

Chelveston-cum-Caldecott News

Parish Council & Village News – April & May 2009

Former airfield development applications - Chelveston Renewable Energy Ltd (CRE) has submitted several planning applications to develop the old airfield site. Confusingly two councils are involved - Northamptonshire County Council (NCC) is responsible for waste processing applications and East Northants Council (ENC) for all others. Here is the status of the applications:

CRE submitted two applications to ENC to install generators and electrical switchgear. The first was refused by ENC in June 2007 and the second was refused in June 2008. CRE appealed the second application, which was heard before a planning inspector at a formal Public Inquiry in February 2009. The inspector's decision is awaited.

CRE Local Liaison Group (LLG): At its February meeting, the Parish Council agreed to participate in the NCC proposal to create a LLG specifically to address issues with the operation of the CRE site (details in previous newsletter).

The Parish Council suggested the four Parish Councils (Hargrave, Melchbourne & Yelden, Dean & Shelton and Chelveston-cum-Caldecott) in which the former MOD land lies should have representation. NCC's response is awaited.

World Rubber Tyre fire: The multi-agency meeting with the Parish Council, ENC, EA, HPA, Northants Fire & Rescue, NCC Emergency Planning and Northants Teaching Primary Care Trust referred to in the previous newsletter has been delayed twice, but is now scheduled for early April – hopefully snow won't deter the attendees this time!

Snow damage: the damaged bench in Caldecott has been removed and the Council is looking into ways to fund its replacement. A low maintenance traditional styled metal and wood(like) bench could cost £800. If anyone wishes to fund or part fund the cost (e.g. in memoriam of a relative or friend), please contact the Clerk or Cllrs to discuss (contact details over).

The street light outside *the Marches* in Caldecott was also struck by a car in the snow. In this instance details were obtained and the driver's insurance has funded a replacement.

Operation Spring-clean: This took place on the weekend 7th / 8th March. Many thanks to the volunteers who took part in keeping the parish tidy.

Sawyers Charity Trustees: At the Annual Parish Council meeting in May, the two Parish Council appointed trustees will be chosen for the next three year term. The charity dates back to 1703 when it originally ran the almshouses, but now provides benefits for those in need in the parishes of Raunds and Chelveston-cum-Caldecott. For details see the website http://www.chelveston.org.uk/History/index_files/Sawyer.htm. The charity's trustees have ultimate responsibility for directing the affairs of the charity and for ensuring it is solvent, well run and meeting the needs for which it has been set-up.

Residents of the parish who wish to be considered should contact the Clerk or Cllrs before 4th May 2009.

Parish Appraisal: The Parish Council will be conducting the 7 yearly appraisal this summer. The questionnaire allows parishioners to give their views on the village, the Council, etc and what they would like to see different or what could be done better. Included in the appraisal for the first time will be a housing needs survey, which will assist ENC to plan for future provision.

The appraisal will be one of the topics discussed at the Annual Parish Assembly in May (see over).

County Council elections: These have been delayed to June to coincide with the European Parliament elections. The NCC Higham Ferrers division includes the parishes of Higham Ferrers, Chelveston cum Caldecott, Newton Bromswold and Stanwick. It is normal for the County Cllr to attend the Annual Parish Assembly in May, but in the interests of fairness, all the County Cllr candidates will be invited.

CCP Playgroups: Following the request in the previous newsletter for families with children in the 1-7 years and 13+ years age groups to contact the Parish Council, so as to assist in deciding whether to fund CCP to provide playgroups in the Easter and Summer holidays, only one person made contact. Accordingly the Parish Council will not offer funding this year, though details of when and where they are being run in nearby villages will appear on the parish noticeboards.

Next issue: The June & July issue of the Parish Newsletter should be delivered in the first week of June, so if you want to publicise an event in the parish, please let me know before the end of May.

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The Chelveston Parish Church of St. John the Baptist (by Michael Foulger - 622748)

There is a communion service every Sunday morning at 9.00 a.m.
You are most welcome to stay afterwards for coffee, tea and biscuits at the Servedy.



Chelveston-cum-Caldecott Women's Institute (by Christine Foulger - 622748)

The WI meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 7.30 p.m. in Chelveston Village Hall.
Visitors are always welcome to the meetings @ £3.00 a head including refreshments.

Forthcoming meetings –

Wednesday, 8th April – “Castle Ashby”. A talk by guide *Violet Grocock*.

Wednesday, 13th May – WI National Resolutions with guidance from WI advisor *Sue Kendall*

Further details from Gill Jeffcoat on 622247.



Chelveston Village Hall. Our recently redecorated hall is available for hire, - by groups, for meetings, for private celebrations etc. Please contact Patrick Logue on 624604.



Annual Parish Assembly – the annual meeting of the parish (not the Council) will take place at 7.30 p.m. on **Monday 11th May** (tbc) in the Village Hall. Details to be confirmed, but topics include the 2009 village appraisal, allotments provision, updates on CRE and World Rubber. The Annual Parish Council meeting will follow.



Open Gardens (by Sharon Smart – 622020)

Residents are organising an open gardens event (around 12 show piece gardens open) in aid of the RNIB and the Parish Church on the weekend **4th / 5th July**. Details are still to be finalised, but it is hoped there will be an exhibition by the 305th BGMA and a WWII vehicle to shuttle between Chelveston and the Church/Village Hall.

Please contact Sharon on 622020 if you can help with the event.



The Parish Council usually meets on the second Monday of the month at 7.30 p.m. in the Chelveston Village Hall. Members of the public are welcome to attend the meetings and generally there is time available for the public to speak on any agenda item at the Chairman's discretion.

Members of the public may inspect Council papers by prior arrangement with the Clerk. The agenda is posted on the website (www.chelveston.org.uk) and on the parish noticeboards at least 3 clear days before the meetings.

Parish Council Members & Officers

Chair: Adrian Dale, 21 Water Lane (622624).
Vice: Melvyn Wooding, *Melrose Cottage*, Caldecott.
Martin Emerson, *Middle Farm House*, the Green.
Michael Foulger, *Haleworth*, Caldecott.

Glenn Harwood MBE, 7 Britten Close.
Mick Izzard, 6 Pretoria Cottages, Raunds Road.
Patricia Mommersteeg, *Church House*, Caldecott.
Clerk: Mark Hunter *Ashbury*, Caldecott (626039).

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