

Chelveston-cum-Caldecott Parish Council

Northamptonshire

Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly

7th April 2003

Meeting Number APA03

Minutes of the **Annual Parish Assembly** held at 7:30 p.m. - Monday 7th April 2003 in the Chelveston Village Hall.

Present :- Councillors :

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

Clerk: Mr. M.H.Hunter

Public: Cllr R.Gell
12 members of the public

1 Introduction

Cllr Palfreeman explained that this was an annual meeting of the parish (rather than the Council), where different groups could report to the parishioners and provide an opportunity for the residents to debate matters that they felt relevant. By law the chairman of the Parish Council would chair the meeting. He then introduced the other members of the Council, apart from Cllr Logue who had sent his apologies due to an injury.

2 Report from the Parish Council

Cllr Palfreeman covered the main activities of the Council since the APA last April. These included – the remaining street signs, grass cutting contract, Raunds Rd traffic calming, consultation on 14 planning applications, plus the village confines, flooding issues, operating a website, producing a newsletter twice a year, carrying out a Village Appraisal and formulating an Integrated Traffic Management Plan (ITMP).

The Council operated with a £5,000 precept (average £32 per household) and had obtained a further £4,074 in grants and VAT refunds. Some 400 incoming and 150 outgoing items of correspondence (not counting e-mails) had been dealt with via the Clerk.

The draft accounts (still waiting for final interest payments) showed income of £9,074 and expenditure of £9,375. The opening balance had been £7,704, giving a closing balance of £7,403. Draft (simplified) accounts were given out at the start of the meeting and copy of these would be placed on the noticeboards.

The ITMP, which had been drawn up from the proposals made in November had been adopted by the Council and would form a major part of the work of the incoming Council between 2003-2007.

Cllr Palfreeman paid tribute to two Cllrs (Dale & Logue) who were standing down. A new Cllr (who would take his place in May) was Melvyn Wooding of Caldecott. As only 5 valid nominations had been made, the Council was uncontested and hence there would be no election. However there would still be a Poll on 1st May for the District Cllrs. The Council will be looking to co-opt 2 parishioners in May to make up the full Council.

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3 Report by the Chelveston-cum-Caldecott Women's Institute

Mrs Christine Foulger, President of the Chelveston-cum-Caldecott WI, spoke about the village WI, which is affiliated to the County & National Federations. The main national resolutions this year (2003) were; improvements in children's health & diet, training schemes (to replace the disappearance of apprenticeships) and care of the elderly in their last years.

On a local level, the community challenge was the provision of dog waste bins within the villages and a request had been submitted to the Parish Council for debate in May. The WI currently had 18 members, though not all from the parish.

4 Report by the Village Hall Committee

Cllr Michael Foulger, Secretary of the Village Hall Committee, covered the progress to date in meeting the 2002 APA resolution to combine the "School Trustees" and the Village Hall Committee charities.

A meeting with the Charity Commissioners in July 2002 suggested that this was unlikely to be granted, but it would be considered further. Despite chaser letters in January & March 2003, no decision has yet been made by them.

The lease between the two charities is to be altered by Deed of Variation (costs & timescales unknown) to allow the Village Hall Committee to be able to apply for grants (currently 50%).

5 Any other business

Mr David Pannell & Mr Michael Smith raised concerns about 14 Duchy Close. As this will be subject to a formal planning application, the Council would defer debate until then.

Mr John Ellred asked about potholes and was advised to contact the CLARENCE helpline (0800 232323).

Cllr Gell briefly covered work of the District Council within the parish and thanked the Council for the warm welcome he always received when attending.

Date of Next Meeting:

Planning Meeting to follow in the Chelveston Village Hall.

Annual Meeting (new Council) on 12th May 2003 at 7.30.pm. in the Chelveston Village Hall.

The Meeting closed at 8:05 p.m.

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Adrian Palfreeman
Chairman of the Parish Council

Mark Hunter
Clerk to the Parish Council