

# Chelveston-cum-Caldecott Parish Council

## Northamptonshire

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### Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly

8<sup>th</sup> May 2006

#### Meeting Number APA06

Minutes of the **Annual Parish Assembly** held at 7:30 p.m. - Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2006 in the Chelveston Village Hall.

**Present :-** Councillors :

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

Clerk: Mr. M.H.Hunter

Public: Approx. 60 members of the public (approx. 50% visitors)

#### 1 Introduction

Cllr Palfreeman welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained that this was an annual meeting of the parish (rather than the Council). He then introduced the members of the Council present. Cllr Palfreeman advised he was changing the order of the meeting, as the majority of those present wanted to debate the proposals.

#### 2 Debate on the CREL Wind Farm & Bio-mass plant proposals

A lively and, at times, heated debate on the Chelveston Renewable Energy Ltd (CREL) proposals took place. Items included – exhibition photomontages not to scale; CREL had provided methodology used; survey of the microwave tower needed to verify height; why did Chelveston approve the anemometer application?; would ENC and Beds BC decide together or at separate meetings?; 3MW turbines are used in off-shore applications, not used on-shore elsewhere in England; only likely to be 15% efficient, so total CO<sub>2</sub> saving = 1 transatlantic flight; tax payer subsidy 50%; request for EIA response to include request for PCTs to undertake Health Impact Assessment; 80 vehicle movements now, more later; animal carcasses being imported from Eire to Wymington; emissions from 30m chimney; fields of Oilseed Rape; fertiliser being piped to farmers; why not use Stewartby brickworks site when decommissioned?; CREL proposal amounts to a large industrial plant; action group needs to co-ordinate across the affected parishes; funding needed; needs to be a meeting of Councils within 4.5 mile radius (24 Councils) and offer by Yelden Cllrs of use of their village hall.

#### 3 Summary of the meeting's views

Cllr Palfreeman summarised that the meeting's view was that the Council should oppose the CREL proposals, work with the action group that was being set-up and liaise with the other parishes affected by the proposals.

Cllr Palfreeman highlighted the low turnout of parish electorate.

*Only 15 members of the public remained after this item*

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### 4 Minutes of the 2005 APA held on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2005.

The Clerk outlined the minutes of the previous meeting. Cllr Palfreeman proposed the adoption of the minutes. Seconded by Cllr Dale and carried. Cllr Palfreeman & the Clerk then signed the minutes.

### 5 2005/6 report from the Parish Council

The Council has met 10 times since the last APA. It has considered 9 planning applications, of which one of had been decided differently by the District. Some 400+ items of correspondence have been received (excluding e-mails). At the end of the Council's third year, the focus has been on the 305<sup>th</sup> BG war memorial project in conjunction with the 305<sup>th</sup> BGMA, both in the US and UK.

Last year's meeting focused on speeding on the B645. At the request of the Council, the Safety Camera Partnership carried out traffic enforcement 8 times between August – January and caught 11 offenders.

The Rights of Way network has been extended with the old routes across the airfield restored to the Definitive Map and repair works carried out to the existing routes.

The grass cutting contractors continue to provide an excellent service and we have extended the areas that are now cut to include Bidwell Lane and the Millennium garden.

Following a successful grant application, the Council has installed a new street lamp to protect the crossing on the Higham Rd hill.

### 6 Draft Accounts for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2006

The draft accounts (still waiting for final interest payments) showed income of £15,833 and expenditure of £9,335. Nearly half the income (£7,727) was donations to the 305<sup>th</sup> BG Memorial Appeal that was opened in conjunction with the 305<sup>th</sup> BGMA in July 2005. The opening balance was £5,942 and the closing balance was £12,420.

The Council had operated with a £5,000 precept (average £31 per household) and had obtained a further £3,106 in interest, grants and VAT refunds.

### 7 Update on the 305<sup>th</sup> War Memorial Project

Cllr Dale reported on the fantastic response to the memorial appeal and outlined the works completed to date. The brick and stonework will be started in the next couple of weeks.

### 8 Questions from the floor

None.

The meeting closed at 8:55 p.m.

Issued on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2006

Pages 1095-1096 signed under seal as a true record

**Adrian Palfreeman**  
Chairman of the Parish Council

**Mark Hunter**  
Clerk to the Parish Council