

# Chelveston-cum-Caldecott Parish Council

## Northamptonshire

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### Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly

**18<sup>th</sup> April 2004**

#### Meeting Number APA05

Minutes of the **Annual Parish Assembly** held at 7:30 p.m. - **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2005** 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	

Clerk: Mr. M.H.Hunter

District: Cllr B.Sauntson

County: Cllr D.Lawson

Public: Mr D.Powell (Northants Safety Camera Partnership)  
Sgt J.Hodgson (Northants Safety Camera Partnership)  
13 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 members of the Council present (Cllr Wooding being stuck in traffic), the District Cllr, the current County Cllr and the county council candidates and the guest speaker, Mr Don Powell of the Safety Camera Partnership.

#### **2 Report from the Parish Council**

The Council has met 14 times since the last APA. It has considered 8 planning applications, none of which were decided differently by the District. Some 343 items of correspondence have been received (excluding e-mails). At the end of the Council's second year, the traffic calming works have progressed with the gateway on the Kimbolton Rd, the extension of the 30 mph zones and the introduction of the 7.5 tonne weight limit between Chelveston, Stanwick and Raunds.

In Water Lane, three replacement litterbins have been installed, which are designed to reduce some of the vandalism that was associated with the older bins. The grass cutting contractors continue to provide an excellent service and a "handyman" contractor has refurbished the village bench in Caldecott and carried out painting of the gateways.

The Council's web-site continues to grow and the tracking software shows that the village history pages are amongst the most popular. The Clerk is one of five Clerks in the District taking part in ENC's European Computer Driving Licence course as part of the e-govt training initiative funded by the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister.

The Council operated with a £5,000 precept (average £32 per household) and had obtained a further £1,466 in grants and VAT refunds. The precept has been maintained at £5,000 for the fourth year running.

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The draft accounts (still waiting for final interest payments) showed income of £6,466 and expenditure of £8,109. The opening balance had been £7,540, giving a closing balance of £5,897. The draft (simplified) accounts were given out at the start of the meeting and copy of these would be placed on the noticeboards.

Two items of late news – BT has finally agreed (after two years) to the location of the new war memorial to the 305<sup>th</sup> BG on the land opposite JST and the Council has been successful in getting a grant from the ENC Community safety fund for the new street light on Higham Rd to protect the footway where it crosses the road.

### 3 Presentation by the Northamptonshire Safety Camera Partnership

Mr Don Powell gave a presentation of the works of the Partnership, covering why it was needed, how it targeted sites for cameras - was 4 KSI (Killed or Seriously Injured), but now reduced to 3 KSI due to reduction in casualty spots, the different units used in Northants – 42 fixed units, 6 vans and 2 motorbike mounted cameras and the successes that are being achieved.

He answered questions from the floor during the presentation and received a vote of thanks for his informative talk from the meeting.

### 4 Questions from the floor

Peter Mommersteeg asked about 30 roundels on the Caldecott Rd – Cllr Palfreeman explained they were not permitted as the 30 mph zone is enforced by street lighting.

Mary Murphy complained about speeding traffic on the Higham Rd, Jenny Ranson complained about boy racers on the Raunds Rd & Annie Green complained about traffic on Kimbolton Rd making it difficult to exit her drive. Sgt Hodgson advised that 15% of the mobile units time can be spent on requests and 4 visits had been made in the last two years, though none in the last 6 months. Cllr Palfreeman asked the meeting if they wanted the camera units to visit the village – Yes! Sgt Hodgson reminded the meeting that residents would not be immune to prosecution.

Cllr Izzard stated traffic would have to go slower if drivers parked on the road instead of the pavement.

Other suggestions were for a pedestrian crossing or refuge on the Higham Rd.

Peter Mommersteeg asked about noise levels of motor vehicles. Cllr Meeson suggested that motorbikes generate about 81dB.

A litterbin by the village hall was requested.

The meeting closed at 8:44 p.m.

**Issued on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2004**

**Pages 987 - 988 signed under seal as a true record**

**Adrian Palfreeman**  
Chairman of the Parish Council

**Mark Hunter**  
Clerk to the Parish Council