

Chelveston-cum-Caldecott News

Parish Council & Village News – December 2008 & January 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 install generators and electrical switchgear. The first was refused by ENC in June 2007 and the second was refused in June 2008. CRE are currently appealing the second application.

The 45,000 tonne waste processing plant application submitted to NCC in January 2008 was granted in September. Subsequently the Government Office of the East Midlands (GEOM) responded in November to a request by Preserve and announced that the Secretary of State (Rt Hon Hazel Blears MP) had issued a Screening Directive that the application should not be granted until a full Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) had been conducted.

However, NCC and CRE appealed against the Screening Directive and GEOM have now advised that the Secretary of State has reversed her earlier decision as the development “*would not be likely to have significant effects on the environment by virtue of factors such as its nature, size or location*”.

Allotments: The Council has submitted a pre-application enquiry to ENC Planning and Planning Policy teams to check that the currently favoured site would not cause problems with the future village development framework.

Mast Site sale: You may have spotted the For Sale sign up by the former airfield. Sadly not the whole airfield site, but part of the land the MOD retained, namely the microwave “Boxer” mast site, which is no longer in service. This will be sold by formal tender on 15th January 2009.

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Fly Tipping: Cut out and keep by your phone

This is a problem that we can all help with. If you spot any dumped rubbish in any public place (roads, lay-bys, verges,) just ring the number below and ENC will endeavour to remove it within 5 working days.

01832 742 026

Street Lamp 26 (adjacent to *School House* in Caldecott Rd) has been replaced with a brighter (but more energy efficient) sodium lamp. The ENC Community Safety Fund will cover 2/3^{ths} of the costs.

Dog Bins: Following complaints from residents about the dog mess, the Council has agreed buy two dog bins with 50% funding by ENC Waste Management – one on Joes/High Lane past *Blacksmiths Cottage*, the other on Foot Lane near *Rivendell*. Neighbouring properties have been consulted over the locations.

The bins will be emptied weekly and once installed the ENC dog warden will be monitor the area to ensure dog owners are using them. The fine (fixed penalty notice) for dog fouling is currently £50 or up to £1,000 (plus costs) if taken to court.

New footbridge: The old collapsing brick bridge that crosses the stream at the end of footpaths MM11 & 13 as you walk toward the old quarry (Chelveston cliffs) has finally been replaced with a new wooden one by the NCC Rights of Way team. The Council first brought this to their attention two years ago, but staff changes and reorganisations has meant it has only recently reached the top of the list.

Parish History site: I’ve added two more pages – the first on the medieval open fields that existed prior to the 1801 Inclosure and the second on the 1977 Silver Jubilee celebrations. I have included two photographs (courtesy of Noel Morris), but would welcome other photographs of the day and any names of the villagers in them. Access is via the main website and click on **Parish History** (the bottom left hand button).

On the subject of historical names, I have always referred to the track as Joes/High Lane as these are the names that I have heard people call it. High Lane appears in the 1932 list of field names and may have got its name as the track (now bridleway MM17) heads out to the east and hence the high ground. But what is the origin of Joe’s Lane?

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, please let me know before the end of January.

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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.

St. John's Church will be holding their usual **Advent Carol Service** on **Sunday 7th December** at 6.00 p.m. followed by seasonal refreshments at the rear of the Church.



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 December – “Christmas Buffet Supper Meeting” – provided by the members.

Wednesday, 14th January – “A talk about Dialects” by *David Wilson*.

Further details from Christine Foulger on 622748.



Saturday, 20th December at 6.30 p.m. - our **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, followed by seasonal refreshments.

Admission for adults = £2-50 & accompanied children = Free. We look forward to seeing you there!

Chelveston Village Hall. Our recently redecorated hall is available for hire, - by groups, for meetings, for private celebrations etc. Please contact the Bookings Secretary, Michael Foulger, on 01933 622748.



A reminder that the "**Free Spirits**" will hold their first meeting in the new year in the Village Hall from 2.00 – 4.00 p.m. on **Monday, 19th January 2009**. This is to be a demonstration of the basics of flower arranging.

The introductory meeting in November was a great success with Jean Collard extending a warm welcome to all.

Do come along; we feel sure you will enjoy it. Ring Jean on 01933 625383 if you have any questions.



The Parish Council Web Site is running successfully at www.chelveston.org.uk. The latest history site additions include the medieval open fields that existed prior to the 1801 Inclosure and the 1977 Silver Jubilee celebrations

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

The Councillors and Clerk would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year for 2009.