

DRAFT Minutes of Caldecote Annual Parish Meeting on 15th May 2008
at 7-30pm in the Village Hall

Present -16 Parishioners attended the meeting including Councillors, also in attendance the Parish Clerk and PCSO Jackie King.

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

1. **Apologies for absence** Denzil Baldwin, Colin Fotland, John Miller, Kathleen Rochester, Brenda Phillips, and John Newby.
2. **Minutes of the previous Parish Meeting on 17th May 2007** – On a proposition by Fiona Whelan and seconded by Tom 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 4.1) The chairman Jack Lang summarised his report.

The council were very sad to hear of the death of Cllr Paul Phillips; Paul had been a very valued member of the community and will be much missed.

The meeting expressed their good wishes to Brenda Phillips.

The chairman outlined the work being undertaken by the Parish Council, including achieving “Quality Status” and thanked the clerk for all his hard work in achieving this, the council had dealt with maintenance of the village, consulting on planning, and taking over new areas of public open space and the sports fields which is proving to be a very slow and difficult process.

4.2 The audited financial statement of the Parish Council for the year ended 31st March 2007 and the Council’s observation on its finances for the past and forthcoming years. **(appendix 4.2).**

The clerk presented a report which was circulated to the meeting, explaining that the accounts for the for the (previous) year ending on 31st March 2007, 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 2007/8 has now been summoned.

The accounts are available for public inspection during May 2008 by contacting the clerk.

This year a full intermediate audit is not required as turnover was below £100,000.

A summary will be in the annual report that is planned to be distributed with the next Journal. The internal auditor had expressed how well the accounts had been presented.

4.3 Community Beat Officer (appendix 4.3) PCSO Jackie King presented a report, there had been 100 incidents in the area she covers in the past 3 months including shed burglaries and a damaged vehicle in Caldecote..

There had been reports during the year of vandalism, damaged bollards, bins being turned over and litter bins damaged, also Graffiti had been a problem.

Last Saturday the police had responded very quickly to a problem of motor bikes being used illegally on a field.

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

Urgent Dial 999 or non urgent - central area report line 0845 456 456 4

4.4 District Councillor (appendix 4.4) District Cllr Martlew summarised his report.

The District Council was still suffering from a cut in budgets which often results in posts being suppressed or filled by less experienced employees.

He was also particularly disappointed that the planning committee had been reduced due to a lack of volunteers from the controlling councillor group.

4.5 County Councillor (appendix 4.5) County Cllr Denzil Baldwin (written report) the report was received.

4.6 Town Lands and Sitwell's Charity. (appendix 4.6) Neale Whyatt explained that the charity owns 3 acres of land. Some is leased by a local farmer and there are three allotments, all of which are allocated. The rentals provide the only income to the charity apart from funds received for Wayleave payments, allowing overhead cables to cross the land.

A grant of £100 had been made to the Caldecote youth club this year.

The Trustees need to be appointed every 4 years and this is now due.

4.7 Parish Church of St Michael and All Angels and Hardwick Evangelic Church- (appendix 4.7) A summary was given by Annie Nason of events being organised.

Improvements are needed to the village church highlighted by a recent 5 year diocese inspection, also railings to aid access, and lighting. It is a listed building and one for the village to be proud of. A sum of £60,000 needs to be raised for the building repairs.

Events are being planned to raise funds and promote the church.

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.

The clerk had just received confirmation from South Cambs DC that a planned rail fence would be considered acceptable in principal, a planning application will be submitted from the Parish Council and the clerk will investigate funding from County Council Highways.

4.8 Hardwick Evangelical Church (appendix 4.8)

Hardwick Evangelical Church - Tumi Hawkins gave a summary of the cooperation between the two churches working together in an umbrella group, many residents from Caldecote attend the Hardwick church and they use the Caldecote village hall for various events, House groups are also held in Caldecote.

A full time youth worker is helping to organise social activities and events.

4.9 Caldecote Village Institute Ltd - (appendix 4.9) Tom Footman explained that it had been a difficult time after Paul Phillips illness had caused him to resign.

Tom had recently undertaken the necessary training and exam to take over the entertainment/alcohol licence (British Inn keepers licence). The meeting congratulated Tom on his achievements!

The organisation was not cash rich as large sums of money held are not able to be used as they might wish - due to the rules laid down by the Charity Commission.

4.10 CALYPSO (appendix 4.10) (Brenda Phillips had sent a written report) The organisation was set up to fund raise for the improvements to play equipment particularly the MUGA area. It was not currently active.

4.11 Royal British Legion (appendix 4.11) Brenda Phillips had sent a written report which was received.

4.12 Croquet Club (appendix 4.12)) Brenda Phillips had sent a written report was received.

4.13 Caldecote Youth Club (appendix 4.13) The report was summarised by Sharon Newton. They youth club had had a very successful year with 40 members, on average 20 attended, help from parents had been good and it was hoped that a much needed larger storage container would be ready for the new session in September

4.14 Caldecote Sports Association – (appendix 4.14). a written report was received.

4.15 Caldecote Football Club (appendix 4.15) The report was summarised by Eddie Rivero. The club is making use of the new sports area, Football sessions are being held on Saturday mornings and are well attended, two teams for under 6's and 7's are taking part in leagues and are playing (and winning) games,
There had been problems with dogs fouling the area and also owners allowing dogs to run free during matches.

4.16 Caldecote Community Primary School - (appendix 4.16) A report was received from the headmaster. Jack Lang and Fiona Whelan as Governors, reported that the school roll was increasing. After school care had been introduced and had been successful and it is hoped that further improvements will be possible.

The school were very grateful to the village hall committee who were allowing use of their car park to avoid congestion at the school entrance.

Relief was expressed that the Banner housing planning application had been refused opposite the school.

4.17 Tuesday Club (appendix 4.17) Alan Levett 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. There are currently 30 members and meet on the second Tuesday of each month.

4.18 Caldecote Local History Group. (appendix 4.17) 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. It is hoped to eventually produce a book of Caldecote history. The group hope to have a display at a local event.

4.19 Caldecote Social Club (appendix 4.19) Janet Graham summarised the report, the club had a successful year with 342 members.

The club was non smoking from 1st July and they have provided an external shelter for smokers. It was disappointing that membership had not increased after the smoking ban.

Considerable improvements had been made costing £30,000!!!

Local youth were now being allowed to use the pool room under supervision.

Regular events are being held including a family fun day and meals.

4.20 Caldecote Community Association – provides a means of interaction between all the village groups, membership provides reduced rates for hiring the village hall and other insurance benefits.

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

5.1 Resolutions of which written notice has been given

None had been received before the meeting.

5.2 Other resolutions arising from the meeting

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

6 Any other Parish Matters

6.1 A village day was suggested

6.2 Some dog bins are proving difficult to use

6.3 The meeting thanked the litter pickers for doing such an excellent job in the village, the amount of litter in the village has reduced considerably in the past year

6.4 The chairman offered to buy the church some daffodil bulbs for planting.

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.

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 for the internal audit.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8-50 pm

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