

Chelveston-cum-Caldecott News

Parish Council & Village News – June & July 2010

CRE Wind Farm application – most of the responses have now been submitted to ENC and Beds BC. The ENC and Beds BC planning teams now have to analyse the responses from all parties before they can make a recommendation and report to their respective Development Control committees, probably not until after the August break.

Minerals & Waste Planning – two consultations are underway till July. In Bedfordshire, the Preferred Options for their Core Strategy has evaluated the various sites from their earlier Issues and Options consultation and concluded that the former Chelveston airfield (WSD33) is not a suitable location for a waste facility. In Northants, the Control and Management of Development consultation sets out the criteria for new development of minerals and waste facilities.

Both consultations can be accessed via www.chelveston.org.uk/index_files/MWDF.html

Hillside garages – Spire Homes have submitted an outline application to demolish the 9 garages at the back of Hillside and build a single storey house, plus 7 car parking spaces. The garages are the only rentable garages in the village, but have also attracted unwanted visitors in the past. The Parish Council needs your views on whether the garages are an important village amenity or a crime magnet.

Chelston Rise – is the new name for the former USAF Housing Annex. The William Pears Group (WPG) is now arranging for the road to be adopted by NCC Highways. Discussions have been held with Royal Mail to provide a post box and Bedford BC to extend the X125 (Weds/Fri) bus service to include the site.

Representatives of WPG attended the recent Annual Parish Assembly (APA) and explained some of their plans for the site, with the intention to market the 50 homes to professional workers and their families.

The Parish Council has arranged for a safety inspection of the play equipment on the site (funded by WPG), a necessary prerequisite before the Council can consider adopting the play equipment.

Footways - The NCC Highways parish enhancement gang as been at work, siding out the overgrown footway between Poplar Farm and the post box in Caldecott, as well as tidying up the footway between the post box and the village hall.

Village Hall Charities – at the APA, a formal motion was carried to wind up the Chelveston Village Hall Association (the charity that runs the village hall) and transfer its assets to the Educational Foundation (AKA the School Trustees, the charity that owns the village hall). At the same time the governing deed of the Educational Foundation was modified with the agreement of the Charity Commission to allow it to operate a village hall in addition to its educational aims. This will bring the village hall under the control of one charity for the first time in about 30 years.

Also at the APA, plans were displayed of potential improvements to the toilets and kitchen (to meet current legislation) and extending the available space for meetings and other hire activities.

Village Hall bookings: Whilst we await Michael's return, Christine Foulger (622748) will continue to manage the Village Hall bookings.

Double Yellow Lines or "no waiting at any time" restrictions have been suggested for parts of the High Street. The two proposed sections are from the junction with the B645 to junction with Water Lane (on the Cottage side) and from the junction with Water Lane to opposite 14 High St. Again the Parish Council is keen to hear your views.

The Friends of St John the Baptist Church - are a charitable trust dedicated to the restoration and preservation of the Parish Church in Chelveston-cum-Caldecott. They are not all involved in the religious life of the church, but are dedicated to maintaining the fabric of the beautiful listed 13th Century building. Many of the regular congregation are indeed Friends but so too are non-church going Villagers who are keen to preserve this key part of our history and community. Contact Arthur Wright (624530) or Michael Smith (625403) for details.

From the Archives (or the minutes of 50 years ago) – Cllr F.A.Kinght was re-elected Chairman of the Council and the Precept was set at £70-0s-0d (£20 admin and £50 St Lighting). The meeting debated cars illegally parked on the Green and culverts and gratings being blocked in Water Lane.

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

Edited by the Clerk.

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Events – June & July 2010

The Chelveston Parish Church of St. John the Baptist (by Michael Smith – 625403)

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



Chelveston-cum-Caldecott Women's Institute (by Christine Foulger - 622748) meets on the second Wednesday of the month at **7.30 pm.** in Chelveston Village Hall. Visitors are always welcome to the meetings @ £3.00 inc refreshments.

Wednesday, 9th June 2010 – A guided tour of Stanwick Lakes, meet at the Visitors Centre at **7.00 pm.** As usual visitors are welcome to join us at a cost of £3.00 each. There is a charge for the car park so car-share if possible.

Wednesday, 14th July 2010 – a talk by Gail Pullen of “Ovacome” on *Raising Awareness of Ovarian Cancer and Offering Support.*



Free Spirits Ladies Group (by Jean Collard - 625383) meets on the third Monday of the month from **2.00 – 4.00 pm.** in Chelveston Village Hall. Mainly flower arranging with tuition, but can also include other crafts, under the guidance of Jean Collard. The next meeting is **Monday, 21st June** but no meeting in July.



Nene Valley Astronomical Society meets in Chelveston Village Hall, also on the third Monday of the month in the evening from **8.00 – 10.00 pm.** to view the wonders of the universe and the planets of our Solar System. Visitors are welcome @ £2-00 to cover refreshments, etc

Meeting dates are **Monday, 21st June** and **Monday, 19th July.**



The Friends of St John the Baptist Church (by Arthur Wright – 624530 and Michael Smith - 625403) would like to welcome you to our Summer Lunch, to include a two course lunch, glass of wine, coffee or tea, on **Sunday 13th June** at **1.00 pm.** at the Church. Tickets @ £10 each available from Sharron Smart or Arthur & Anita Wright.



The Parish Council usually meets on the second Monday of the month at **7.30 pm.** 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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