

Chelveston-cum-Caldecott News

Parish Council & Village News – December 2007/January 2008

The Extra-Ordinary Parish Assembly on Monday 19th November saw 58 attending to hear about the two county (NCC & BCC) Mineral & Waste Development Framework (MWDF) consultations. The Bedfordshire consultation has now finished and hopefully you have already sent in your objection letters or used the cards supplied by PRESERVE.

The Northants consultation finishes on the 13th December, so there is still time to send in your objections if you haven't done so already.

To be taken into account you must give a reason why this site should not be selected, such as;

- The site not being located near to the sources of waste production (Northampton to Corby spine).
- The inadequate road network unable to cope with the HGV traffic (e.g. lanes less than 5.5m wide).
- The detrimental effect on the natural and built environment (e.g. listed buildings, Yelden SSSI).
- The nuisance (smell, noise, vermin) to nearby residents.
- National policy is not to use Greenfield sites.

The results from both consultations will come out in the New Year.

The Three Towns Plan (which includes the parish) is moving closer to completion. The Council has been briefed by ENC on the feedback from the Preferred Options consultation with no major changes intended.

The plan goes to submission early in the New Year and is important as this will confirm the former airfield site as naturalised open space (i.e. Greenfield).

The Star & Garter: It was good to see the numbers were up at the annual Bonfire & Firework display at, with lots of families in attendance. The firework display cost £540 to put on, of which £520 was covered by donations.

As you know, Paul & Shelly have been looking after the *Star & Garter* on a temporary basis and the new tenants are due to take over in early January, so please call in and thank them for what they have done to restore the traditional village atmosphere of the pub.

Budget: At the November meeting the Parish budget and spending priorities for 2008-9 were discussed in detail. These will be finalised in January when the precept is set. The precept (the part of the Council tax that comes directly to the Village) was £7,500 this year (or £46.88 per Band D household = 90p a week).

In recent years, the Parish Council has assumed responsibility for additional Village services and projects that have dropped off the District and County priority list - e.g. verge maintenance, litter bins, street lighting repairs and traffic calming. We also face greater planning challenges particularly in respect of the airfield. As a result, running costs for the Parish are now £10,000 per annum. We have financed this shortfall by running down the reserves. Clearly this isn't sustainable - so we need to know what residents think - is a weekly Council tax increase of 30p acceptable? If it is not, what services and projects shall we cut?

Please look at the budget on www.chelveston.org.uk homepage and click on "Draft budget 2008" and send us your questions and comments or come to the January meeting on 14th January to discuss in person.

Street Lighting: This is the time of year when you need the street lights most. If you spot one that has stopped working, please let the Clerk or one of the Cllrs know and we will get it fixed.

The Parish Council Web Site is running successfully at www.chelveston.org.uk. The history pages are being expanded again thanks to information and photographs that you have supplied.

The next planned additions, due late December, will be the 1977 Silver Jubilee celebrations and the former Post Office.

Next issue: The February & March issue of the Parish Newsletter should be delivered in the first week of February, so if you want to publicise an event in the parish, you need to let me know before the end of January.

Lastly, on behalf of the Parish Council, I would like to wish you a

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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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 Servery.

Forthcoming events -

Tuesday 4th December at 7.30 p.m. - The *Oriana Singers* present “**A Christmas Concert**” in Chelveston Parish Church. Tickets at **£7-50** (includes Interval Refreshments) are available from Anita Wright (624530) or Michael Foulger (622748).

Sunday 9th December at 6.00 p.m. – The **Advent Carol Service** in Chelveston Parish Church, to be followed by Seasonal Refreshments at the rear of the Church.

Further details from Michael Foulger on 622748.



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 12th December at 7.30 p.m. – the **Christmas Meeting** in Chelveston Village Hall..

Wednesday 9th January at 7.30 p.m. – “**Arrive Alive**”, a talk with slides by *Nigel Jennings* of the Northampton Driving Test Centre.

Further details from Christine Foulger on 622748 or Sarah Stopps on 624993.



Saturday 15th December at 6.30 p.m. – The **Annual Carol Evening** in **Chelveston Village Hall** accompanied by the **Rushden Salvation Army Band**. This is an evening singing Carols in the warm for all the family, to be followed by Seasonal Refreshments. Admission is Adults = £1-00; Children = 50p.



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, 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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