

Chelveston-cum-Caldecott Parish Council

Northamptonshire

Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly 10th May 2010 Meeting Number APA10

Minutes of the **Annual Parish Assembly** held at 7:30 p.m. – **Monday 10th May 2010** in the Chelveston Village Hall.

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

Clerk: Mr. M.H.Hunter

Guests: Fred Chamberlain (Chelveston Allotment Association)
Chris Pentland (PRESERVE)
Shaun O'Shea & Mike Williams (S.T.A.R)

Public: 24 Electorate
2 members of the public from outside the parish.

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 – Cllrs M.L.Foulger & P.Mommersteeg, ENC Cllr Whiting & NCC Cllr Lawson, John & Brenda Eildred.

2 Minutes of the Extra-Ordinary Parish Assembly held on 13th April 2010.

Cllr Dale outlined the minutes of the previous meeting. Cllr Dale proposed and Arthur Wright seconded the adoption of the minutes. The meeting unanimously agreed to adopt the minutes. Cllr Dale & the Clerk then signed the minutes.

3 Annual Report of the Parish Council (Cllr Dale).

Cllr Dale, as Chairman of the Parish Council, outlined the Council's activities over the last year, including the various planning applications, replacing public benches and street lamps, dealing with fly tipping, working with NCC Highways on potholes, floods and drains, the setting up of the allotments, working with William Pears Group (WPG) regarding the integration of Chelston Rise (formerly the USAF Housing Annex) and the Parish Appraisal.

4 Draft accounts for the year ending 31st March 2010.

The Clerk went through the draft accounts, with restricted reserves of £5,100 and general reserves of £2,400.

5 Report on the Village Hall charities (Cllr Dale).

Cllr Dale, as Clerk to the Trustees, explained the problems with the two charities and the proposed solution. The existing Chelveston Village Hall Association (CVHA) trustees confirmed they would all stand down as from the end of this meeting. The CVHA governing deed required $\frac{3}{4}$ of the electorate present to approve the motion to wind up the CVHA and transfer its assets to the Educational Foundation (aka the School Trustees).

The meeting unanimously agreed to the motion proposed by Cllr Dale to wind up the Chelveston Village Hall Association and transfer its assets to the Educational Foundation.

The meeting unanimously agreed to the motion proposed by Cllr Dale to appoint the Educational Foundation trustees to manage the winding up and asset transfer, as from the end of this meeting.

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Cllr Dale outlined the possible refurbishment plans for the Village Hall, based on ideas started by Noel Morris. These included replacing the old toilets and kitchen with modern, facilities that met current legislation, as well as providing two extra rooms and broadband provision. The plans were received favourably by the meeting.

Cllr Dale asked for volunteers to serve on a non-trustee management team to advise the trustees and manage the running of the Village Hall. Six residents then volunteered.

6 Report on the Chelveston Allotment Association.

Fred Chamberlain, as Secretary of the Association, outlined the progress made by the 16 tenants so far, preparing the ground, the fencing party, use of water containers until mains water is provided, the arrival of the sheds, the need to be good neighbours to the nearby properties, support from the villagers and potential sale of surplus produce.

7 Update on the CRE wind farm presentation by PRESERVE.

Chris Pentland of PRESERVE gave a brief update to the meeting on the progress with the objections so far to the 9x 125m high turbines at the proposed CRE windfarm.

8 Presentation on the proposed Raunds Volkswind wind farm by S.T.A.R.

Shaun O'Shea & Mike Williams of S.T.A.R (Stop the Turbines at Raunds) gave a brief presentation on the 5 (may drop to 3) x 126.5m high turbines at the proposed Volkswind windfarm by the BP garage on the A45.

9 Results of the Parish Appraisal (Cllr Dale).

Cllr Dale explained the parish appraisals were done on a 7 year cycle and helped inform the Council and others of the needs of the parish. 62% of the households had responded.

The population was ageing, didn't intend to move away and a large number were now based at home during the day (e.g. retired or home workers). All residents and organisations in the parish would receive a copy of the findings, paid for by a grant via NACRE.

10 Any other matter the Electorate wish to debate.

Cllr Dale asked the meeting if there were other matters they wished to raise. Items raised by the electorate included – did WPG intend to contract for social housing at Chelston Rise? Chris Wheatcroft (WPG Residential Estates Manager) replied they didn't, preferring to market the properties to professionals, including London workers.

11 Summary of the meeting.

Cllr Dale summarised the meeting. Cllr Dale thanked the residents for attending and for such a stimulating debate. 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 9:00 p.m.

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Adrian Dale
Chairman of the Parish Council

Mark Hunter
Clerk to the Parish Council