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## DECISION NOTICE – COMMUNITY RIGHT TO BID

**Reference: 2014/004**

17 November 2014

<b>Proposed Asset of Community Value</b> – Chelveston Village Hall and adjacent land
<b>Nominated By:</b> Chelveston-cum-Caldecott Parish Council – received 4 February 2014
<b>Current Owner</b> – The Educational Foundation of Abigail Bailey and Ann Levett
<b>Action Taken Prior to Decision</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Notification to current owner of nomination</li><li>• Consultation with Chair of Policy and Resources Committee (Cllr R Lewis) and Ward Member (Cllr P Whiting) as required under Council’s Community Right to Bid Policy. (Cllr G Harwood, the other Ward Member, is also a member of the Parish Council and therefore has a conflict of interest and was not consulted)</li></ul>
<b>Considerations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Does the proposed asset meet the definition of an asset of community value specified in Section 88 (1) paragraphs (a) and (b) of the Localism Act 2011 i.e. the main (i.e. non-ancillary) use furthers the social wellbeing or social interests of the local community, or has recently done so, and is likely to do so in the future (during the next five years)?</li></ul> <p>The Village Hall was originally the village school but has been used as the Village Hall from 1972. The Parish Council reports that it is the only community building in the parish available for meetings (PC, WI, Mums &amp; Tots, etc.), weddings, functions, dances, LAN parties, polling station, emergency reception, etc. (the village pub does not have a function room). A new kitchen/toilet extension has recently been added.</p> <p>Part of the adjacent piece of land has also recently been converted to a car park with a central gravel road running from the drop kerbs and footway crossing with plastic mesh embedded in the grass either side to support vehicle parking. At the rear a fence now encloses a small green amenity area used for outdoor activities in connection with the village hall e.g. .marquee, BBQ, etc.</p> <p>In the light of this, we consider that the current use furthers the social wellbeing and social interests of the local community.</p>

- Does the proposed asset meet any of the criteria for exemption specified in Section 88 (3) and associated regulations?

There is no evidence that the property meets any of the exemption criteria

- The views of the Chair of Policy and Resources Committee and the Ward Member:

Both Members agreed that the property should be listed as an Asset of Community Value.

#### **Decision**

**Having considered all the factors above, it is my view that the nominated asset falls within the category of an asset of community value as defined by the Localism Act and associated regulations and that it should be listed as such by this council.**



**Sharn Matthews, Executive Director, 17/11/14**