

# Chelveston-cum-Caldecott Parish Council

## Northamptonshire

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### Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly

19<sup>th</sup> April 2004

#### Meeting Number APA04

Minutes of the **Annual Parish Assembly** held at 7:30 p.m. - **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2004** in the Chelveston Village Hall.

**Present :-** Councillors :

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

Clerk: Mr. M.H.Hunter

Public: Mr T.Begley (ENC Planning Policy Officer)  
42 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.

#### 2 Report from the Parish Council

Cllr Palfreeman covered the main activities of the Council since the APA last April. These included – Council elections last May, with Adrian Dale & Patrick Logue standing down and Melvyn Wooding (Caldecott) & Robert Thompson (Hillside) taking their place, the untimely death of Cllr Thompson in August and Adrian Dale being co-opted back onto the Council, grass cutting contract, successful bid for funds for 4 more gateways and 30 mph extensions as part of the traffic calming measures, consultation on 18 planning applications, operating a website, producing a newsletter twice a year, attendance by Cllrs or the Clerk at various district and county meetings, and providing grants to the community.

The Council operated with a £5,000 precept (average £32 per household) and had obtained a further £1,512 in grants and VAT refunds (not counting the traffic calming grant). Some 500 incoming and 128 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 and expenditure of £6,512. The opening balance had been £7,512, giving a closing balance of £7,512. The draft (simplified) accounts were given out at the start of the meeting and copy of these would be placed on the noticeboards.

Cllr Palfreeman also mentioned the two new district Cllrs, Barry Sauntson & Pam Whiting, who along with Cllr Anna Sauntson, represented the Higham Ferrers ward at ENC.

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### 3 Report by the Village Hall Committee

Cllr 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.

The meeting with the Charity Commission representatives had not been helpful, and despite 4 chaser letters they had not made a formal response. The process of obtaining a deed of variation of the lease had been restarted.

A question was raised about the state of the stonework and possible injuries. It was confirmed the School Trustees require the Village Hall Committee to carry insurance for the building. Applying for Lottery funding was also mentioned.

### 4 Village Confines & Local Development Forum discussion document

Cllr Dale talked through the 1995 & 2002 village appraisal results and the revised draft confines that limits building development under the current plan and the three potential development sites under the future plan.

Mr Terry Begely (ENC) went into more depth on the building restraints under the current plan, the effect of the Milton Keynes & South Midlands study and the extra housing that the district will have by 2021. The actual number has been contested and so is not available yet. It is expected that the new plan will be drafted in June 2005, to take effect in 2006. Development is targeted at urban areas, then rural extensions for service villages. Creation of new villages is the last option (due to infrastructure costs). Mr Begely emphasised the three sites were only shown for transparency and that no decision has been made on them.

In response to questions -

He confirmed under the current plan ENC had an oversupply of houses, hence the restraint.

Service villages meant those with shops, surgeries, etc (e.g. Kings Cliffe).

Affordable housing currently kicks in at developments of 10+ houses and 30% must be affordable (either shared ownership or housing association).

The larger potential plots were unlikely to get permission.

Community facilities are only likely to be provided by developers (S106 agreements).

ENC was bidding for government grants to build infrastructure to support the new homes.

That there were more potential sites than homes required under the new plan.

Cllr Dale asked for a show of hands for the current plan draft confines, which showed the majority in favour. For the new plan, a questionnaire based on the ENC LDF document would be sent to all households to inform the Council before it makes its formal response.

The meeting closed at 8:20 p.m.

**Issued on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2004**

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**Adrian Palfreeman**  
Chairman of the Parish Council

**Mark Hunter**  
Clerk to the Parish Council