

CHARNEY BASSETT PARISH COUNCIL

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The main event of the past year has perhaps been the Election in May, as a result of which Messrs. Hodgkins, Ody, Clarke, Douglas and Marks were elected to the Council. This was the first election to be held in the village, and the cost £226, must unfortunately, be met by the ratepayers, necessitating an addition of almost 1p. in the pound, approximately £2 per household

Later in the year Mr. Marks resigned from the Council and his place was filled by Mrs. Jevons, who had been the most successful of the defeated candidates.

The new Council has continued to serve the interests of the village, to the best of its ability. Councillors, as well as the Clerk, all do their work voluntarily.

An innovation has been made to encourage Public participation in Meetings, time being set aside for this purpose. Attendance, however, has been disappointing.

Planning applications have been considered and usually approved, but the Council's views are not always agreed by the District Council and it is felt that the latter should give more consideration to the views and knowledge of local people.

Trees have been replanted where necessary and pressure has been put on landowners to fell dead trees that are a threat to highways. The Council has promised to contribute a sum for replanting along the Bridle Path, but this work has so far been delayed by the failure of the Small Holdings Committee to clear dead trees. Weeds along the Bridle Path were again treated with weed killer.

The steps to the river at Ock Bridge Green have at last been placed and "No Parking" signs erected on the Village Green to preserve this important amenity in the centre of the village. The Electricity Board however, has not yet fulfilled its promise to remove the pole from the Green.

Representations were made to the Highway Authority to fill in the many unwelcome potholes in the parish. Unfortunately, sufficient funds were not available for the Authority to carry out the work as fully as they or we could have wished.

The Post Office originally refused to provide Mrs. Nicholson with a telephone, but the Council felt that this was an essential application, took up the matter, and the telephone was duly installed.

Finally it was decided to enter Charney Bassett for the Best Kept Village Competition in 1980. Success, or disappointment, will depend on a strong effort from all who love our village, and enjoy seeing its many attractions spoiled by too little care for appearances. A Committee must be formed to organise what has to be done and the whole matter will be discussed at the PARISH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY ON THURSDAY, 10TH APRIL. This is an important event. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN OUR VILLAGE PLEASE DO YOUR UTMOST TO ATTEND IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30 p.m.

John W. H. Jevons

Clerk.

Rectory Farm House,
Charney Bassett.

Victor A. Hodgkins

Chairman

31.3.80.