

**Minutes of the Meeting of Caldecote Parish Council
on Thursday 4th January 2007 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall**

Present: (Cllrs), J Lang, P Phillips, T Footman, T.Hawkins, A.Levett, F. Whelan and S.Breeze

In attendance: Mr. R Hume (Clerk), Cllr Martlew (District Councilor *) Cllr Baldwin (County Councillor) and 3 members of the public, plus PC Carly English and PCSO Sue Envill for the public session only.

- Members of the public were invited to make comments relevant to the agenda before the meeting was formally opened.

PC Carly English and PCSO Sue Envill were welcomed to the meeting.

Various issues were raised regarding the problem of anti-social behavior and crime in Caldecote. Information regarding the ECOPS scheme was provided and it was recommended that residents register.

Details are available on www.cambs.police.uk/signup/ecops

A police surgery is being held in the Library Police Office in Cambourne (normally) every Wednesday from 10am until 1pm

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

Apologies were received from Cllr McArdle. Cllr Whyatt was absent. * Cllr Martlew would arrive at around 8-30pm.

The following declaration of interest were recorded for planning items.

S2334/06/F Cllr Footman, Cllr Levett, who live in the same road

S2337/06/F Cllr Breeze, Cllr Hawkins, who live in the same road

205 To approve the minutes of the previous meeting on 7th December 2006 * and 18th December (Planning)

On a resolution by Cllr Whelan and seconded by Cllr Footman the minutes were approved without change.

206 Matters arising for information only (Clerk's report).

206.1 Highways – No Report

206.2 Lighting column – MUGA area, still awaiting information.

206.3 Drainage 53 Highfields Caldecote – No report

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

207.1 Parish Plan – Item for the next journal..

207.2 Youth Issues – CCTV –No progress to report. Estimated budget for CCTV at £6000/£7000.

207.3 TKA, Continuing reports on noise particularly at night. (See also Cllr Items 212.1)

207.4 Ashwell's reply - letter from Brian Nearney MD indicating that they the hoarding (fence) was provided for the benefit of the occupiers. They don't accept this is causing any problems on the footpath.

SCDC have written to the owners of the bungalow indicating that they require planning permission for the fence.

Ashwell's do not propose to close off the access from their development to the sports area and they plan to improve the ramp to allow ambulant access.

The clerk was asked to write to the owner of the ransom strip to see if he is aware that Ashwell's are planning to allow use of this.

The grass verge on West Drive will be completed soon along with other landscaping work.

207.5 Nuttall, reply re bus stop on A428, there is no funding for a bridge over the new A428 to serve Childerley residents. The extra distance is approximately an extra third of the current distance, and the usage is low.

208. Finance and procedural matters

208.1 Review of standing orders – last updated July 2006 – The clerk recommended a change in the amount specified on item 54c.

On a resolution by Cllr Lang and seconded by Cllr Levett the following change was agreed.

Standing Orders

54(c) Only one quotation shall be required for all works up to £1000 providing the proposed contractor has before undertaken satisfactory work for the Council and has been shown by reason of previous competitive quotes to be best value.

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

Expenditure for approval			CHQ NO.
Late Payments December Meeting			
<i>Village Institute</i>	Room rental	77.00	616
<i>Village Institute</i>	Keys	20.00	617
<i>MD Landscapes</i>	Grasscutting	470.00	618
NEW PAYMENTS			
Roger Hume	Salary Dec	299.21	619
Kathie Martlew	Salary Dec	72.48	DD
Roger Hume (Clerk Expenses)	November	47.89	620
Cambourne Printing Services	Meeting notes	39.18	621
ACRE subscription	Group Member	25.00	622
Data protection Register	Renewal	35.00	623
Total Expenditure		1085.76	
Balance c/f		£235,176.69	

There was one late payment of £47 for renewal of the web domain name (2 years)

On a resolution by Cllr Lang and seconded by Cllr Levett the payments were checked, and approved.

208.3 Budget 2007/8 On a resolution by Cllr Lang and seconded by Cllr Hawkins the final budget and Precept request at £44,264 was approved

208.4 A Request from victim support for a donation was declined.

208.5 Litter bin replacement for the MUGA area. The existing bin has been pulled off its mounting, there is also a need to provide a larger bin for litter in the area.

On a resolution by Cllr Lang and seconded by Cllr Levett the clerk was asked to order the USL Mega bin 240L. at £630 plus VAT and delivery at £50. It would also be necessary to pay for installation.

The clerk was asked to investigate if the number of litter collections by SCDC (currently 2 per annum) could be increased with contribution from the Parish Council,

The clerk will contact the Parish Council litter collector to ask if she could clear up some bottles at the end of West Drive.

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

209.1 Parishioner correspondence

209.1.1 Leaves from Public Open Space Trees, (Telephone) a resident of Cavendish Way has asked what he can do with leaves that are being blown into his garden. The clerk has suggested that the leaves were composted or deposited in the green bin.

209.1.1 West Drive footpath and Mopeds - A letter has been received from residents in West Drive regarding the use of the linking footpath to Grafton Drive, by a moped rider. PC Carly English will visit the family of the youth involved and issue a warning.

209.2 Other Correspondence

209.2.1 Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) Minerals and waste Development Plan Adoption was received.

209.2.2 Sustainable Communities Bill – The report was received

209.2.4 Temporary Signs Policy change – The information was received

209.2.5 County Council Budget for 2007/8 – Cllr Baldwin explained that there had been a lower than expected settlement from the government. The budget report was received.

209.2.6 Church Railings Planning application - Mr Brian Drayton presented plans for the church railings, but pointed out there is a problem, a notice may have to be served to the County Council as they own the land. The Council requested Mr Drayton to act as agent for the application.

He will arrange to meet County Council officers. Mr Drayton was thanked for agreeing to deal with this item.

210.1 To attend to Planning received since the previous meeting

210.1.1 S2334/06/F Extension at 20 Highfield Road Caldecote

On a resolution by Cllr Levett and seconded by Cllr Footman the application was recommended for approval.

210.1.2 S2337/06/LDC 64A West Drive Caldecote

On a resolution by Cllr Levett and seconded by Cllr Footman the application was recommended for REFUSAL

Outside the village framework

The existing building is known to be no more than a shed used for animals and has not been occupied.

The proposal would result in a substantial change in the nature of the site

210.1.3 Appeal S1569/02/F Wind Turbine at Rockery Farm Broadway Bourn

It was agreed o further response would be necessary

Decisions for Note Only**S1908/06/F Home office 3 Stargoose Close****Granted****211. The village development, recreation grounds and public open spaces.**

211.1 Sport and Recreation The notes from the meeting were received. The application was being prepared, the clerk has been sent the form to fill in some of the information.

It was felt that a cycle rack should be provided.

211.2 Taylor Woodrow Handover - All new Public open spaces -. A Reply has been received from Geoff Barnes County Council regarding Section 38 adoptions.

The roads are not yet up to the standard required for adoption and this may take some time, there are problems due to not being directly connected to the adopted road system..

He advised that it would be unwise for the Parish to take over areas that were not accessible from adoptable roads unless they obtained specific permission for access over the currently private roads, which he thought unlikely.

He also indicated by phone that it would be possible to adopt the first part of Grafton Drive (was West Drive) as this was an existing "named" road.

211.3 Bloor Homes handover. The bollard lighting has been removed but the above advice would apply to this area too.

211.5 Playground Inspection – Report of further damage, it will be necessary to replace some bolts on the shelter and the fence posts are not repairable.

It was resolved to seek prices for a metal replacement gate.

Cllr Philips will provide details of the bolts required for the shelter.

Anglian Playgrounds are due to finish off recent rectification work on Thursday 11th January.

Horses are crossing the grass near the tennis court, and a request will be included in the journal to try and stop this happening.

The playground and the kick about area are significantly waterlogged and plants dying..

The area near the tennis court is also waterlogged and it will not be taken over until this is addressed.

212 Councillors' items

212.1 TKA – Cllr Martlew presented a copy of the question that he will put to the planning portfolio holder of SCDC. In order to try and find out what went wrong and who was responsible.

212.2 Bridleway Damaged – The bridleway to Hardwick was being used by a vehicle (possibly a lorry gaining access to the proposed paddock area) and has damaged the surface. The clerk has taken photographs of the rutting leading to the paddock. The owner of the paddock has indicated he is not using this access currently but he claimed it was used with verbal permission from the land owner during the summer while new fencing was being erected.

Clarification will be sought from Karen Champion footpaths officer over the use of the bridleway by vehicles.

The clerk was asked to write to the land owner pointing out the damage.

212.3 Footpath near the disputed fence is sinking, the clerk report this to Ashwell's.

212.4 A dog bin is required near the new bus shelter as the litter bin is being used. The bin recently replaced with a larger one on Highfields Road will be used.

212.5 Dog walkers are routinely using the recreation ground, the fencing is being breached regularly, it will be suggested to the Sport and Recreation Committee that provision should be made for a circular walk around the Southern Boundary, from the tennis court area.

221.6 Roadway, West Drive to the Willows development, the road surface is breaking up. The clerk will report to Highways.

121.7 Meeting date - Clarification of new year meeting date in 2008. It was felt that the existing date 3rd January would be acceptable even though it was a day closer to the bank holiday..

213. Closure of meeting and parish matters.

There being no further items the meeting was closed at 9-30pm

Date of next Parish Council meeting is 1st February 2007

Sport and Recreation Committee on Monday January 29th (note revised date)

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

- Winter Maintenance information Leaflets**
- Comberton Village College Magazine**
- South Cambs District Council summary of accounts**
- Trading Standards Newsletter**
- Countryside Events Cambs CC January to June 2007**

Signed _____ **Chairman** _____ **Date** _____