

Chelveston-cum-Caldecott News

Parish Council & Village News – October & November 2008

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 could, of course, still appeal against the second application.

The 45,000 tonne waste processing plant application submitted to NCC in January 2008 was granted in September. The Development Committee voted to follow their officer's advice to grant, despite the case presented by this Council, ENC, Preserve and others that it was contrary to their own policies.

The committee meeting was attended by over 50 objectors from the surrounding villages and was reported in the Evening Telegraph on 17th September.

A minor consolation is that the applicant has had to agree to fund far more landscaping and traffic improvements than were proposed in the original application.

Minerals & Waste Development Framework (MWDF) – with a cruel sense of timing, two sets of consultation letters starting dropping through people's letterboxes shortly after the application decision. These relate to the new NCC policies for where to locate waste facilities in the county.

Although the CRE plant will go ahead (under the old waste plan), it is still important that NCC get your views on the new policies, since these will affect how future applications will be determined.

Allotments – following the request in the last issue for those interested in local allotments to let the Council know, there has been quite a lot of support shown. The Council debated this at the October meeting and agreed to contact local landowners to see if any suitable areas can be identified.

Quality Parish Council – following confirmation that the Council had passed the accreditation process earlier in the year, the formal presentation of the certificate will take place at the Northamptonshire County Association of Local Councils (NCALC) AGM in October.

The *Star & Garter* will be hosting the annual **Village Bonfire & Fireworks Display** on Wednesday 5th November in the field at the back of the car park.

Andrea has set up a collecting tin on the bar (can't miss it – looks like a gunpowder barrel) for donations to the firework fund. It costs about £800 to run the display these days, so dig deep and donate your change when you next order a round!

Street Lamp 26 (adjacent to *School House* in Caldecott Rd) has been getting dimmer over the years and in view of its position lighting up the crossing for those of you who walk up from Chelveston to the village hall and back, the Council have agreed to replace it with a brighter (but more energy efficient) sodium lamp. A grant from the ENC Community Safety Fund has been requested to cover part of the costs.

The 305th BG memorial has had chance to weather in and a couple of problems have come to light. The japanned black chains on the squadron posts have annoyingly started to rust, staining the stonework below. These are to be replaced, probably with galvanised chains dipped in black hammerite. The affected stonework has been test treated to confirm the rust marks can be removed. Full treatment will be done after the chains have been replaced.

The two teak benches are also in need of a protective coating, but unfortunately the weather hasn't been good enough recently. It may be necessary to temporarily remove the benches to allow the work to be done indoors.

Lastly, in mid September, the memorial received its known first vandalism, with tyre marks to the rear. These looked more like a motor scooter rather than a motorbike and the pattern suggested the rider was trying to do a "wheelie" round the memorial. These have now been removed. The local Police Safer Community Team has been advised accordingly.

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

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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 8th November: Church Autumn Fair – from 10.00 a.m. till 12.00 noon held in Chelveston Village Hall – *Please note date change from 15th.*

Sunday 9th November: Remembrance Day Service – 9.00 a.m. in the Church followed by the laying of Wreaths in Memory of the War Dead in the Churchyard.

St. John's Church will be holding their usual **Advent Carol Service** on **Sunday 7th December** at 6.00 p.m.



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 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!

Wednesday 12th November - “My Father – Eric Morecambe” - A talk by his daughter *Gail Stuart*.

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



The World's Biggest Coffee Morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer support was held on **Friday 26th September** in **Chelveston Village Hall** and raised a total of **£506.00** for their funds.

Many thanks to all our many supporters, who helped on the day, provided cakes, prizes, goodies, donations, etc and to the many people who attended the coffee morning!



The Parish Council Web Site is running successfully at www.chelveston.org.uk and recent additions include a new page on the street lighting. In keeping with the 90th anniversary of the end of the “Great War”, the latest history site additions include the men of the parish who served in WW1.

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.

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Clerk: Mark Hunter *Ashbury*, Caldecott (626039).

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