

Chelveston-cum-Caldecott News

Parish Council & Village News – April & May 2008

The CRE biomass application that will be determined by NCC, initially due to before the Planning Committee on 1st April, has been delayed till 13th May due to the number of objections received and the further information that is now being sought.

The CRE generator plant application, which was refused by ENC last June, has been appealed and will now go to a public inquiry later in the year.

The Planning Inspectorate has chosen a formal public inquiry instead of the informal hearing originally sought by CRE, due to the public interest issues. **The public consultation on the appeal ends on Wednesday 23rd April, so you need to send your objection letters to**

Mr R.Nash
Planning Inspectorate
3/18b Kite Wing
Temple Quay House
2 The Square
Temple Quay
Bristol
BS1 6PN

Remember to quote ref **APP/G2815/A/08/2064373**. You can also submit on-line on the web-site www.pcs.planningportal.gov.uk/pcsportal using the same number. You should give a reason why the site is not appropriate for the bio-fuel generators, such as;

- The site not being located near to the sources of waste production (Northampton to Corby spine) for the bio-fuel, contrary to planning policy.
- The inadequate minor road network is unable to cope with the HGV tanker traffic (e.g. lanes less than 5.5m wide), plus hazard to rambles, dog walkers, horse riders and cyclists on the fenced-in route over the site.
- National policy is not to use Greenfield sites. ENC confirmed the site as naturalised in the Three Towns Plan and the original application refusal.

NCC Councillor Derek Lawson MBE writes “*I was delighted to be able to use some of my Empowering Councillors’ money to fund a replacement street lamp in Duchy Close [Lamp 11 between Nos. 11/15 – Ed]. Hopefully this will help to improve safety for everyone using this area of the village.*

The village is, I know, well aware, through the efforts of the Parish Council and PRESERVE, of the proposed plans to use part of the Chelveston Airfield

for a Biomass Renewable Energy plant. I understand from talks I have recently had with the Planning Department at County Hall that determination of this planning application is likely to be delayed until sometime in May.

I personally do not have a problem with this particular method of waste disposal but I most certainly object to the proposed location being suggested and the lack of proper adequate infrastructure in place to accommodate it. I am also very concerned about the potential for expansion of this site in the future, should permission be granted. All we can do is to vigorously oppose this application when it comes before the Development Control Committee for determination.

I know there are a number of very qualified and articulate speakers from the village who intend to put our case to the committee and I shall most certainly oppose it also. I think we have a good case and can only hope that we will prevail on the day”.

Operation Spring Clean was a superb effort by our willing volunteers. Starting on 1st March we collected some 40 sacks of litter together with an assortment of other rubbish, including car wheels, ironmongery, etc. However, following the cleanup, rubbish continues to be dropped throughout the village. Particularly bad areas seem to be the B645 end of Water Lane, the Kimbolton Rd lay-by and the bridleway/road up to the former MOD site.

Many thanks to the team of volunteers – John Britten, Penny Hughes, Maureen Kay, Glenda Pentelow, Peggy Deards, Mick & Jean Izzard, Mark Hunter, Sue Farmer, Adrian Dale, Christine & Michael Foulger.

Recycling boxes: Tied in with the above, please can you make sure your recycling isn’t becoming litter! A brick or rock will help hold down the newspapers, whilst the cardboard/cans/plastic bottles are more likely to stay in the box if you compress them.

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 Servery.

The Snowdrop Weekend that was held at the Parish Church on 9th /10th February yielded a final profit of **£4043-31** for Church funds. Our most grateful thanks are due to the many people who helped in any way to make this annual event such a success. This would not be possible without the continuing work of our very own “Snowdrop Gnome” over the last 20+ years, who can often be seen busy at work in the Churchyard during the months of January and February, gradually digging up, splitting, replanting, and spreading the Snowdrops across the Churchyard, as well as potting up some Snowdrops for sale.

Sunday 6th April 2008 – the **Annual Parochial Church Meeting**, in the Parish Church at **10:00 a.m.** following the morning service, when the **Churchwardens and Members of the Parochial Church Council** are elected.



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 9th April - “The Story behind the Painting” - a talk with slides by *Sue Edwards*.

Wednesday 14th May – Demonstration of “Planting a Hanging Basket” by *Christine Foulger*, preceded by discussion on the “National Resolutions”.

Wednesday 21st May – A walk around the Village starting at 7:00 p.m. from Chelveston Village Hall.

A walk of about 1½ hours exploring the local footpaths around Chelveston and Caldecott, followed by refreshments (for sale) in the Village Hall provided by the W.I. All are welcome, including well behaved dogs.



Auction of Promises and Goods to raise funds for PRESERVE.

This will be held in **Yelden Village Hall** on **Friday 18th April** starting at **7:30 p.m.** If you want to discuss donating a promise (e.g. gardening, cooking a meal, boating, dog-walking, etc), please contact Chris Pentland or Pieter Mommersteeg, but more importantly please turn up on the auction night to make it a success!



The Parish Council Web Site is running successfully at www.chelveston.org.uk and the latest history additions include the former Post Office and further information on the 1801 Inclosure Act. Planned additions will be the 1977 Silver Jubilee celebrations, the Sawyer’s Charity and the villagers called up for service in the 1914-18 war.

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).

E-mails to the Council on Clerk@Chelveston.org.uk