

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Caldecote Parish Council
on Thursday 6th July 2006 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall**

Present: (Cllrs), J Lang, A Levett, P Phillips, T Footman, N Whyatt, F. Whelan. and I McArdle (part *)

In attendance: County Councilor Baldwin, Mr. R Hume (Clerk) and no members of the public.

144 To receive apologies for absence and also declaration of interests from members

Apologies were received from Cllr Tumi Hawkins and District Cllr Martlew.

Declarations of Interests

The following were entered into the book for this meeting.

S1798/04/F Cllr Phillips Lives in East Drive

S1089/06/F Cllr Breeze Lives in West Drive

145 To approve the minutes of the previous meeting on 1st June 2006.

On a proposition by Cllr Footman and seconded by Cllr Levett the minutes were approved with no amendments, the chairman signed the minutes.

146 Matters arising for information only.

146.1 School Flashing lights. - Still awaiting for installation by the County Council.

146.2 Highways – A Report of Site meeting arranged with Dennis Vacher on 7th June was received

146.2.1 Email from resident regarding meeting notes was received.

146.3 Village map – The clerk has chased this and the contractor has confirmed he is working on the signs.

146.4 Graffiti – has been removed from the bus shelter

146.5 Social Club report, and response to letter on under age drinking was received.

146 Other Matters arising

146.1.1 Allotments – The Sitwells charity are setting up this provision, issues on insurances are being investigated. The charity own the land. No water supply is being planned at present.

147 Matters carried forward from the last meeting for discussion / decision and new items

147.1 Highways – Reports - White lining has not yet been removed. Problems again reported with the visibility at junction of Clare Drive, the clerk will report the problems with the height of the planting in the private garden at the junction.

The clerk was asked to arrange for David Lines traffic officer to attend a future meeting of the Parish Council.

The council agreed that that they would recommend the speed bumps are removed “or made acceptable”. The roundabouts should be replaced with T junctions.

Chicanes would be recommended rather than speed bumps (as in other villages).

147.2 Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership – Safety Strategy 20th Sept 5-30 to 8-25pm, Places will be booked for Cllr Whelan and Cllr Whyatt

147.3 Youth Issues – The council agree to consider installing CCTV and other methods to prevent anti-social behavior. It had been hoped to have had a meeting with a company this afternoon but delays caused by an accident on the A14 had prevented it.

Hardwick Parish Council had spent £5000 on their system and Cambourne £6000 for a comprehensive system in their community centre.

Caldecote possibly did not yet have a suitable location for the equipment, it may possibly have to wait for the new pavilion to be built. The village hall did not have a suitable secure area that could be used, they already lose bookings due to the lack of storage.

The clerk reported that no precept budget for this year for village security had been made. An amount of £10,000 was allocated in 2004/5 and only £149 spent. It was not included in the budget for 2005/6 and the budget approved for this financial year (2006/7).

If funding is required for this financial year the amount would have to be found from other budgets - or delayed until next year.

A working party led by Cllr Whelan and Cllr Breeze will investigate the cost, system specification, operation and make other practical recommendations for preventative measures.

A journal item highlighting recent problems of under age drinking and vandalism will be prepared by the clerk and the chairman.

* Cllr Mcardle arrived at this point.

It was believed that alcohol was being obtained from the A428 garage and as it was understood the licence is due to renewed this may be opposed, no reply has been received to a letter to the manager pointing out that there had been reports of under age drinking. Cllr Mcardle offered to find out who currently owns the business.

Contact will be made with the new school head teacher. The clerk will write.

Cllr Hawkins recommended (in an email just before the meeting) that a youth club should be formed and the clerk will make enquires to see if any help could be provided from County Council youth workers. Also to be suggested in the journal to see if anyone is willing to help.

147.4 Street Lighting Maintenance - notification of charges for 2006/7 £32.61 per light in total - £392 for 12 lamps. The number of lamps is yet to be confirmed
The Crime and disorder Partnership failed to award any grant funding to *any* Parish Councils.

148. Finance and procedural matters

148.1 To receive the financial report and approve the payment of bills

| Expenditure for approval | | | CHQ NO. |
|----------------------------------|------------------|--------|----------------|
| CALC (Late payment June meeting) | Council Training | 105.00 | 564 |
| NEW PAYMENTS | | | |
| LGS Services | Journal printing | 292.50 | 565 |
| Roger Hume salary | June | 281.42 | 566 |
| Roger Hume expenses May | May statement | 49.44 | 567 |
| Photocopying | CPS invoice 16 | 24.30 | 568 |
| Kathy Martlew | Salary | 34.00 | DD |

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| SMP Playgrounds | MUGA parts | 36.99 | 569 |
| Cambridge City Council | Graffiti Removal | 82.25 | 570 |
| MD Landscapes | Grass cutting etc | 669.75 | 571 |
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| Total Expenditure | | 1575.65 | |
| Balance c/f | | 56500.25 | |
| Late payment – will appear on the next meeting report | ESPO | 59.48 | 572 |

On a proposition by Cllr Whelan and seconded by Cllr Phillips the payments were approved

148.2 Grass Cutting Grant for the Church – No letter of request to date the clerk was asked to write to Martin Pooley (PCC) and remind him.

148.3 Litter bin for the new bus stop, It was resolved to purchase the Glasdon option with sack retention kit for £88.96 + vat
Proposed by Cllr Lang, seconded by Cllr Levett.

148.4 Standing orders – Were reviewed and changes approved
The venue and change to monthly meetings were revised.- Proposed by Cllr Lang and seconded by Cllr Levett.

148.5 Donation request from Caldecote Playgroup

It was felt that a contribution should be made but any future request from any community group should be for assisting with the purchase of equipment and not the temporary hire. It was resolved to contribute £45, proposed by Cllr Lang, seconded by Cllr Levett.

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

149.1 Parishioner correspondence

149.1.1 Copies of letters re 53 Highfields Road and 3 letters regarding TKA were received

149.2 Other Correspondence

149.2.1 TKA – reply from Andrew Lansley and Brian Heffernan email received

A decision by SCDC to agree a settlement was met with disbelief, it was considered that this was not in any way a solution to the problems, Cllr Martlew has offered to raise the issue at the next SCDC council meeting.

- There had been no consultation on the agreement;
- It was not a complete remedy and still allows significant noise to be emitted;
- No control has been exerted over noise sources other than press noise, such as reversing beepers and material or waste handling which have been the cause of distress and complaint;
- Emergency working was not defined, and could be abused;
- No restrictions on weekend or bank holiday working;
- No firm dates of implementation of any control measures;
- No immediate or punitive enforcement measure in case of further breach of the conditions or further nuisance;

It was felt that the matter was back to square one and SCDC should explain why.

It was considered to be maladministration and it was felt this should be reported to the government ombudsman. There would be no relief to the noise problem and it was a totally inadequate agreement. The clerk and chairman will prepare a letter of response.

149.2.2 Development in heavy vehicle movements - driver information is now available on line <http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/transport/managing>

149.2.3 Cambridge Water Company - village life fund., 10 awards of £250 – it was agreed that an application should be made to provide some equipment for the new pavilion.

149.2.4 Parish Housing Needs Survey – SCDC received, the clerk will complete the form.

149.2.5 Go East - Regional Spatial Strategy - the report was received

149.2.6 St Andrews St/Hobson St Consultation – no comment is to be sent

150 To attend to Planning received since the previous meeting

150.1.1 S1089/06/F Erection of 2 chalet bungalows (demolition of existing dwelling) 82 West Drive

Recommended for REFUSAL – proposed by Cllr Levett seconded by Cllr Breeze. The application form indicated 2 houses, not chalet bungalows, this application was felt to be detrimental to the neighboring property due to overshadowing and overlooking and was considered overdevelopment of the site.

Standard responses on flooding, tree retention and restrictions on work hours.

150.1.2 S1789/04F House and garage (amendment information only) erection of wall.

150.1.3 S1211/06/F Conservatory at 10 Grafton Drive

Recommended for Approval – proposed by Cllr Footman seconded by Cllr Breeze.

150.1.4 S1165/06/F Extension Highfields Farm.

Recommended for Approval – proposed by Cllr Levett, seconded by Cllr Lang.

150.1.5 LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

The report was received - Public consultation on "Objection Sites" and "Site Allocation Policies Representations". No further responses were offered.

Decisions - For information Only

150.1.3 S1620/06/F (S0667/03/O) extending period 26 East Drive – **delegated approval**

150.1.4 S1569/02/F Wind turbine Rockery Farm Bourn – **Refused**

150.1.5 S0741/06/F Garage Bay to living accommodation 1 Porthmore Way – **Approval**
STC

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

151.1 Sport and Recreation Committee – Report received from meeting on 15th June

It was resolved to change the current committee to become a working party. Cllr McArdle would be a member and it was hoped that Mr Frank Wolton would agree to be chairman. Proposed by Cllr Breeze and seconded by Cllr Lang and agreed by all present in a show of

hands. The clerk will attend and provide agendas and notes to be presented to the main meeting for approval.

151.2 Playground Inspection – the recent vandalism and damage have been reported to the police. And residents are reminded that ALL crime incidents should be reported to ensure that the police have a record of incidents that are happening in the village.

152 Councillors' items

152.1 The clerk was asked to write to MD Landscapes to thank them for the recent very thorough strimming of the verges in Old Caldecote

152.2 Working Party on Sunday 16th July. If the working party is unsuccessful in making the area safe the clerk will investigate employing a contractor. Approval of expenditure up to £200 was agreed if necessary, proposed by Cllr Whyatt and seconded by Cllr Lang.

152.3 Trees - It was noted that John Hollingsworth (Trees Officer) had left SCDC and is to be replaced by Roz Richardson .

153.4 Building Work at the rear of 53 Highfields Road is damaging the footway, the clerk will write to the contractor Chalmers Scott in Saffron Walden. Address in recent TPO.

153.5 A hole had appeared on the carriageway in Grafton Drive near the speed thump, the clerk will write to Ashwells. There are still a number of issues that have yet to be addressed by Ashwells that will be raised again, the verges adjacent to the fence near the West Drive turning head, the sports fields access and also including the removal of the temporary hoarding at 101 West Drive

153.6 A428 Works – a recent visit by 5 councillors to the A428 works site was very successful, the clerk was asked to write to Richard Gethin and thank him for arranging the tour and ask if it would be possible to arrange another visit, possibly in September.

153.6 53 Highfields Road drainage –a recent site visit by officers from South Cambs including Ray McMurray had not inspired confidence that this matter will be resolved.

153.7 Litter around the village had become a problem again, the clerk was asked to investigate employing a contractor to clear public open spaces and hedgerows.

153.8 Cllr Baldwin notified the meeting that funding had now been approved for the guided bus

153. Closure of meeting and parish matters. No members of the public were present.

Date of next meeting is 27th July 2006 at 7-30pm (Urgent items only)

Sport and Recreation working group on 19th July 2006

No meetings scheduled in August, please note the clerk is on leave from 2nd to 30rd August.

Items for Note, if you wish to view any of these items please ask the clerk

Sustainable Communities Bill Campaign.

Community Action – The Magazine of Cambridgeshire ACRE.

National Archaeology Week 15th - 23rd July – A celebration of Cambridge Castle

Public Service awards <http://www.hays.com/publicservices/public-sector-awards-2006.aspx>

Flows project – communities living with a flood risk.

SCDC Arts News – Andy O’Hanlon Arts Development Officer

The National Village Show, - BBC organised at Wimpole Hall On Sunday 3rd September – presented by Alan Titchmarsh

Signed _____ Chairman _____ Date _____