

Chelveston-cum-Caldecott Parish Council

Northamptonshire

Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly

12th May 2008

Meeting Number APA08

Minutes of the **Annual Parish Assembly** held at 7:30 p.m. - **Monday 12th May 2008** in the Chelveston Village Hall.

Present :- Councillors : Cllr. A.R.Dale (Chairman)
Cllrs M.W.Emerson, M.L.Foulger, G.Harwood,
M.J.Izzard & M.W.Wooding.

Clerk: Mr. M.H.Hunter

Guests: Ms D.Strong (NCC Head of Transport Project)
PC R.Jones (East Northants South SCT)
Mr C.Pentland & Dr A.Gray (Preserve)

Public: 27 members of the public

1 Introduction & Apologies.

Cllr Dale welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained that this was a meeting of the parish (rather than the Council). Cllr Dale introduced the other members of the Council and the guests present.

Apologies were received from Cllr P.Mommersteeg and D.Cllr P.Whiting.

2 Minutes of the Extra-Ordinary Parish Assembly held on 19th November 2007.

Cllr Dale outlined the minutes of the previous meeting. Cllr Dale proposed and Cllr Wooding seconded the adoption of the minutes. Cllr Dale & the Clerk then signed the minutes.

3 Annual Report of the Parish Council

Cllr Dale outlined the Council's activities over the last year, including the 305th memorial service, the various planning applications, the footway report, dealing with fly tipping, organising Operation Spring Clean (collecting some 45 sacks of rubbish), working with the brewery and licensing panel to keep the village pub running, the problems with ditches and brooks and achieving Quality Parish Council accreditation.

4 Draft accounts for the year ending 31st March 2008

The Clerk went through the draft accounts, showing the running costs to be around £10k/yr.

5 Footpath Repairs and Traffic Calming

Ms Debbie Strong explained the differences between the earlier Atkins (lump sum) and the current MGWSP (activity based) contracts and confirmed that funding for highways remaining limited. There would be a return to area based maintenance teams with a mobile reactive team (by July/Aug). £250k allocated for footway repairs based on min 20mm vertical displacement, with £155k for capital projects.

In response to questions from the floor - May be opportunities for a Local Delivery Vehicle (LDV) for siding out in partnership with the Parish Council (double taxation issues). NCC can recall utility (e.g. cable TV, gas, etc) contractors to make good their installation works up

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to one year after the work completed. Cars parked on footways were a contributing factor to damaged surfaces. The Parish Council's footway report was good, but NCC would like to see local prioritisation so they can fix the things that matter most.

6 Community Policing

PC Bob Jones explained that the 19 crimes in a year in the parish had to be considered in the context of the 359 crimes in three months in Rushden. There is an increase in criminals driving out to areas that they are not known to commit crimes. Explained the make up of the EN South SCT and how the contact cards he had distributed to the meeting are processed and used to set the priorities for future SCT activities.

Questions from the floor included visible police presence, response to household alarms and a failure of the police to take witness statements.

7 Update on the CRE proposals for the former airfield.

Chris Pentland gave a presentation on the three applications and the forthcoming Development Control meeting at ENC on Wednesday 14th May. He stressed the need to get individual comments in to NCC and ENC.

Cllr Dale reminded the meeting that ENC follows formal rules and the public needed to be well behaved to avoid being removed.

8 Any other matter the Electorate wish to debate.

Cllr Dale asked the meeting about any other matters they wished to raise. Jenny Ranson raised the issue of a dead Cherry tree in Raunds Rd, David Kightley raised the issue of a collapsing boundary wall in Caldecott, Janet McMillan referred to speeding cars on Water Lane and Richard Thorncroft suggested using the website to highlight recent criminal activities.

9 Summary of the meeting.

Cllr Dale summarised the meeting and thanked the residents for attending.

The meeting closed at 9:05 p.m.

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Adrian Dale
Chairman of the Parish Council

Mark Hunter
Clerk to the Parish Council