

Minutes of the meeting of the Charney Bassett Parish Council held in the village Hall on Wednesday, 8th January 1988.

Present:	V. A. Hodgkins	Chairman
	J. Ody	Treasurer
	D. Douglas )	Councillors
	G. Rumble )	
	R. Puckett	Hon. Clerk

District Councillor T. Cox was also in attendance.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. E. Clarke and also from County Councillor Col. Walton.

Three members of the public also attended

- AGENDA
1. To allow fifteen minutes for residents to ask questions.
  2. To confirm the minutes of the last meeting.
  3. Treasurer's Report and financial matters.
  4. To consider any Planning matters.
  5. To further consider letter from County Council regarding School Playing field.
  6. Letter from Robert Jackson M.P.
  7. Any other business.

1. To allow fifteen minutes for residents to ask questions etc. Mrs. Walker remarked upon the considerable improvement on the condition of the Bus Shelter and hoped that this would be maintained.

Mrs. T. Cox said that the Bridle Path was becoming very muddy and in a perilous state due to the exercising of horses. The Chairman replied stating that there was little that could be done since it was a Bridle Path and intended for horses.

Mr. Ody raised a question regarding the pile of rubble that had been left by the builder after reconstruction of an adjacent stone wall. He suggested that the Vale of White Horse be approached. Mr. Douglas said we should write to the builder as it was becoming a public danger and unsightly. Mrs. Cox thought there would be no greater response from the Vale of White Horse than from the Parish Council. The Clerk was to approach the builder.

2. To confirm the Minutes of the last meeting. As agreed at the last meeting it was now unnecessary to read the minutes as copies were distributed and displayed at the meeting. Those minutes were duly confirmed after two small corrections were made viz: "Stop" not "Shop" and "House owners" not "dog owners". The minutes were then signed by the Chairman as being a correct record.

Matters arising.

- (a) Stop sign on junction of New Road. County Councillor Col. Walton had made enquiries and been informed by the Highway Authority that it was their policy to limit street furniture to the minimum in villages and considered that in this instance white lines were sufficient.
- (b) Dogs fouling footpaths. The Chairman said he had drafted a letter; this was read by all members of the Parish Council present. Mr. Ody suggested that the letter be handed to all house owners. Mr. Rumble agreed. The Chairman said this would be done after copies had been made.
- (c) Sheephouse Farm. The entrance had now been modified. D. Councillor T. Cox reported that there had been a problem with rats but that this had now been dealt with satisfactorily.

### 3. Treasurer's Report and Financial Matters

Mr. J. Ody presented the state of the accounts.

Petty Cash	3. 65
Current Account	227. 45
Deposit Account	42. 74

Balance	£273. 84p
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Accounts Paid: Municipal Insurance	15. 97
Church Grass Cutting	40. 00 (for 1984)
Mr. Tyler: Grass Cutting	40. 50
Mrs. Venn	62. 50 (end of December)

£158. 97p

Income	Allen Scythe	£5
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Petty Cash	8. 65
Current Account	68. 48
Deposit Account	42. 74

£119. 87p

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#### Precept 1986/87

Oxfordshire County Council Playing Field	£140. 00
" Rural Community Council	7. 00
" Ass. of Local Council	30. 00
Parish Clerk	15. 00
Mr. G. Tyler Grass Cutting	150. 00
Charney Church Grass Cutting	50. 00
Municipal Insurance	50. 00
Mrs. Venn	(£390) 250. 00

Precept of 3p. = £780

£ 692. 00p

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Outstanding accounts were for 3 months street cleaning and grass cutting.

Mr. J. Ody also reported that the Parish Council will receive 70% of the street cleaning cost from the Vale of White Horse, after April 1st 1986. Payment is made in arrears and will amount to approximately £140.

The Chairman said it was now necessary to estimate expenditure for the coming year, 1986/7, with the exception of the School Playing Field leasing. Mr. Ody said that a 3p rate would be required to cover the expenditure envisaged. The Precept Form was therefore duly signed for £780, being a 3 p rate.

Mr. J. Ody also reported that the Midland Bank had requested that they be supplied with new signatures from Parish Council members authorised to sign cheques.

4. To consider any Planning matters. The Clerk reported that there had been no new planning applications during the preceding two months.

5. School Playing Field. The Chairman said he was concerned that the proposal of a 6 year lease, contained in the Oxfordshire County Council letter of 13.11.85 didnot give the Parish Council sufficient tenure to form a permanent Playing field. The Chairman reported that County Councillor Col. Walton was disturbed by the fact that the matter had not been referred to any County Council Committee: he had further suggested that he should approach Mr. D. Young (Director of Planning). Mr. D. Douglas suggested the Parish Council answer the letter from the Oxfordshire County Council saying that this matter was under consideration and that County Councillor Col. Walton be approaching Mr. Young. The Clerk was asked to write.

A discussion then ensued regarding the amount of Precept for 1986/87 and whether

anything should be allowed for on costs relating to the Playing Field. It was finally agreed that this matter be left out as it was uncertain at present.

6. Consideration of letter from Mr. R. Jackson, M.P. Mr. Jackson had written to all Parish Councils seeking views on anti-social behaviour by certain sections of the young community.

After discussion it was agreed that our reply should mention lack of discipline in the home, and school: this should be backed up by all Authorities, Education Authority, School Governors and County Councillors. Also that where wilful damage was done by children the parents should be criminally responsible for actions of their children.

7. Any other business. There being no further business the meeting closed at 9. 40 p.m.

Chairman

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