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From: Mr Andy Tennet, Clerk to Tiffield Parish Council to all Parish Councillors 11/03/2026:

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF TIFFFIELD & CALDECOTE PARISH COUNCIL

held in The School Hall on Mon 09/03/2026 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr J Beasley. Cllr P Chaplin. Cllr B German. Cllr P Holdridge (Chair). Cllr Taylor. Cllr Tapley. Cllr Wincott.

Mr A Tennet (Clerk to the Council). Mr Walton & Ms Faulkner (Caldecote residents – attended at 7.50pm for item 2603.09)

	Standing Items	Action
2603.01	The Chair read out the Opening Statement - In accordance with the Openness of Local Government Regulations 2014, this meeting may be recorded, filmed, broadcast or otherwise transmitted by any member of the public or press who may be present, without prior reference to the Parish Council. The Chairman shall ensure that such action does not interfere with the conduct or business of the meeting.	
2603.02	Apologies for absence - Cllr M Nicholls (holiday), Cllr J Tyrrell (not available) – approved by all present.	
2603.03	Declarations of interest related to business on the agenda for this meeting – none made	
2603.04	Matters arising from the previous minutes not included on the agenda for this meeting – Mr Tennet took the meeting through the actions arising from the last meeting, all of which had been discharged apart from the following: 2602.09 - An 'in person' meeting is to be arranged regarding the development of a parish app and this can feed into the Community Resilience Project as discussed at 2602.09.	Add to April agenda

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	<p>2602.13 – Cllr Chaplin has identified the landowner concerned</p> <p>2602.19 – Cllr Wincott currently has no articles for the next Thunderbolt</p>	<p>Mr Tennet to contact landowner</p> <p>Cllr Tapley to produce a NHW article for the next Thunderbolt.</p>
2603.05	To receive and approve the minutes of the meeting held on 09/02/2026 – Cllr Holdridge proposed that the draft minutes of the last meeting be accepted as an accurate record. This was agreed by all present	
2603.06	Public participation session – Mr Tennet displayed the update from Cllr Tarbun (Ward Councillor). There were no comments.	
2603.07	<p>Finance report – Mr Tennet took the meeting through all the Parish Council transactions since the last meeting and confirmed that all balances had been reconciled with the online bank accounts. Cllr Holdridge proposed that the finance report be accepted and this was agreed by all present.</p> <p>Cllr Chaplin the outlined the maintenance work that needed to be done in the Pocket Park. Cllr Chaplin believed the work should cost just under £1000.00 and following several questions, Cllr Holdridge proposed that the spend be authorised up to a maximum of £1000.00. This was agreed by all present.</p> <p>Mr Tennet raised the issue of the renewal of the Pocket Park lease and the communications he has had with Mr Mawby, owner of the Pocket Park. Cllr German raised the issue of proposed legislation regarding leases.</p> <p>Mr Tennet then took the meeting through communications he has had with Utility Aid in respect of a potential change of electricity provider. After some discussion it was agreed not to take this forward at this time</p>	<p>Cllr Chaplin to arrange for the work in the Pocket Park to be done.</p> <p>Mr Tennet to review any forthcoming legislation in respect of leases.</p> <p>Mr Tennet to contact other suppliers regarding electricity fees.</p>
2603.09	Planning application – Cllr Holdridge brought this item forward due to the presence of the applicants for Planning application reference 2026/0651/FULL at Fieldview Tiffield Road Caldecote Towcester NN12 8AG. Mr Walton described what it was he had applied to do and following a number of questions, Cllr Holdridge asked if anyone	Mr Tennet to notify planning of this decision.

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	<p>wished to make any comment regarding this application. There were none and it was agreed to make no objection to this application. Cllr Holdridge thanked Mr Walton and Ms Faulkner for their attendance after which they left the meeting.</p> <p>The Grand Union Canal Transfer – Mr Tennet provided the meeting with a project update</p> <p>Planning Application 2023/5102/FPATH - Land to the east of Tiffield Road and to the northwest of the A43 Towcester – Mr Tennet confirmed that the Stopping Up order for the footpath across the IM Properties development had been approved by the planning inspector and official notification of this decision had been received.</p>	
2603.08	Correspondence List – Mr Tennet took the meeting through the correspondence received since the last meeting. He gave notice that the audit for the year 2025/26 would commence in April 2026. There were no other matters to note.	
2603.10	DHL, IM Properties and Bell Plantation developments – no matters to discuss	
2603.11	Tiffield 100 club draw – numbers 30, 37 & 36 were randomly generated.	Cllr Chaplin to notify any winners.
Business items		Action
2603.12	Dog waste bin hooks – Cllr Tapley reported that only the large bin on Claydon Field could accommodate a hook and as such he will purchase this and attach it. He will forward any receipts to Mr Tennet.	Cllr Tapley to progress.
2603.13	Litter Pick and village tidy – 28 th March – Mr Tennet informed the meeting that this was the date for the parish litter pick and tidy and that he had begun advertising the event. He asked if all Councillors would support the event and advertise it amongst friends and residents. The George Inn would allow the use of the top room in the morning and will supply hot drinks and food.	All Councillors to help to advertise this event.
2603.14	New bench for Caldecote – Cllr German informed the meeting that he had now removed the old bench in Caldecote. He had obtained a quote for a new bench but the one he had selected was too large. He will now look to find another bench in the right size. After a brief discussion, Cllr Holdridge proposed that Cllr German be authorised to spend up to £350.00 including VAT. This was approved by all present.	Cllr German to identify a bench within the price range agreed and notify the Clerk who will place the order.

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2603.15	<p>WNC Local Plan 2026 feedback – There was some discussion following this items inclusion in the last meeting. Cllr Wincott stated that she would be pleased if nothing impacted on the countryside surrounding, and adjacent to, the parish conservation area. Cllr Beasley had also submitted some comments and these were recorded in the minutes of the last meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Wincott also raise the matter that any green corridor or biodiversity locations should be developed in line with the guidance and strategy as set out in the new Local Nature Recovery Strategy.</p>	Mr Tennet to formulate and submit comments in line with these comments.
2603.16	<p>Local Nature Recovery Strategy – Cllrs Chaplin and Wincott reported that the draught strategy ran to around 100 pages with references to biodiversity and green corridors. On the maps included, there are several yellow areas which are areas of biodiversity that the council could develop, along with other areas that could be developed as green spaces. Consideration needs to be given as how the parish council might implement the new strategy.</p> <p>Cllr Beasley noted that the document is long and there is no mention of funding. Cllr Chaplin suggested that it would require volunteers and self-funding. An article for the Thunderbolt was suggested.</p> <p>Cllr Holdridge suggested that ideas be brought back to the next meeting.</p>	<p>All Councillors to consider what could be done within the parish and bring those back to the next meeting.</p> <p>Mr Tennet to add to the next agenda.</p>
2603.17	<p>Parish & Town Council Election Recharge Consultation – after some discussion it was agreed that the parish council would opt for Option C in the recharge paper circulated by WNC.</p>	Mr Tennet to feed this back to the consultation.
2603.18	<p>Urgent Matters (for report only)</p> <p>Flood defences for properties backing onto Claydon Field – There was much discussion on this matter. The Clerk suggested that costs should be explored to repair the doorstep/door frame of one property.</p> <p>Cllr German reported that he was still speaking with WNC Highways regarding the flooding in Caldecote. WNC have misunderstood and explained they cannot remove the tree concerned. However, this isn't what has been asked. It is the broken drainpipe that need to be replaced. Cllr German also reported that the mess that had been left by Highways on the corner in Caldecote is still there.</p>	<p>Cllr Tapley to liaise with a local carpenter in this regard.</p> <p>Mr Tennet to contact the housing association again.</p> <p>Cllr German to continue to pursue with WNC Highways.</p>

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	With no other business the meeting closed at 8.55pm	
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I certify that this is a true and accurate record of the transactions of Tiffield Parish Council in the above meeting:

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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