

CALDECOTE PARISH COUNCIL

(South Cambridgeshire District)

MINUTES

**A meeting of this Council was held in the Pavilion, Caldecote
On Thursday 2nd March 2023.**

Members of the public are reminded that copies of reports and supporting documentation for agenda items can be obtained from the Parish Council website, <http://caldecote.gov.uk> or upon request to the Parish Clerk.

Present: Cllr Polly Field (PF, Chairman), Councillor Mary-Ann Claridge (MAC), Cllr Sharon Pedley (SP) and Cllr Barker (JB), Cllr. Nair (PN), Cllr. Pritchard (NP)

In Attendance: Alan Melton (Parish Clerk and RFO)

1. Public open forum. There were no public comments.

2. District Councillors Report. Cllr. Tumi Hawkins had circulated a report.

3. Apologies for absence. Cllr. Helen Cartwright.

4. Members' declarations of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests. There were none.

5. Chairman's Announcements – Cllr Field reported that she had received 3 tenders for the installation of the footpath around the Peace Garden. Members agreed to accept a tender from James Wakling for the sum of £9,500.

6. Minutes of the last Meeting – The minutes of the Council meeting 2nd February 2023 were approved as a correct record and duly signed by Cllr Polly Field, (Chairman).

7. Actions and updates:

- Warm Hub: The Chairman, reported that the warm hub was still attracting members of the public on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- Cambridge Building Society. The Clerk reported that he had successfully re-activated the CBS account. Cllrs. Field and Cartwright with the Clerk had visited the CBS office in St. Ives and presented their identification. The book was fully made up.

8. Planning Applications –

- **23/0047/PRIOR:** Demolition of buildings and construction of 7no dwellings at, Network House, St. Neots Road, Caldecote. – **Object: Over Development, Overlooking, Poor Access.**
- **23/00574/FUL:** Erection of mezzanine floor at Unit 10-F and windows to Unit 10-A. At Bourn Quarter, Wellington Way, Caldecote. **No Objection.**

9. Financial Reports –

- **Summary of receipts and payments.** Was received.
- **Bank Reconciliation.** The bank reconciliation dated 2nd March 2023 was received and approved.
- **Accounts for payment.** The schedule of payments was received. It was RESOLVED that the RFO be authorised to make payment of all the accounts.

10. Pavilion/Portakabin/Fencing.

- The Clerk reported that the contract had been awarded for the Fencing between the playpark and access road, work would commence at week of April.
- The Clerk reported that he had held a meeting between a representative of Portakabin, Cllrs. Field and Cartwright. A drawing proposal was circulated to members. The Clerk and Cllr Field explained the specification, members were informed that the estimated cost was £94,281 ex VAT. There would be additional costs for Building Regulations and suitable foundation. Members received the proposal with enthusiasm and gave the Clerk the authority to action the proposal.
- Alterations to pavilion to increase useable space. The Clerk reported that he had engaged a Structural Engineer to survey the Pavilion for the cost of £500 + VAT. Councillor Claridge suggested that the structural survey take place before any final decision was made. The Chairman and Clerk reassured that this would happen.

11. Correspondence: The Clerk shared a letter from Cambridge Highways informing CPC could bid for funding for a 20mph speed limit. Members agreed to bid for a 20mph speed limit along Highfield Road at the approaches to the primary school.

12. Councillors questions. Councillor Pritchard commented on the state of the verges, vans, cars, and lorries were causing severe damage by parking on the grass verges. The Clerk was asked to write to SDCD Planning Enforcement and CCC Highways. Councillor Pritchard raised her concerns regarding the East West Railway proposal. The route of the railway was still not decided, however there was still concerns that the preferred route would have a major effect on Caldecote and the surrounding villages. Cllr. Pritchard was very concerned that the consultation and comments were being fragmented by Caldecote “going alone”. The neighbouring villages were proposing a united front with common objectives. This was unlikely until May, but it had been proposed that should EWR announce their intentions to pursue a southern route, then neighbouring parishes who were likely to be affected should meet to discuss individual and collective concerns once the announcement was made. Although too early to discuss specifics it was agreed that a collective approach could be useful, and members reaffirmed that Councillor Pritchard would continue to be the Caldecote representative. Members thanked Cllr. Pritchard for her work on this controversial proposal.

1. Date and time of the next meeting – Thursday 6th April 2023 at 7.00pm in the pavilion.

The Meeting Closed at 8.30pm

Signed.....Chairman

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