

# Chelveston-cum-Caldecott News

## Parish Council Annual Report 2016

This is the formal Annual Report of the Council's activities, given by the Chair, Cllr Liz Kelly, at the Annual Parish Assembly on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2016.

*If you are wondering who I am, it is understandable. I am one of the newly elected councillors from last year's election and due to Adrian Dale standing down (after 19 years' service) I have taken his place as Chair.*

*There were 4 of us "newbies", but unfortunately Sue Hands in July moved out of the parish and therefore handed in her resignation, and as a result Andrew Seaman (who many of you may know from the NDP Work Group) was co-opted onto the council in September to take her place.*

*Now for some facts and figures:*

*There have been 11 formal council meetings since the last APA and 4 meetings of the Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) Working Party.*

*The Parish Council considered 13 planning & licensing applications this year; down from 21 in 2014-15 and of the 12 determined by the East Northamptonshire Council (ENC) so far, 5 have been decided adversely, possibly reflecting the change in Government policy in favour of development.*

*This has been another good year for grants, with awards both locally, from the District Council's Members Empowerment Fund for NDP funding and siding out the pathways, and nationally, from Locality, again for NDP funding, and from the Department of Communities and Local Government (DCLG) for the new website.*

*We have also gathered in the (usually cold) village hall every 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month to debate and action:*

*Potholes,  
Metal studs removed from footpath,  
Reported fly tipping,  
Repairs to ditches,  
Footpath clearance,  
Cutback and monitoring of trees and bushes,  
The continuous battle on dog fouling – including the installation of a new dog bin,  
Maintenance & repair of street lamps,  
Replacing gateways,  
Siding out of footpaths,  
.....to name but a few.*

*I would now like to propose a vote of thanks to Cllr James Pentelow, who volunteers to cut the grass around the 305<sup>th</sup> BG war memorial during the year and keeps the site looking so well.*

*The Parish Council is financed through a tax (called the Precept) on each household which is collected by the ENC. It was decided to increase the Precept for 2016-17 from £10,000 to £10,200. For a Band D property the cost will have increased by 1p a week from 95p to 96p.*

*Moving away from the everyday life of a Parish Council we had some one off events that will give us good standing for the future:*

*We are proud that we have been awarded the Local Council Award Scheme Quality standard, which provides assurance that the Council is delivering to a national professional standard – in other words we are doing it right.*

*We now have a new website ([www.chelveston-pc.gov.uk](http://www.chelveston-pc.gov.uk)) for which we have had nothing but positive feedback. Over the last year we have had over 28,000 hits. If you have a few minutes to spare I recommend taking a look, it provides lots of information not only about the Parish Council, but has links to other sites such as the village hall, the NDP Working Party and our parish history pages.*

*After two and half years hard work we have submitted our Neighbourhood Development Plan for formal consultation and examination. We still have a fair bit of work to do before it is fully adopted by ENC.*

*Sadly we had the death of Michael Foulger last year and we were all very surprised to hear that Michael and Christine had left the village a substantial amount of money to be set up in a trust which the parish will benefit from for many years to come..*

*I would also like to propose a vote of thanks to Wendy Williams and her WI colleagues for the refreshments that will be provided later this evening. Adrian used to do this at the end of the meeting, but Wendy is usually in the kitchen by then doing the washing up, so I wanted to do it whilst she can hear us!*

*Cllr Liz Kelly  
Chair of the Parish Council.*

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## Finance for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016 (draft and unaudited figures).

Starting with the headline figures

Balance brought forward	£ 16,494.77
Receipts in year	£ 15,896.28
Expenditure in year	£-13,399.58
Add unrepresented cheque	£ 174.00
Balance carried forward	£ 19,165.47

The receipts were made up of

Precept	£10,000.00	
Grants to the Council	£ 3,824.88	NDP, new website, and footway siding out funding.
Allotment receipts	£ 417.12	Rents, shed bonds and water contribution.
Bank interest	£ 9.86	
Donation to the Council	£ 1.00	Donated by the Chair to pay my wages!
VAT (recovery)	£ 1,643.42	Claimed back from last year.

The Council calculates how much it needs in November for the next year and tells ENC the Precept amount in January. Then from April, it's collected from the residents as part of the Council Tax. There are approx 225 houses in the parish, but some have discounts (e.g. single occupancy, etc), so the number paying was reduced to 202. This gave a typical Band D figure of £10,000 / (202\*52) = 95.2p a week for 2015-16.

[For 2016-17, the Precept has increased to £10,200, but the number of contributing households has increased to 204, so for a typical Band D property the figures are now £10,200 / (204\*52) = 96.2p a week].

The expenditure was

Grass cutting	£3,665.00	Includes siding out footways.
St Lighting running costs	£2,267.91	Power for 58 street lights.
Election (2015)	£1,041.80	Covered by reserves.
E-Government	£ 776.66	Website hosting, domain registration, ICO fee.
Insurance	£ 510.71	
St Lighting repairs	£ 490.90	
Gen Admin	£ 440.74	
Allotment costs	£ 427.12	Lease, shed bond refunds and water.
Local Plans/NDP	£ 408.50	Covered by grants.
Stationery/Printing	£ 388.50	
Subscriptions	£ 387.51	SLCC, NCALC.
Training	£ 271.00	
Village Hall hire	£ 240.00	Council meetings, Chelston Rise meetings & the APA.
Annual audit	£ 154.00	
St Furniture	£ 145.15	Dog Bin (Bidwell lane).
Recreation	£ 51.50	Green waste bin for 305 <sup>th</sup> BG grass cutting.
Grants	£ 25.00	WI.
Clerk's salary	£ 1.00	Donated by the Chair.
VAT (recoverable)	£1,706.58	To be claimed back next year.

The Council owns the 305<sup>th</sup> BG memorial site, and the allotment site is leased from a farmer.

### 2015-19 Parish Council Members & Officers

**Chair: Liz Kelly**, 8 Duchy Close.

**Vice: Ray Daniels**, *Fieldview*, Raunds Rd.

**Glenn Harwood MBE**, 7 Britten Close.

**Jennifer Harwood**, 7 Britten Close.

**James Pentelow**, 22 Duchy Close.

**Andrew Seaman**, *Rosemoor*, Raunds Rd.

**Melvyn Wooding**, *Melrose Cottage*, Caldecott.

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

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