

CALDECOTE PARISH COUNCIL

(South Cambridgeshire District)

MINUTES

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

On Thursday 29th February 2024

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 John Barker, Cllr Mary-Ann Claridge and Nicola Pritchard.

In Attendance: Alan Melton (Parish Clerk and RFO)

Saskia Barker. The Chairman, Councillor Polly Field led tributes to Saskia Barker, served as a Parish Councillor and well known and respected in the community. Members observed a minute's silence in her memory.

- 1. Public open forum.** There was no public in attendance.
- 2. Reports from District and County Councillors.** The report from Councillor Michael Atkins (CCC) had been circulated.
- 3. Apologies for absence.** Councillors, Pedley and Nair.
- 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 11th January 2024 were approved as a correct record.
- 8. Actions and updates:**
 - **Community Hub:** The Vice- Chairman reported that the hub was attracting around 20 persons each Tuesday.
 - **EWR.** Councillor Pritchard that there were still no firm proposals, there is likely to be 2 further consultations later this year.
 - **"Coffee with the Cops"**. The Clerk reported that the event was well attended and well received. Members gave a vote of thanks to the Chairman. Councillor Polly Field for hosting the event and organised coffee and biscuits.
 - **Notice Board.** The Clerk reported that the new village notice board had been installed.

- **Caldecote Liaison.** Councillor Mary-Ann Claridge reported that the consultation meeting which she recently attended was not very worthwhile as only councillors and officers were in attendance. No one from the developers attended.
- **Caldecote Parish Council Planning Working Group** met and have some concerns regarding this application. These comments are subject to ratification at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

From the northern site entrance up to the junction with West Drive:

1 - On the eastern side of Highfields Road, could the new pavement be extended to the track to Highfields Farm, to prevent walkers having to step into the road to get between the 2 paths.

2 - The cycleway appears to be directed onto the pavement exactly where the pavement narrows. This looks very dangerous.

3 - Could the crossing across Highfields Road be made into a full pedestrian crossing. This is exactly where traffic accelerates out of the village.

From the southern site entrance to the junction with Clare Drive

4 - This crossing is similar to the one at the northern entrance - are any safety measures possible? The exit from Clare Drive is already dangerous, and virtually blind - pedestrians crossing here need safeguards.

5 - Pavement and kerb levels. The properties to the west of Highfields Road are lower than the road. They are currently protected from low levels of surface water running down the road by the height of the kerb. Please ensure that either there is a kerb 'lip', or the pavement is raised enough to prevent road runoff being funnelled into the properties.

9. Planning Applications:

- **23/00002/NMA1:** Nonmaterial amendment on application 23/00002/HFUL, internal staircase replaced with external staircase, at, 95A Highfields Road, Highfields, Caldecote.

10. Financial Reports:

- **Summary of receipts and payments.** Was received.
- **Bank Reconciliation.** The bank reconciliation dated 11th January 2024 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 the old cabin had been removed, tenders were being sought for the car park re-surfacing.
Building works for the new Portakabin would commence as soon as the weather improved. The Clerk would circulate the engineers’ proposals for the alteration to the Pavilion.

12. Luton Airport Flights. Nothing to report.

13. Application for a grant. Caldecote, Dry Drayton and Hardwick Community Car Scheme applied for a grant of £300 towards their annual running costs. Members unanimously agreed to the grant.

14. Councillors questions. Councillor Nicola Pritchard was able to give an update on the state of the footpath and verges in Highfields Road, work to reinstate the footpath etc would commence week commencing 4th March 2024, subject to the weather. Councillor Nicola Pritchard expressed concern at the poor quality of repairs to the potholes in the village. It was agreed to report the matter to Cambridgeshire Highways.

15. Date and time of the next meeting – Thursday 4th April 2024 at 7.00pm in the pavilion

The Meeting Closed at 7.45pm

Signed.....Chairman

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