblington, run by CPRE.

Countryside events – CCC Countryside Access Team

Archaeology Field unit Public Events 2006

Cambridgeshire And Peterborough Minerals and waste development plan – issues and Options consultation. Additional proposed locations on line

<http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/>

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