

Chelveston-cum-Caldecott News

Parish Council & Village News – August & September 2008

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:

The 45,000 tonne waste processing plant application, has now been delayed until September by NCC as a result of the comprehensive responses submitted by the consultees & public. ENC are themselves one of the consultees on this application and have objected strongly to it.

CRE has submitted two applications to install generators and electrical switchgear. The first was refused by ENC in June 2007. CRE subsequently appealed in December 2007, but withdrew shortly before the public inquiry due to held by the national Planning Inspectorate on the 22nd July 2008. ENC have applied for costs on the grounds of unreasonable behavior by CRE.

A second generator application was refused by ENC in June 2008. CRE could, of course, still appeal this.

The battle for the future of the former airfield site has been running for over 2 years now and is certainly not won. The continued support of villagers is much appreciated and essential!

The Phone box outside the *Star & Garter* looks certain to be removed, given its low usage and lack of objections in the recent public consultations. Some have suggested the view will be improved once it's gone! The Parish Council has requested that if BT does remove the box, they also remove the concrete base and restore it to grass.

Footpaths – Another problem with the footpath between Chelveston to Caldecott (MM15) is trespassing. Walkers are reminded that when you arrive at Caldecott having followed the path over the field, the way marked footpath turns left and joins the highway near the 30 mph sign by *the Marches*. Some walkers have been taking a shortcut by turning right and walking through the orchard to join the highway opposite *Poplar Farm*. There is no public right of way through the orchard.

August holiday for the Council: Unless any urgent planning issues arise, there will be not be a Parish Council meeting in August.

Changing Cllr roles – some of the Cllr's have recently taken on extra roles to improve the services and working arrangements with other organisations.

Cllr Melvyn Wooding has taken on the task of Tree Warden, liaising with the ENC Tree Officer on the protection of trees in the parish.

Cllr Michael Izzard has taken on the task of Parish Path Warden, liaising with the NCC Rights of Way Officer on maintaining the 16 footpaths and 3 bridleways in the parish.

Cllr Martin Emerson has taken on the task of Community Safety lead, liaising with the ENC Community Safety Team on the Police EN South Safer Community Team and other community safety activities in the parish.

Allotments – these and 100ft long vegetable gardens declined in popularity from the 1950's and Chelveston's allotments (like many others) fell into disuse and the land was eventually sold off.

In recent years allotments and vegetable gardens have started to make a comeback, so much so that all the allotments in the surrounding area are now over-subscribed, to the extent that Raunds Town Council is looking into acquiring additional land for more allotments.

The Parish Council would like to know how big a demand there is for allotments within the village and whether potential users would be prepared to travel to Raunds or Stanwick or do we need them to be in the parish. Please let your local Cllr know your views.

The 40th Combat Wing Reunion UK Tour 2009 – early days yet, but plans are being put together for a UK tour by surviving American servicemen and their families of the three USAAF Bombardment Groups (92nd BG Poddington, 305th BG Chelveston and 306th BG Thurleigh) that formed the 40th CW.

The tour details have yet to agreed, but it is almost certain to include a visit to the new 305th BG memorial in the village that was dedicated last year.

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

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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.

Saturday 13th September from 10.00 a.m. till 6.00.p.m. – “**Sponsored Cycle Ride and Stride**” in aid of **The Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust**. Please note that 50% of the proceeds comes back to our Church in the Village.

If you would like to join in, Sponsor forms, together with a list of the Churches that will be open, are available from your Local Organiser – Michael Foulger (622748).

St. John’s Church will be holding the **Harvest Festival and Evensong** at 6.00 p.m. on **Sunday 21st September**, followed by our famous **Harvest Supper!**

Tickets are £7-00, and will be available from Anita Wright (624530) and Michael Foulger (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 10th September - “The History of Candlemaking” - A talk by *Marianne Parry*.

Wednesday 8th October – “Crazy Hats Breast Cancer Appeal Charity” - A talk by *Glennis Hooper*, preceded by the “Annual Meeting”. Enter into the spirit of the talk by wearing a “Crazy Hat” – prize for the winning hat!

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



Our **Annual Macmillan Coffee Morning** will be held this year on **Friday 26th September**, from 9.00 a.m. till 12.00 noon, in **Chelveston Village Hall**. Do please come and support this very worthy cause, - and donations of Cakes, Tombola and Raffle Prizes, and ‘Bring and Buy’ items would all be very much appreciated.

Please contact Christine Foulger (622748), if you are able to help with any of these requests. Many thanks.



The Parish Council Web Site is running successfully at www.chelveston.org.uk and recent additions include Trees and their protection. The latest history additions include the railway station and two former charities that operated in the parish.

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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