

Caldecote Residents Meeting: 24 October 2024

Residents Attended

ATH (16), MMH (Homelands), AD (15), JH (16), JB (18), SS (Anker Cottage)

Apologies

SR (School House), DB (18)

Minutes:

The meeting was held to further discussions around the potential of reforming the Caldecote Parish Council.

ATH noted she had spoken to the Head of Elections at NWBC who had advised on the steps we would need to make on presenting a petition to the Council and that they would have 12 months from the date of submission to respond to the request. ATH also added that he had explained that the Council are currently reviewing the Borough Boundaries which would like begin to take effect within a year, beginning with a residents consultation.

The Attendees discussed the matter and agreed that we should communicate with all Caldecote residents as it seemed even more important to attempt to reform the Parish, in addition to the points made at the last meeting. There were concerns that Caldecote would get absorbed into Hartshill or another local parish.

MMH noted that Caldecote would receive essential funds as a Parish Council to conserve and improve the area (and potentially the church) and all agreed this would be beneficial. SS explained that we have a number of local meetings in Caldecote, providing an opportunity to discuss with residents face-to-face. JB suggested we could seek support from the village's now designated local church and both SS & MMH were able to give insights into why the old Parish Church was closed to the public and what has since been attempted to protect it.

There was a general consensus to gauge the level of interest from Caldecote residents before drafting a petition. If we felt that we could not get enough signatures, then there would be no point in pursuing the matter further.

Action: MMH agreed to draft a communication for comments from other Attendees to be issued out to wider residents in writing and face-to-face