

Minutes of Caldecote Annual Parish Meeting on 19th May 2006 at 7-30pm in
the Village Hall

Present 14 Parishioners including Councillors and the Parish Clerk

The Chairman of the Parish Council chaired the meeting Cllr Jack Lang,
Cllr Lang welcomed everyone to the meeting and expressed his thanks to Mr Frank Wolton
for his work as chairman in recent years.

1. **Apologies for absence** Cllr F Whelan
2. **Minutes of the previous Parish Meeting on 19th May 2005** – On a proposition by Cllr
Footman and seconded by Cllr Levett, last years parish meeting minutes were approved as
a true record without amendment. The chairman then signed the minutes.
3. **Matters arising** - There were no items that were not covered by the agenda
4. **To receive reports:**
 - 4.1 Parish Council for the previous year (Parish Council Chairman for 2005/6) Mr Frank
Wolton. Read out a report (*attached appendix 1*).
 - 4.2 The audited financial statement of the Parish Council for the year ended 31st March
2005 and the Council's observation on its finances for the past and forthcoming years
(*appendix 2*). The clerk presented a report which was circulated to the meeting, explaining
that the accounts for the for the year ended 2005, passed both the internal and also the
external audit with no adverse comments from either party and are formally presented to the
APM as is required by legislation.

The audit for 2005/6 has now been summoned.

The accounts will be available for public inspection between 1st and 30th June 2006 by
contacting the clerk.

- 4.3 **Community Beat Officer** (PC C Bradley) gave a verbal report - summarised as
follows.

He considered there were no major problems in Caldecote.

There had been a major drop in figures last year, so as expected there had been an increase
this year. 94 Crimes were recorded - up 88% Anti-Social Behaviour reports had gone down
35%, there were no crime reports at all in March.

There were 3 dwelling burglaries, non dwelling was up nearly 300% this usually is for
equipment stored in outbuildings and building sites.

There were reports of 3 thefts from vehicles, none from shops and 16 of damage to property.

A new PC Support officer should be starting next week and Chris will ensure that he makes
contact with local people and keeps a record of his time in Caldecote.

Specific information on Crime reports in Caldecote is available from the police web site
<http://www.cambs.police.uk>

It is important to report crime as priorities may be based on the number of reports

Urgent Dial 999 or non urgent - On line <http://www.online.police.uk/english/default.asp> Or
central area report line 0845 456 456 4

4.4 District Councillor (Cllr Robin Martlew) No report submitted

4.5 County Councillor (Cllr Denzil Baldwin) Report attached *appendix 3*

4.6 Town Lands and Sitwell's Charity. Report attached (*appendix 4*) Cllr Neale Whyatt explained that the charity owns 3 acres of land that could be used for allotments, although it is currently leased to a farmer. If there was a demand particularly now that the new homes have small gardens, its use could be reviewed. The rental provides the only income to the charity.

Town Lands and Sitwell's Charity Trustees

On a proposition by Cllr Lang and seconded by Cllr Levett the trustees were re-elected, Neale Whyatt, Kevin Raiser and Kevin Browning.

4.7 Parish Church of St Michael and All Angels - Verbal Report, explaining that fundraising had resulted in works to rectify a sinking floor in the church. The start of this work had been delayed until August due to delays in getting permission.. Other work proposed a possible Lich gate and erecting hand rails which was awaiting planning permission. A previous attempt had to be removed as there are issues regarding its position adjacent to the path and road.

The clerk was asked to investigate if this application has now been submitted.

A request was made for assistance with the cost of grass cutting in the churchyard, the clerk explained that there was an amount in the Parish Council budget for this year, the church should submit a request confirming what the money would be used for.

4.8 Caldecote Village Institute Ltd Report attached *appendix 5* This has recently become a limited company to protect the trustees.

4.8 CALYPSO Report attached *appendix 6*

4.9 Caldecote Sports Association - No report submitted

4.10 Caldecote Community Primary School - No report submitted

4.11 Representatives of other voluntary organisations in the village

PTA - Report attached *appendix 7*

Playgroup - Report attached *appendix 8*

Tuesday Club - Report attached *appendix 9*

Croquet Club - Report attached *appendix 10*

Royal British Legion - Report attached *appendix 11*

Local History Group - Report attached *appendix 12*

Brownies and Rainbows Report attached *appendix 13*

The chairman thanked everyone for the many reports

5.1 Resolutions of which written notice has been given

- None were submitted

5.2 Other resolutions arising from the meeting

TKA Tallent – Noise disturbance continues to be a problem for many homes in the village. The Clerk was asked to write to interested parties to point out that another year has passed, this matter having been raised for several years.

Thanks were expressed to the retiring chairman Mr Frank Wolton for all his efforts in supporting this campaign, finally resulting in the court case to be held in September.

It was also mentioned that there has been a problem with Chemical smells (burning metal smell) across the village. This has been reported to the health and safety manager at TKA who may have identified a source.

Concern was expressed that there is currently no environmental monitoring being carried out.

Footpaths and Bridleways – Recent excellent maintenance work that has been done on hedges etc, the clerk reported that he had recently sent a letter of thanks to the probation service who arranged for the work to be done.

Much work has been done on the surface and thanks were expressed to the Rights of Way officer Karen Champion.

Problems still exist where wood chippings have been used on top of existing chippings as some have become soggy.

Chippings are becoming hard to get and the only real solution is to use stone chippings, not ideal for horses and more expensive,

Recent work on a small area with wood chippings cost over £6000

The clerk suggested that it might be worth investigating grants available to provide disabled access to the countryside.

The Banner Homes development appears to have caused some drainage problems, it was suggested that the ditches need attention.

6 Any other Parish Matters

The chairman (and others) thanked everyone for attending this meeting and for the many reports – It was pleasing to see that so much is going on in Caldecote.

It was requested that residents consider helping out with some of these groups where assistance is needed.

Thanks were also expressed for others that have done so much for the village, Chris Corcoran for the web site, Stewart Onyon for the Journal, Saskia Dart the internal auditor and Gail Stoehr for taking over the clerking role temporarily.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9-05pm