



Chelveston-cum-Caldecott Parish Council

Northamptonshire

Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly 8th May 2012 Meeting Number APA12

Minutes of the **Annual Parish Assembly** held at 7:30 p.m. on **Monday 8th May 2012** in the Chelveston Village Hall.

Present :- Councillors : Cllr. A.R.Dale (Chairman)
Cllrs M.W.Emerson, G.Harwood, J.Harwood
M.J.Izzard, P.A.Mommersteeg & M.W.Wooding.

Clerk: Mr. M.H.Hunter

Guests: Chris Wheatcroft (William Pears Group)
Liam Russell +2 (Liam Russell Architects)

Public: 35 Electorate

1 Introduction & Apologies.

Cllr Dale welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained that this was a meeting of the parish electorate (rather than the Parish Council). Cllr Dale introduced the other members of the Council and the guests present.

Apologies – NCC Cllr Lawson, ENC Cllr P.Whiting, Ray & Janet Dyer, Sharron & Gyles Smart.

2 Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly held on 2nd May 2011.

Cllr Dale outlined the minutes of the previous meeting. John Eldred proposed and Cllr Emerson seconded the adoption of the minutes. The meeting unanimously agreed to adopt the minutes. Cllr Dale & the Clerk then signed the minutes.

3 Annual Report of the Parish Council.

Cllr Dale, as Chairman of the Parish Council, outlined the Council's activities over the last year, including the various planning applications, replacing street lamps, memorial repairs, bulb planting, the joint working party with the PCC, signage and traffic calming.

4 Draft accounts for the year ending 31st March 2012.

The Clerk went through the draft summary accounts, which will appear in the June newsletter.

5 Report on the Education Foundation charity.

Adrian Dale, as Clerk to the Trustees, reported to the meeting on the workings of the Educational Foundation. Replacement of the site's sewerage system had cost £6,000.

He updated the meeting on progress of the refurbishment plans for the Village Hall, based on ideas started by the late Noel Morris. The Trustees were awaiting quotes from at least three builders before they could start making the grant applications.

6 Election of three Trustees to the Educational Foundation.

Adrian Dale, as Clerk to the Trustees, explained who the seven Trustees were and various appointment/election processes. The three existing parish Trustees were all willing to be re-elected and he asked for any other nominations from the floor (none).

The meeting voted to re-elect Penny Hughes, Pieter Mommersteeg & Malcolm Russen as Educational Foundation Trustees for the next three year term.

7 Report on the James & Thomas Sawyer charity.

Jenny Harwood, as a Trustee, explained who the Trustees were and outlined the activities of the charity during the year, with three grants awarded in Raunds and one in Chelveston, totalling £2,400.



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8 Report on the Friends of St John the Baptist charity.

Arthur Wright, as a Trustee, outlined the activities of the charity to date, and encouraged volunteers to come forward who could undertake maintenance tasks such as the grass-cutting.

9 Report on the Chelveston Allotment Association.

Cllr Emerson, as the Council nominated member of the Association, reported on the progress made by the tenants so far; including the completion of the mains water supply.

10 Report on future cemetery provision.

Cllr Dale reported on the concerns regarding future capacity of the churchyard (some 900 burials since the thirteenth century) and the subsequent formation of a joint working party with the PCC. He outlined the work involved in the manual survey and asked for volunteers to help.

11 Results of the traffic speed measurements.

The Clerk explained the function and funding of the Vehicle Activated Sign and detailed some of the results so far and the intended follow-up action.

The meeting was adjourned for refreshments, served by the WI.

12 Presentation on a possible future development at Chelston Rise.

Liam Russell, on behalf of his clients, provided concept ideas of what a new development at Chelston Rise might look like. He advised there would be 69 units, of which 10 would be flats, the remaining units being 4/3/2 bedroom dwellings, including three storey live/work units. There would be 142 parking spaces (e.g. two each in line with rural dwellings).

Feedback from the floor included – do you really understand what we want? Don't like high density town style housing; concerns over traffic in Caldecott; don't want any development, so let's go home now; there is no other three storey housing on site. Early suggestions were for 30 units, why has it now jumped to 69? This is a 31% (69/225) rise in the village size and 37% (119/294) of all housing would be in Chelston Rise. The existing 50 families had formed a community, this would be swamped by new residents. If there has to be some development, why not the same as the existing housing style?

13 Neighbourhood Planning Briefing.

Cllr Dale explained that the old 1996 local plan no longer carried any weight in planning terms. The *Localism Act 2011* allowed for the creation of Neighbourhood Development Plans (NDP), which, once adopted, were material in planning determinations. Did the meeting feel the Council should investigate the creation of a NDP for the parish, possibly with an opinion survey (ballot) of the electorate on the options later in the year? The meeting responded yes.

14 The Queen's Diamond Jubilee (QDJ) Event.

Cllr Emerson outlined the progress on the QDJ to be held on Sunday 3rd June in the field behind the *Star and Garter* and invited donations for the tombola and cake stand.

15 Any other matter the Electorate wish to debate.

Cllr Dale asked the meeting if there were other matters they wished to raise - none.

16 Summary of the meeting.

Cllr Dale summarised the meeting and thanked the residents for attending.

The meeting closed at 9:35 p.m.

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Pages 1775 – 1776 signed under seal as true record

Adrian Dale
Chairman of the Parish Council

Mark Hunter
Clerk to the Parish Council