

Chelveston-cum-Caldecott Parish Council

Northamptonshire

Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly

12th May 2009

Meeting Number APA09

Minutes of the **Annual Parish Assembly** held at 7:30 p.m. - **Monday 12th May 2009** in the Chelveston Village Hall.

Present :- Councillors :	Cllr. A.R.Dale (Chairman) Cllrs M.W.Emerson, M.L.Foulger, G.Harwood, M.J.Izzard, P.Mommersteeg & M.W.Wooding.
Clerk:	Mr. M.H.Hunter
Guests:	Mr P.Mommersteeg (Preserve) Cllr D.Lawson MBE (NCC) Cllr P.Whiting (ENC) Cllr A.Dunn (HFTC)
Public:	21 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 – none.

2 Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly held on 12th May 2008.

Cllr Dale outlined the minutes of the previous meeting. Cllr Dale proposed and Cllr Harwood 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 various planning applications, replacing street lamps, dealing with fly tipping, organising Operation Spring Clean (collecting some 18 sacks of rubbish plus larger items), working with NCC Highways on potholes and prioritisation of tasks, litter and dog bins, allotments, Cllrs roles and preparing for two events in the parish.

4 Draft accounts for the year ending 31st March 2009

The Clerk went through the draft accounts, with restricted reserves of £4,800 and general reserves of £3,000.

5 Report on the recent fire at World Rubber Tyres

Cllrs Dale and Harwood explained the background to the multi-agency meeting in April following the Council's concerns after the 4th fire in 8 years at the site. It had been proposed the multi-agency emergency plan be created to capture issues that fall between the different agencies. Views from the meeting were mixed as to continuing the slow burn or going for an accelerated (but potentially more odorous) fast burn.

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6 Update on the CRE proposals for the former airfield

Pieter Mommersteeg gave a presentation on the status of the CRE applications/appeals. Biomass (AD) plant granted, but works not yet started as planning conditions not yet fulfilled. Biofuel generator (no.2) refused and appealed – awaiting Planning Inspector's decision. Wind Farm – no application submitted yet.

7 Statement on the June NCC elections by the candidates.

Cllrs Lawson & Dunn each spoke briefly on how they believed being an NCC Cllr could make a difference on local issues.

Cllr Dale reminded the meeting that NCC & MEP elections would be on Thursday 4th June, with the NCC results to be announced on Friday 5th June.

8 Any other matter the Electorate wish to debate.

Cllr Dale asked the meeting about any other matters they wished to raise.

Arthur Wright asked about the USAF housing annex (wheelie bins have turned up). The Clerk confirmed Defence Estates had been contacted.

Sharron Smart proposed a vote of thanks to Cllr Dale for all his hard work, endorsed by the meeting.

Chris Pentland asked about the blockage in the Water Lane ford. Some local residents are happy with this as it slows traffic. Meeting agreed that it was better to leave it till autumn and then have it cleared before the frost/ice onset.

Jenny Harwood asked about the winter floods on the B645 – gullies have been cleared.

Chris Pentland reported footpath gateway by Bldg 102 on the former airfield was loose and the footpath needed cutting. Cllr Izzard (as PPW) confirmed this route was on the NCC ROW cutting cycle.

9 Summary of the meeting.

Cllr Dale summarised the meeting and thanked the residents for attending. He invited those attending to take some of the free low-energy light bulbs donated by the PCC of St John the Baptist church.

The meeting closed at 8:50 p.m.

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Adrian Dale
Chairman of the Parish Council

Mark Hunter
Clerk to the Parish Council