

Chelveston-cum-Caldecott Parish Council

Northamptonshire

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting

14th January 2002

Meeting Number 0201

Minutes of the **Ordinary Meeting** of the Parish Council held at **7:30pm - Monday 14th January 2002** in the Village Hall, Chelveston-cum-Caldecott.

Present :- Councillors :

Cllr. A R Dale	(Chairman)
Cllr. A.J.Palfreeman	(Vice-Chairman)
Cllr. M L Foulger	(Acting Clerk)
Cllr. M J. Izzard	
Cllr. R A Meeson	
Cllr. S E Stopps	

Public:

Cllr Richard Gell
Cllr Geoff Moore
Mark Hunter
Sue Farmer
Barry Davies (Les Carr's Agent) for item 5.1

1 Apologies Received

- 1.1 The Chairman opened the meeting by apologising yet again for the late delivery of meeting agendas. A flood in his house was the cause this time. The results of this would have been worse had it not been for the timely intervention of Cllrs Foulger, Logue and Palfreeman and Messers Beveridge and Eldred who did a sterling job.
- 1.2 Apologies were received from Anna Sauntson and Patrick Logue (holiday)

The meeting accepted and approved these apologies

Proposed by:	Cllr Meeson
Seconded by:	Cllr Izzard
Decision:	Unanimous

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting 0108 – 12th November 2001

The minutes of the previous meeting **0108 – 12th November 2001** had been circulated. Some corrections had been supplied by Cllr Foulger

The meeting resolved to:

- 2.1 Approve the minutes of the last meeting

Proposed by:	Cllr Izzard
Seconded by:	Cllr Meeson
Decision:	Unanimous

3 Approval of Standing Orders for the Parish Council

Cllr Foulger still has unresolved concerns over the Standing Orders and so the item was adjourned for further consideration at the next meeting. This will be considered in detail with the following item.

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4 New standards of conduct for councillors and quality councils

At the next meeting this will be discussed in detail and Councillors will be required to sign a declaration of acceptance of new standards and to declare a register of interests. Briefing materials will be provided beforehand. It is expected that the Draft Standing Orders will be revised to cover this.

5 Discussion of Golden Jubilee Celebrations

The meeting discussed the possibility of running Golden Jubilee celebrations on June 3rd or 4th this year. Cllr Foulger indicated that these had been very successful in 1977. We have received a pack to help us organise this. Whilst the Parish Council would be keen to encourage an event it was acknowledged that it would take a lot of organising and that there would be risks given that it was half term week. Cllr Meeson indicated in a personal capacity that he had not planned anything specifically for that weekend but given notice, he would be prepared for the field behind the pub to be used. The meeting agreed to make a call for volunteers in the Spring edition of the Newsletter.

6 Planning Matters

6.1 EN/01/01051/FUL – Change of use to Farm Buildings – Poplars Farm Caldecott

An objection has been received from Michael Pullen, 1 Water Lane related to the increased HGV traffic to be expected from this proposal. Barry Davies explained that the proposal was intended to allow the usage of the building to be extended so that it could be rented for commercial use. No tenants have yet been identified. There is no specific intention to increase HGV traffic although of course this was dependant on future tenants. The site already has permission for use of a large number of vehicles and this proposal was not expected to exceed that. Barry Davies agreed to provide details of all permissions held on this site for our future reference. It was suggested that Les Carr might consider improved signage at the Newton Road and Upper Higham Lane junctions to direct traffic to the Ferroflex site and away from the Village. It was also suggested that directions provided to his suppliers should suggest that they do not leave the A45 at the Raunds Football ground but should use the A6 and B645 from Higham. Barry agreed to convey these suggestions.

The meeting resolved to send a no objection letter

Proposed by: Cllr Meeson
Seconded by: Cllr Izzard
Decision: Unanimous

6.2 EN/01/01077/FUL – Single storey rear extension 1 The Green

Councillor Meeson declared an interest as the neighbour to the property but in a private capacity has no objections.

The meeting resolved to send a no objection letter

Proposed by: Cllr Palfreeman
Seconded by: Cllr Izzard
Decision: Unanimous

6.3 EN/01/01034/FUL – 18 Golf Course etc, Land North of Redlands Farm, Stanwick

This application technically does not fall within the Parish and the meeting agreed that it would have no impact on the Village.

The meeting resolved to send a no objection letter

Proposed by: Cllr Palfreeman
Seconded by: Cllr Izzard
Decision: Unanimous

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7 Financial Transactions

7.1 Payments & Receipts this meeting

The opening balance for the meeting was **£8,584.72**

Receipts since the last meeting:

Number	Payee	Item	Cheque	Amount
2001.50	Eagle Star	Insurance Claim for RTA		£629.51
2001.51	Nat West	Interest to 28/12/2001	BACS	£14.92
Total Receipts this meeting				£644.43

Payments to be made this meeting

Number	Payee	Item	Cheque	Amount
2001.52	ABB	St Lighting – 30/9 & 31/12	000415	£229.92
2001.53	ABB	Supply new lamp in Foot Lane	000416	£605.13
2001.54	SLCC	Fees	000417	£23.00
Total Expenditure this meeting				£858.05

Closing Balance for this meeting

£8,371.10

7.2 Bank Statements for the months of November and December have been received and reconciled.

7.3 The precept for 2002/2003 was confirmed at £5,000.00 and Cllr Foulger was authorised to notify the District Council to this effect.

The meeting resolved to:

Approve all of these payments and authorise the appropriate cheques to be signed.

Proposed by: Cllr Palfreeman
Seconded by: Cllr Stopps
Decision: Unanimous

8 Updates on Projects List

8.1 New Street signs

There has been no further progress on the Disbrowe Court signs but the rest have now been ordered from ENC.

8.2 Traffic Calming Measures

Two applications have now been made for funding for the provision of gates at the Raunds Road as previously agreed and also near School House. (O/2001/066/ARD, O/2001/067/ARD) This second application was made after discussion between Cllrs Foulger and Dale in response to advice from NCC that paired gates would be viewed more favourably. The applications have now been considered and both passed to ENC for consideration in a process we don't quite understand. We await further comments.

We now have details of the by-pass contract. It is not possible to prevent construction traffic from using the B645 as it is a B road but the contractors and NCC do not expect them to use this route.

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8.3 Street Lighting

Horace Eady has expressed some concerns that the new light outside his house in Foot Lane is shining into his bedroom. Cllr Foulger has asked ABB to consider shielding it. We have now received a quotation for a new light on the B645. This would cost in the region of £1,600+VAT. The meeting agreed that this was too expensive for this financial year given the relatively few people that walk up the hill in the evening. However, views will be sought from residents in the next issue of the Newsletter.

8.4 Grass Cutting Contract

A quotation has now been received from ENC for the contract. £1,782.92+VAT for the bulk of the village + £247.02 +VAT for the layby both to receive monthly cuts from March. This is around £520 + VAT greater than budgeted and some concern was expressed by Cllr Meeson that this was expensive for a village of this size. However it was agreed that this was the biggest source of complaint from all members of the public. The size of the NCC grant has not yet been made clear.

The meeting resolved to enter into this contract with ENC for one year

Proposed by: Cllr Palfreeman
Seconded by: Cllr Foulger
Decision: Unanimous with concerns from Cllr Meeson

8.5 Brook cleaning

ENC had cleared the brook banks of weeds but said that they couldn't afford to dredge it. Approaches were therefore made to Ray Knight for a quote. However, on the day of this meeting, ENC started to dredge the brook themselves removing the material at no cost to the Sidegate Lane tip

8.6 Additional Litter Bins

Two new litter bins have been requested as agreed at the last meeting. (O/2001/070/ARD). It was agreed that we should undertake Operation Spring Clean again in the Village in time for the start of the grass cutting season. Cllr Izzard proposed that we should try to institute a street warden scheme this year with nominated people in each street or area of the village being responsible for keeping it tidy and litter free. This was agreed and volunteers will be sought in the next newsletter.

8.7 Village Seating & Village Sign

No further progress – it was agreed at the last meeting that this site would be cleared and kept clear for a year before making a decision.

8.8 Millenium Footpath

No further progress.

8.9 Village Welcome Pack

Cllr Stopps has reviewed the old welcome pack and has some ideas. She will work with Cllr Dale to create a new one for comment at the next meeting.

8.10 Village Newsletter

A new edition will be created for the Spring.

8.11 Village Web Site & Design Statement

With Barry Davies present, discussions were opened on the future of the Village. The old 1995 plans from Les Carr for Duchy field were tabled for Councillors who were not familiar with them. Cllr Moore indicated that work was beginning on the 2006 District plan and advised the Village that a Village plan would be sensible with extensive discussions around the Village. Les Carr would obviously be interested in developing his land but has no intention of doing so without the support of the Village. This whole area should be the subject of discussions at the Annual Parish Meeting.

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9 Parish Council Correspondence

The Chairman and Acting Clerk worked through their correspondence logs. For future meetings, these will be sent out in advance with the agenda for information.

The meeting resolved to:

- 9.1 Approve the Council Correspondence Log and the various actions required to deal with each item.

Proposed by: Cllr Izzard
Seconded by: Cllr Meeson
Decision: Unanimous

10 Appointment of a Clerk to the Council

It was proposed by the chairman and resolved unanimously that the meeting should now be closed to the general public to discuss applicants for the voluntary position of clerk.

After a detailed discussion, it was agreed that Mr Mark Hunter of Caldecott should be appointed to the voluntary position of Clerk from the next meeting for a period until the end of the March 2003 meeting. Given previous experiences, this appointment should be confirmed annually at the annual meeting of the Council. For insurance purposes, Mr Hunter would be an employee of the Council at a nominal salary of £1.00. This insures both him and the Council against any losses or mistakes. Mr Hunter will take a full part in the running of the Council but will not be a voting member of the full meeting. It was proposed and agreed that the portfolios of planning, verge maintenance, pathways, street lighting, finance and administration should be divided between, Cllrs Dale, Foulger and Mr Hunter. Given the voluntary nature of the Clerk's position, it would not be reasonable for Mr Hunter to take the full load on his own. The proposed arrangements also increase the level of Council oversight which has been a problem in the past. This team of three would meet monthly to ensure that the routine business of the council was progressing between the full meetings of the Council.

It was resolved to appoint Mr Mark Hunter to the position of Clerk until the end of March 2003 with the salary of £1.00.

Proposed by: Cllr Dale
Seconded by: Cllr Meeson
Decision: Unanimous

Date of Next Meeting: March, 11th 2002 at 7.30.pm.in Chelveston Village Hall.

The Meeting closed at 20:45

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Adrian Dale
 Chairman of the Parish Council

Michael Foulger
 Acting Clerk to the Parish Council