

Chelveston-cum-Caldecott News

Parish Council & Village News – February & March 2008

The Parish Council meeting on Monday 11th February saw 72 attending to hear about the CRE biomass application that will be determined by NCC. Peter Bone MP attended to hear first-hand the views of the local residents and addressed the meeting. Preserve spokesman Chris Pentland gave a short presentation, then Cllr Adrian Dale chaired an open debate before the Cllrs made their formal decision on the Council's response to NCC. The ET also attended.

The public consultation ends on Friday 22nd February, so you need to send in your objection letters or used the cards supplied by PRESERVE before then

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), contrary to planning policy.
- The inadequate minor road network is unable to cope with the HGV traffic (e.g. lanes less than 5.5m wide), plus hazard to walkers, riders and cyclists on the fenced-in route over the site.
- The nuisance (smell, noise, vermin) to nearby residents and concern over the effectiveness of the proposed mitigation measures.
- National policy is not to use Greenfield sites. ENC confirmed the site as naturalised in the Three Towns plan. There hasn't been an airfield there for over 40 years.
- Cumulative build-up of bio-recycling industries in close proximity (e.g. Goosey Lodge, Westwood).

The NCC planning committee is aiming to determine the application on Tuesday 1st April. Their planning meetings are held in the daytime, starting at 10:00.

The Star & Garter: Paul & Shelly left in early January and the pub temporarily closed for alterations and decoration. Andrea Claydon is the new tenant and she officially reopened the pub in style on Saturday 2nd February with a full house. Please call in and make it your local. Sheena is still doing the excellent weekend food.

Licensing hours: Andrea has applied to ENC Licensing to vary the conditions, such as an extra 30 minutes winding down time and the removal of the parking conditions. You can see the details on line at www.northantslicensing.gov.uk using ref number E/02-2008/Prem-Vary/00001. This will be discussed at the Parish Council meeting in March.

Dog Fouling: Most of the many dog walkers in the village are responsible and clean up after their dogs whilst within the 30 mph zone (the limits for the £50 spot fines). However, one or two have been causing a few problems on some of the footpaths and grass areas. The ENC Dog Warden, Claire Preddy, has been asked to visit the parish and she will be putting up some reminder signs shortly. Hopefully we won't have to ask for enforcement action.

Footpaths are not Bridleways: Seems an obvious statement, but unfortunately it appears that at least one rider has taken to using a shortcut between Foot Lane and Duchy Close via the footpath that runs beside number 15. Again the rider is risking enforcement action if this continues.

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.

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 site was updated over Christmas to make archive information easier to find.

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

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

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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 -

“Snowdrop Weekend” was held on Sat / Sun 9th & 10th February with large crowds attending. If you’ve missed the weekend, you will still be able to view the carpet of Snowdrops in the Churchyard - and there may still be a few pots of Snowdrops left for sale in the Church Porch!

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 March – *Jim Tyson* of the South West Maritime Archeological Group will talk about his “Underwater Adventures” in his History of the Sea.

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



Operation Spring Clean will be on Saturday 1st March. We want as many of you who can spare the time to come out and tidy up your area around the villages, before the first of the grass cuts. ENC have promised delivery of sacks, gloves etc. during the week before the 1st March.

Please would all volunteers contact Michael Foulger (622748) if you are able to help, and he will let you have sacks, etc to collect litter throughout the village. If the "litter" is large, and won't go into a sack, let him know, and he will contact ENC to collect this. If there is still litter left after Saturday, then we will continue during the following week to collect the rest.

Please wear bright/visible clothing and take extra care on the roads and verges, as unfortunately, traffic does not appear to obey the speed limits through the village!

Many thanks for your assistance in helping to clean the Village.



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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