

CADEBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Cadeby Parish Council Meeting held 20th March 2025 6.30 p.m. at the Church Hall, Cadeby.

Attendees: Cllrs Simon Freeman, Ian Smith, Denis Winterbottom.

Other Attendees: Anji Forsyth (Clerk), Borough Cllr Maureen Cook. No members of the public.

Meeting commenced at 6.40 p.m.

25/026: Welcome and apologies for consideration – Jonathan Lane for personal reasons.

25/027: Declarations of pecuniary interest in line with the Code of Conduct and Standing Orders
Ian Smith declared interest in anything to do with the Community Trust, the church or McCanns although he does not have a personal interest.

25/028: Approval of Minutes from February council meeting were agreed and signed.

25/029: County Councillor report circulated prior to the meeting no comments. Due to an increase in my personal commitments, I have decided not to re-stand. Representing you and the wider division has been a real honour and I look forward to finishing out my current term. I know how committed you are to your local areas, and our residents are lucky to have your support and commitment – from working with you I can see just how much of a difference you make. Indeed, your support and counsel over the past 4 years has been much appreciated. I wish you all the best for the future and thank you for the time shared.

2025 Budget: As discussed at Full Council, the County Council remains a lean, high-performing but low funded organisation. The increases in Tax are not what anyone wanted, but the Council would have had to make £20m more savings next year. The budget this year is supporting vulnerable people, tackling flooding and fixing potholes. Rising demand for services, and inflation, is driving up costs by £214m (had forecast £123m). Around £95m more will now be spent supporting vulnerable children and adults, the current programme for fixing potholes and roads will increase by £28m and another £1.5m will be invested in helping communities clean up and become flood-ready. Reserves will be used to manage a small budget gap next year – by 2027, this gap is forecast to increase to £38m and rise to £91m by 2029.

Free play sessions: to take place across Leicestershire; sensory fun, messy play, 'Mini Movers' and language workshops are being held and some are local to our area. Parents and carers of babies and toddlers aged 0–2-years can take part in the free interactive play sessions at a number of the county's Family Hubs. The sessions run until April 17th and are part of Leicestershire County Council's Family Hub 'Start for Life' initiative which last year saw more than 200 children join in with free organised activities.

25/030: Borough Councillor report: Lagoons being created in Bosworth Park for frogs and newts to inhabit. The yellow gravel paths across the park are eroded, maintenance is part of an ongoing programme.

25/031: Planning applications:

- 25/00165/TCA Cadeby Hall Cottage, 16 Main Street: No objections.
- Dadlington Neighbourhood Development Plan: No comments or objections.
- Bagworth, Bardon and Stanton under Bardon Neighbourhood Development Plan: No Comments or objections

25/032: Clerk Update: Casual vacancy notified and posted on website and noticeboard. Bank mandate signed to update signatories.

Clerk to meet with Lee George Grass cutter over the weekend to discuss health and safety of mowing on the A447.

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25/033: Correspondence: two emails from LCC:

- HMS 987665 – Gate: Further to your report with regard to the broken gate, I have checked with our Country Parks Team and they are aware of this location. They plan to remove the gate for the time being and monitor the location.
- Enquiry Number 987664 Thank you for your enquiry relating to a highway defect ' Pothole - Carriageway ' on CADEBY LANE, CADEBY. Repaired

At this point Cllr Ian Smith requested to add an item to correspondence. He read out a written statement declaring he would be resigning as a parish councillor with effect at the end of the financial year.

The Chairman thanked Ian for his contribution to the council and the village – which is most important - and he hopes that the council and the trust can continue to have a good relationship in the future.

The clerk stated unfortunately his resignation is immediate under the Local Government Act legislation, and at this point the meeting was not quorate.

Meeting ended. 7.10 p.m.