

Chelveston-cum-Caldecott News

Parish Council & Village News – December 2018 & January 2019

Local government changes: The Rt Hon. James Brokenshire MP, the Secretary of State, has now started the formal consultation process for the reorganisation from 8 Principal Councils (County/Borough/District) to two Unitary Councils.

As a consequence of this, the May 2019 elections for the Parish Council have now been postponed to May 2020; in order that they will coincide with the new Unitary Council elections in May 2020 (should he choose to agree to their creation).

Parish Councillor Vacancy: Cllr Liz Kelly will be standing down after the December meeting, as she will be leaving the parish in the New Year. Liz served as Chair of the Council in 2015 and 2016, and Vice-Chair from 2017 – present. She created the Community Events Committee in 2016 that has run several very successful events in the parish. We wish Liz and Fred well on their new adventures!

The formal vacancy notices will appear mid-December, so if you want to take on an active role in your community, look out for the notices.

Upper Higham Lane proposed “plastic to fuel” Facility application: The NCC Development Control Committee granted the application, despite strong local opposition. NCC has decided a Local Liaison Group (LLG) will be required as part of the consent conditions, the costs of which will have to be met by the applicant.

However, before the plant can operate, it requires a permit from the Environment Agency (EA), which governs what emissions are permissible (or not). An EA representative will be attending the December Council meeting to explain the process further.

Grass cutting and Grounds maintenance: The Council awarded the 2018 grass cutting contract to a local company, Creatifica Associates Ltd, probably better known to most villagers as Adrian Dale. The resulting improvement in cut quality and frequency has brought many compliments from the residents.

The Council has awarded the 2019 grass cutting contract to Creatifica Associates Ltd again, in a slightly revised format which should see the improved service continue next year.

Also in 2018, the Council awarded a grounds maintenance contract to Creatifica Associates Ltd as a new venture, and this has seen works on various trees, verges and minor repairs. Additionally, Adrian keeps the 305th BG memorial weed-free for free. This contract will also be renewed for 2019.

Christmas & New Year Bin collections: Tues 25th Dec will be collected on Mon 24th Dec and Tues 1st Jan will be collected on Weds 2nd Jan. No green waste collections between 22nd Dec – 6th Jan.

Chelveston Renewable Energy (CRE) - Hydrogen fuel generation plant: The Government wants us to move away from fossil fuels (e.g. petrol, diesel) in vehicles. Hydrogen fuel is a potential alternative. If you are not sure what hydrogen fuel is, read on -

In simple terms, pass enough energy (e.g. “free” electricity from a wind turbine or solar array) through water and it splits into hydrogen and oxygen. The oxygen you release and the hydrogen you pump into storage tanks as fuel.

Currently there are two ways you can use it in vehicles; either in a hydrogen fuel cell vehicle (FCV), where you add air to the hydrogen fuel and you get lots of energy released to power a motor as it turns back into water (for the chemists, $2\text{H}_2 + \text{O}_2 = 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$), or in a hydrogen internal combustion engine vehicle (HICEV). But at the high combustion temperatures, the nitrogen that is also present in air reacts leading to harmful nitrogen oxide emissions (again for the chemists $\text{H}_2 + \text{O}_2 + \text{N}_2 = \text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{NO}_x$)

Hydrogen is both more flammable (x10) and more explosive (x20) compared to petrol, which raises concerns as to how it’s going to be stored and transported. The current application proposes using hydrogen generated on-site to power the “bin lorry” fleet already based on the CRE site, but there is no guarantee the owners of the lorry fleet would move over to hydrogen fuel, meaning it would either have to be tankered offsite or other vehicles would have to travel to the CRE site to fuel up.

The Council is also very concerned about the cumulative impact of all the various renewable buildings on the CRE site and, via ENC Planning, has asked the applicant for more information.

Winter Resilience: The Parish Council has now completed the transfer of ownership of the two self-help grit bins in Water Lane from NCC. A reminder to users of the grit, that you do so at your own risk. The Parish Council does not insure you for spreading grit from the self-help bins. This is no change from before, as NCC didn’t insure you either.

Dead Street Light? Please tell the Clerk (contact details over), so we can arrange for it to be fixed.

Crime and incidents: An overnight sleeper in a car has appeared a couple of times in Bidwell Lane, and fly tipping occurred in Bidwell Lane and the Kimbolton Road layby, including two sofas! The allotment shed was broken into in early December.

Next Issue: The February & March issue of the Newsletter should be delivered in the first week of February, so if you want to publicise a parish event, please let me know before the end of January.

The Councillors and Clerk would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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Events – December 2018 & January 2019

The Chelveston Parish Church of St. John the Baptist (contact Arthur Wright - 624530).

There is a communion service **every Sunday morning at 9.00am**.
You are most welcome to stay afterwards for coffee, tea and biscuits at the Servery.

Special Events in December -

Mon 3rd, 10th, 17th Dec - Carol singing in the *Star & Garter* by kind permission. Come and join us in this new initiative.
Sun 9th Dec - Carol Service at 2pm in church with the Salvation Army band and Chelveston Chorus, plus mulled wine, tea/coffee and mince pies.

Sun 16th Dec - Crib Service at 3pm with refreshments. This is ideal for children to take part - they can come in costume or we will provide.

The successful monthly church lunches (soup, roll and cakes) for the winter months continues on Tues 15th January from noon to 2:30pm Do come and join us.

Arthur Wright and Peggy Deards, Churchwardens

Community Events Committee: The committee has been busy planning the following -

December – Best dressed Christmas window competition, with money prizes for the best designs. Judging to take place on Sun 16th December. Look out for flyers and entry details delivered to all households in the parish.

Chelveston-cum-Caldecott Women's Institute (contact Raine Earnshaw – 625739).

The W.I usually meets on the second Wednesday of the month at **7.30pm** in Chelveston Village Hall. **Visitors are always welcome** to the meetings @ £4.00 per head suggested donation including refreshments.

Weds 12th Dec – Christmas social.

Weds 9th Jan – *Cransley Hospice* by **Sophie Dinnie**

Free Spirits Ladies Group (contact Judy Hill - 622106).

Usually meets on the third Monday of the month from **2.00 – 4.00pm** in the Chelveston Village Hall. A variety of subjects to include crafts, flower arranging, talks etc. Visitors are welcome @ £3.00 per head inc. tea & biscuits.

Chelveston Chorus (contact Joe Carpenter janjoe68@googlemail.com).

Everyone is invited to come to sing with the encouragement of **Natasha Thompson**.
Fortnightly on Thursdays at **7.30 – 9.00pm** in the Village Hall. Sessions are £3.50.

If you have a smart phone / tablet, you can scan the QR code to go to the village hall web site.

The hall is available for hire by groups for meetings or private functions. Wi-Fi enabled.

For further information contact Chelveston.village.hall@gmail.com.



The Parish Council usually meets on the second Monday of the month at **7.30pm** in the Chelveston Village Hall. Members of the public are welcome to attend and may speak on any agenda item at the Chair's discretion.

Members of the public may also inspect Council papers by prior arrangement with the Clerk. The agenda is posted on the website (www.chelveston-pc.gov.uk) and on the parish noticeboards at least 3 clear days before the meetings.

Parish Council Members & Officers

Chair: Ray Daniells, *Fieldview*, Raunds Rd.
Vice: Liz Kelly, 8 Duchy Close.
Jennifer Harwood, 7 Britten Close.
Patricia Mommersteeg, *Church House*, Caldecott.

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