

DRAFT Minutes of Caldecote Annual Parish Meeting on 17th May 2007
at 7-30pm in the Village Hall

Present 24 Parishioners including Councillors and also in attendance the Parish Clerk

The Chairman of the Parish Council Cllr Jack Lang chaired the meeting,
Cllr Lang welcomed everyone to the meeting

1. **Apologies for absence** Cllr F Whelan, Julie Southon, Kathleen Rochester.
2. **Minutes of the previous Parish Meeting on 18th May 2006** – On a proposition by Cllr Lang and seconded by Cllr Footman, 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 Chairman Report (*appendix 1*) The chairman outlined the work being undertaken by the Parish Council, including applying for “Quality Status”, dealing with maintenance of the village, consulting on planning, taking over new areas of public open space and the sports fields.

The speed thumps are still causing damage to vehicles and the council are trying to get them replaced with alternative chicanes or more acceptable speed cushions.
Substantial temporary changing facilities are being sought for the new sports area, as it will not be possible to build the Pavilion until after the start of the football season.

4.2 The audited financial statement of the Parish Council for the year ended 31st March 2006 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 2006, 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 2006/7 has now been summoned.

The accounts will be available for public inspection between 23rd May and 19th June 2007 by contacting the clerk. This year a full intermediate audit is required due to the amount held in balances. A summary will be in the annual report that is planned to be distributed with the Journal.

4.3 Community Beat Officer (not present, but report of reported crimes was presented) (*appendix 3*)

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 (*appendix 4*) District Cllr Martlew summarised his report, he had also just received information regarding the noise problems at TKA.
He will report to the Parish Council once he has had time to consider it.

The A428 works are very nearly completed, he congratulated them in completing the works early and thought that they had managed the works very well.

The clerk was asked to write to Nuttal's expressing these views from all those at the meeting.

4.5 County Councillor (appendix 5) County Cllr Denzil Baldwin summarised his report emphasising the problems of funding. There is a 7 million pound shortfall, the government provide 75% and 25% from local council tax.

4.6 Town Lands and Sitwell's Charity. (appendix 6) Neale Whyatt explained that the charity owns 3 acres of land. Some is leased by a local farmer and there are three new allotments, one is still vacant. The rentals provide the only income to the charity.

Vouchers worth £150 have been given out this year to a needy family in Caldecote.

4.7 Parish Church of St Michael and All Angels and Hardwick Evangelic Church- (appendix 7 and 8) A summary was given of events being organised and a group that has been formed as "Friends of St Michaels".

Improvements are needed to the village church, including railings to aid access, and lighting. It is a listed building and one for the village to be proud of.

The church was very grateful for the Parish Council contribution to the grass cutting. The clerk confirmed that there was a sum in the budget this year and would be considered again this year if the church applied in writing.

Hardwick Evangelical Church - Tumi Hawkins gave a summary of the cooperation between the two churches working together in an umbrella group "Christians together in Caldecote and Childerley". Many residents from Caldecote attend the Hardwick church and they use the Caldecote village hall for various events, and will soon use the village hall for worship while the Hardwick School has building works.. House groups are also held in Caldecote for Bible Study.

4.8 Caldecote Village Institute Ltd - A verbal report was given by Cllr Phillips The Trustees have continued to successfully run this excellent facility, it is a little under used.

Plans are being considered to extend the main hall by 75% and the meeting room by 25%, this would enable it to be used for larger events as it is currently limited to 120 persons, missing out on some events that require more space.

The committee had recently agreed for the car park to be used at school opening and closing times to help with the congestion on Highfields Road.

4.9 CALYPSO Cllr Phillips explained that the organisation was set up to fund raise for the improvements to play equipment particularly the MUGA area. It was not currently active. Some funds remain and if there is a need further funding could be undertaken.

4.10 Caldecote Sports Association – (appendix 9) The report was summarised by the chairman John Miller. Preparation to make full use of the excellent new sports are is under way, Football sessions are being held on Saturday mornings in the school and are well attended. Cooperation with Hardwick and Shepreth cricket club should enable an artificial cricket wicket to be installed soon, in advance of a proper grass wicket square.

A changing facility (Pavilion) will improve the situation with all sports.

Skate park, it has proved difficult to get a consensus on where this should be sited, several sites are being considered and will be subject to consultation.

4.11 Caldecote Community Primary School - (appendix 10) A report was received from the headmaster.

4.12 Tuesday Club (appendix 11) Paul Phillips reported that the club continues to provide activities for over 50s, in particular a program of very sociable lunches in various venues, and other outings. An open event is being held to encourage new members.

4.13 Caldecote Youth Group – (appendix 12) Sharon Newton summarised the plans to start a youth group in September, there are various issues to be addressed, storage, accounting etc. Grants have been received.

Helpers are currently seeking CRB checks.

A barbecue is being held on June 30th

4.14 Caldecote Local History Group. (appendix 13) The group meet every 2 months and are researching local history and would welcome new members and are interested in hearing from anyone who has photographs or oral histories. A local family tree going back to the 18th century was shown. A grant had been received from the village life fund and it is hoped to eventually produce a book of Caldecote history covering Bourn Brook to Childerley.

4.15 Caldecote Social Club (appendix 14) Colin Fotland summarised the report, the club had a very successful year having benefited from some temporary members working on the A428 project and the World Cup football.

The club will be non smoking from 1st July and plans are under way to provide an external shelter for smokers.

Various improvements have already been made, air conditioning, removal of a chimney, carpets and flooring replaced, new Tv's etc..

Toilets are to be refurbished, new flooring and furniture, and decorating throughout.

Access is being improved for disabled access.

It is a long way away from the dreadful time a few years ago when the club could have been closed down.

4.16 Royal British Legion (appendix 15) Paul Phillips summarised the report, they still have 39 members but an ageing committee, they are looking for new members, they are active in raising funds, Caldecote has now a new status for poppy day collections.

The chairman thanked everyone for the many reports and it was excellent that there were so many active groups submitting reports

5.1 Resolutions of which written notice has been given

None had been received

5.2 Other resolutions arising from the meeting

The chairman raised the issue of the noise problems caused by TKA.

On a resolution by Cllr Lang and seconded by Mr Corcoran the following statement was made, "The Annual Parish Meeting deplores the lack of action and progress in resolving the considerable noise disturbance being caused to the residents of Caldecote".

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, and Saskia Dart the internal auditor

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

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