

CALDECOTE PARISH COUNCIL

(South Cambridgeshire District)

MINUTES

A meeting of this Council was held in the Pavilion, Caldecote

On Thursday 7th December 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), Cllr Helen Cartwright, Cllr Sharon Pedley (SP) and Councillor Nair.

In Attendance: Alan Melton (Parish Clerk and RFO).

Councillor Michael Atkins CCC

Councillor Michael Atkins (CCC) addressed a number of concerns submitted by Councillor Cartwright.

- He reported that the County Council had received the CALA contribution for footpath improvements, however the sum held was not enough to cover the work, Councillor Atkins would apply for top up funding.
- He urged the Parish Council to re-apply for a 20mph speed limit; the next round of funding would be available in the new year.
- Members expressed concerns regarding potholes, and lack of buses.
- Councillor Atkins was concerned that the recent roadworks resulted in the closure of Highfields Road for minor repairs. Councillor Cartwright pointed out that this type of action closes off the whole village.
- Councillor Atkins reported that the lack of road markings in Furlong Way was not a priority.
- Councillor Atkins stated that the proposed congestion charge had be stopped.
- Councillor Atkins would be prepared to instigate a site meeting in the new year.

1. Public open forum. No Comments.

2. Reports from District and County Councillors. No Reports

3. Apologies for absence. Councillors, Barker, Claridge, Pritchard

4. Members' declarations of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests. None.

6. Chairman's Announcements – There were no announcements.

7. Minutes of the last Meeting – The minutes of the Council meeting 5th October 2023 were approved as a correct record.

8. Actions and updates:

- **Community Hub:** The Vice- Chairman reported that the hub was being well attended.
- **Traffic and Speed Reduction.** Following remarks by Councillor Atkins Cambridgeshire Highways would be asking for bids for 20mph speed limits in villages. Members of the council agreed to re-submit a bid.
- **EWR.** No further updates

9. Planning Applications:

- **23/04307/HFUL:** Single storey side extension at, Woodview, Main Street, Caldecote.
No Objection

10. Financial Reports:

- **Summary of receipts and payments.** Was received.
- **Bank Reconciliation.** The bank reconciliation dated 7th December 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. Draft Budget: The RFO submitted the draft budget proposals, members would discuss at the January meeting.

12. Pavilion/Portakabin/Fencing.

- The clerk reported that a 3-phase live cable was found in the existing cabin, for Health and Safety reasons, the contractor was unable to remove the building, Power Networks UK have been commissioned to remove the cable. This has resulted in a delay of the installation of the new Portakabin.
- The Clerk reported that tenders have gone out for the surfacing of the car park, members agreed that as soon as the Portakabin was in place the car park works should be completed as soon as possible.
- The Clerk reported that an Engineer had surveyed the pavilion and had been asked to carry out design and engineering work for the alterations.

13. Pavilion Heating and Engineering. The Clerk reported that the heating system had been inspected by two companies. The representative from Huttie Ltd, stated that he could repair the heating system, and proceeded to fire up the heating system. He reported there were minor works required. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman authorised the Clerk to commission the work.

14. Notice Boards. The Clerk reported that the Chairman and Vice Chairman had authorised the Clerk to order a new notice board. The design was approved by members.

15. Councillors questions. The Clerk was asked to write to the local Police Inspector and request that a Police Officer attend the next meeting, the Chairman reported that there had been further vandalism in the pavilion area including a break in to the cabins and the removal of football goal posts from the playing field.

16. Date and time of the next meeting – Thursday 11th January 2024 at 7.00pm in the pavilion

The Meeting Closed at 8.15pm

Signed.....Chairman

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