

CALDECOTE PARISH COUNCIL

(South Cambridgeshire District)

MINUTES

**A meeting of this Council was held in the Pavilion, Caldecote
On Thursday 13th April 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. Members were reminded by a member of the public that there were tanks under the peace garden. Mr. Johnson complained that the village dog bins had not been emptied. There was a complaint about the mess caused by the development at Linden Homes.

2. District Councillors Report. Cllr. Tumi Hawkins had circulated a report and took questions from members.

3. Apologies for absence. None

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

5. A delegation from Caldecote Village Hall headed by Saskia Dart came to the meeting to express concerns at the Parish Councils' proposal to alter the Pavilion. They were concerned that the pavilion would take business away from the Village Hall, members were reminded that the Pavilion was built for sports use only. Councillors pointed out that the present design of the pavilion made the building un-economic and unsustainable. The current main room was far too small to cater for larger parties that required playing field space. It was pointed out that the showers were no longer used and valuable space was wasted and could be better utilised for larger sporting events. Councillors expressed concern that the Village Hall was struggling with high energy costs etc. The council would continue dialogue with the Village Hall Committee.

6. Chairman's Announcements – Cllr Field reported that the works to the Peace Garden was progressing.

7. Minutes of the last Meeting – The minutes of the Council meeting 2nd March 2023 were approved, subject to an amendment proposed by Councillor Pritchard, as a correct record and duly signed by Cllr Polly Field, (Chairman).

8. Actions and updates:

- Warm Hub: The Chairman, reported that the warm hub was still attracting members of the public on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

9. Planning Applications –

- **S/4619/18/NMA2 and NMA3:** Non-material amendment on application S/4619/18/RM to substitute amended site plans indicating plots 8,38 and 39. At, Land East of Highfields Road, Caldecote. **No Comment**
- **21/00677/CONDB:** Submission of details required by condition 6 (surface water drainage) of outline planning permission 21/00677/OUT. At, 20 West Drive, Highfields, Caldecote. **No Comment**
- **21/03681/CONDA:** Submission of details required by condition 17 (secure storage of bicycles) of planning permission 21/03681/FUL. At, 42 West Drive, Highfields, Caldecote. **No Comment**
- **22/00826/CONDA:** Submission of details required by condition 3 (secure cycle parking) of planning permission 22/00826/REM. **No Comment**
- **23/0211/TTCA:** 6 x Horse Chestnut Trees (alongside road boundary) – crown reduce and shape by maximum 1.5 metres and prune lateral branches into shape, remove dead wood and any dangerous branches overhanging the road, sever ivy at base of trees. Willow at rear of property fell – large amounts of decay in main stem and large split throughout the crown. At, Manor Barn, Main Street, Caldecote. **No Objection**

10. Financial Reports –

- **Summary of receipts and payments.** Was received.
- **Bank Reconciliation.** The bank reconciliation dated 13th April 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.

11. Pavilion/Portakabin/Fencing.

- The Clerk reported that work to the fencing and bollards would commence w/c 17th April 2023.
- The Clerk reported that he was awaiting advice from SCDC regarding planning permission for the Portakabin.

12. Councillors questions.

- Councillor Nair raised the issue of the lack of buses to and from the village, Councillor Nair said that it was very difficult for young people to get to Comberton or Cambridge to further their studies, particularly outside of the normal school pick up times. Councillor Field stated that the Council had made numerous representations to the bus companies and Cambridgeshire County Council. Councillor Hawkins (SCDC) also reported that she had made numerous representations on behalf of the village.

13. The Clerk reported that the Annual Parish Meeting would take place on Thursday 11th May at 7pm, in the Pavilion

14. Date and time of the next meeting – Thursday 11th May at 7.00pm in the pavilion immediately after the Annual Parish Meeting.

The Meeting Closed at 8.30pm

Signed.....Chairman

Date:.....

