

**Draft Minutes of the Meeting of Caldecote Parish Council (Planning and urgent items)
on Thursday 21st May 2009 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall**

Present: Cllr Jack Lang , Cllr Fiona Whelan, Cllr Tom.Footman, Cllr Alan.Levett, Cllr John Newby, Cllr Neil Whyatt, Cllr Tumi Hawkins and Cllr Doreen Francis. . (Cllr Fiona Whelan is also County Councillor for the ward).

In attendance: Mr. R Hume (Clerk) and 1 member of the public.

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

484 (A) To receive apologies for absence and also declaration of interests from members.

Apologies - Cllr Steve Breeze

The following non-prejudicial declarations for planning were recorded

S/0583/09/F Cllr Levett and Cllr Footman who live in the same road

S/0586/09/F Cllr Hawkins and Cllr Francis who live in the same road

488. (A) Finance and procedural matters

488.1 (A) Annual report printing and delivery, Folded A3 page - printed 4 x A4 page x 750 = £120, as last year. Delivery charge £20, it was also agreed to fund printing a flier delivery if necessary to request volunteers for the doctors run.

On a resolution by Cllr Lang and seconded by Cllr Whelan the payment was approved.

488.7 (A) To approve the Audit for the previous financial year.

The return was considered.

On a resolution by Cllr Whelan and seconded by Cllr Francis the external audit submission and accounts for 2008/2009 were approved and the return signed by the chairman and clerk.

The chairman thanked Mrs. Saskia Dart for carrying out the internal audit.

488.8 (A) The annual governance statement to be approved and signed by the chairman and clerk.

On a resolution by Cllr Whelan and seconded by Cllr Footman the annual governance statement for 2008/2009 was checked, approved and signed by the chairman and clerk

490 (A) To attend to Planning received since the previous meeting

490(A).1 S/0583/09/F Extension 60 Highfields Road, Highfields Caldecote

Recommended for approval

General standard conditions will be suggested

490(A).2 S/0586/09/F Erection of dwelling following demolition of existing, 101 West Drive

Recommended for refusal

The boundary is not defined accurately, refer to application S/1681/07/F which has not been adhered to.

In particular visibility splays, moving the fence away from the County Council owned verge and

services in the verge, and reinstating the original 45 degree corner cut to improve visibility on the footpath.

Awkward access to the as yet un-adopted turning head in West Drive.

The street scene could be improved by reducing the height of fencing to West Drive.

The housing picture examples described as “opposite the site” are not actually opposite.

The Parish council notes that District Councillor J Stewart has supported the application and we trust that in view of rules on pre-determination will be excluded from any part of the decision.

It was also supporting a previous proposed application in 2004.

General standard conditions will be suggested.

The application was considered to be confusing and poorly presented

Decisions by South Cambs DC for Information Only

None received

491 (A) Village Development

491(A). Report on transfers and traffic calming.

A meeting has been arranged on Wednesday 1st July, with solicitors, the parish Council and South Cambs District Council officers to discuss transfers, a site meeting may also take place.

A meeting was held this morning with a consultant who will write a report with recommendations for a replacement traffic calming scheme. The clerk will provide details of the public consultation and dimensions of the current thumps.

Cllr Whelan will ask if there are any traffic studies before and after the scheme was installed as it was uncertain if the scheme had been of any benefit.

Speed watch

Cllr Hawkins and Cllr Levett offered to take part in training for the scheme

492 (A) Closure of meeting

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 9-45 pm

Date of next Parish Council meeting is Thursday June 11th 2009 at 7-30pm.

Please note the revised date for the June meeting - changed to 11th June
Elections for Europe and County/District are being held on 4th June

Signed _____ Chairman _____ Date _____