

Chelveston-cum-Caldecott News

Parish Council & Village News – April & May 2021

Elections: The next ordinary elections will be held on Thursday 6th May 2021. The Government is keen for these to proceed, in a Covid secure manner, so if you intend to vote in person in the village hall polling station, you will need to bring your own pencil!

More practically, if you are worried about voting in person at the Village Hall, you can still apply for a postal vote by phoning **01832 742119** or emailing elections.ENC@northnorthants.gov.uk before 5 pm on Tuesday, 20th April 2021.

If you are not registered to vote yet, then applications to register to vote must reach the Electoral Registration Officer by 12 midnight on Monday 19th April 2021. Applications can be made online at <https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote>

You will be voting for three Unitary Councillors to serve on the North Northamptonshire Council and for a Police Fire & Crime Commissioner.

What about the Parish Council? Well three new candidates put themselves up for nomination, but at the same time three existing Councillors are standing down, so the seven candidates will be elected uncontested (see over). This is the first time since 2003 that we haven't had a contested parish election.

New Parish Noticeboard: If you have walked past the Village Hall recently, you will have noticed that we have a brand new noticeboard. The left side is for parish notices and the right side (no key required) is for public notices, events, etc. Please use the magnets provided and don't attempt to use a stapler on the metal backboard!



Allotments: The water pipe has been tested and two leaks found and repaired. The water supply will be turned on once the risk of frosts is over.

A reminder to the tenants that once the landowner cuts back the hedge to create the new parking area, no cars will be permitted in the allotment field, as it is being seeded as a wildflower meadow.

Duke of Edinburgh 10 June 1921 - 9 April 2021

Chelveston-cum-Caldecott Parish Council joins with people across the country and the globe in sharing their sadness at the passing of the late Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.

We remember with gratitude and affection the lifetime of service given by the longest serving British consort.

Due to the Covid restrictions, the Parish Council will not be providing a physical book for signing within the parish. Instead you are invited to use the on-line book of condolence available at the official site at <https://www.royal.uk/condolence>

For those flying the union flag at half-mast, the flag should return to normal after 08:00 on Sunday 18th April i.e. the day after the funeral.

Street Light replacement: The Council has successfully applied for a 75% grant from the Wind Farm Trust toward the costs of replacing all 60 street lamps with a low energy and low maintenance alternative. At £16,650, this is the largest award made by the Wind Farm Trust to date.

The winning supplier, Zeta Specialist Lighting Ltd of Bicester, is planning to start the installation works this weekend (17th / 18th April). Three of the old concrete lamp posts in Duchy Close are suffering from cracking, and these are also being replaced with steel columns as part of the project.

Following resident feedback from the last newsletter, the Council will take up the option to dim the lights between midnight and dawn, to further reduce the energy use.

Parish Emergency Planning: We are updating the emergency plan and are looking for volunteers with skills / equipment that can be contacted to help in a local emergency e.g. snowfall cuts off the village, gales bring trees down on the roads, etc.

You might have a 4x4 with a winch, or be trained to use a chainsaw, etc. Please email / ring the Clerk or one of the Councillors (details over) with your contact details and what skills / equipment you can offer.

Thank you – to Patricia Mommersteeg (12 years' service, cumulative), Mandy Hill (three years) and Neil Chambers (one year), who are standing down from the Parish Council in May.

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

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Events – April & May 2021

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

We are looking forward to our usual **9am Sunday Service** resuming once we are out of lockdown. Keep an eye on the noticeboard, St John's Facebook page and our website for details.

In the meantime, our **Online Service** continues which you can access on the website; www.stmarystjohnunited.co.uk. The church is open daily for private prayer and for space and time for quiet and reflection. Please wear a mask and use the hand sanitiser as you enter and place the appropriate coloured card on your seat when you leave to signify someone has sat there for those who may visit after you.

For any further information about any of the above, check out our website www.stmarystjohnunited.co.uk or contact Brenda on 07816 771702, brenda@eldred.co.uk, or Rev Michelle on 07961 003352, michelleacd@hotmail.co.uk



The new Parish Councillors from May 2021



Sarah Cinnamon
Chelston Rise



Andy Cuthbert
Chelston Rise



Jenny Harwood
Chelveston



Clinton Hill
Chelston Rise



Carol Parsons
Chelveston



Andrew Seaman
Chelveston



Peter Smith
Caldecott



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

The agenda and meeting papers are posted on the website (www.chelveston-pc.gov.uk) and the agenda is on the parish noticeboards at least 3 clear days before the meetings.

Parish Council Members & Officers (until May)

Chair: Andrew Seaman, Rosemoor, Raunds Rd.

Vice: Jennifer Harwood, 7 Britten Close.

Neil Chambers, 6 Hillside.

Clinton Hill, 52 The Crescent, Chelston Rise.

Mandy Hill, 15 Water Lane.

Patricia Mommersteeg, Church House, Caldecott.

Carol Parsons, 5 Pokas Cottages.

Clerk: Mark Hunter Ashbury, Caldecott (626039).

E-mails to the Council on clerk@chelveston-pc.gov.uk

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