

Minutes of the Meeting of the Charney Bassett Parish Council held on Wednesday, 13th March 1985, in the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

Present:	V. A. Hodgkins	Chairman
	E. J. Clarke	Vice Chairman
	J. Ody	Treasurer
	D. Douglas	Councillors
	G. Rumble	

District Councillor T. Cox and 4 members of the Public also attended.

Agenda

1. To allow 15 minutes for residents to ask questions.
2. To confirm the minutes of the last meeting.
3. To receive the Treasurer's Report and Financial Statement.
4. To consider any Planning matters.
5. To consider further correspondence re School Playing Field.
6. Grasscutting - Greens and School Playing Field Contracts for 1985.
7. To appoint Representatives to the Community Bus Committee.
8. To fix the date of the Annual Parish Assembly.
9. Any other business.

1. To allow 15 Minutes for Residents to ask questions. Mrs. Teresa Cox asked whether there was anyone employed ~~asa~~ cleaner for the Village Hall. The Chairman said there was no regular cleaner but he had tried to impress all users to clean up after using it. It would be uneconomic to employ a cleaner unless charges were increased.

Mr. J. Ody requested that users be asked to empty bin.

The Chairman said he would bring the "Check List" up to date.

Mrs. Teresa Cox also commented that the Notice Board seemed to be in a better place on the Bus Shelter, and was it going to remain there? The Chairman said that originally it had been the intention of the Parish Council to replace the Notice Board on the rebuilt wall by Barnfield but as yet the owner had not been approached. The Chairman said it would be reconsidered.

2. To Read and Confirm the Minutes of the last meeting. The Minutes were read by the Clerk and agreed as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

3. Treasurer's Report and Financial Matters. Mr. J. Ody reported that the final account for Grasscutting 1984 by Mr. Tyler had been paid in the sum of £26. The account for Grasscutting of Playing Field for £121 was still outstanding, but if it arrived before the beginning of the new financial year there was not enough money in hand to settle it, therefore he suggested we should precept for our budgetted amount from the Vale of the White Horse District Council as soon as the new financial year started (i.e. 5th April). This was agreed.

The amounts on account were as follows:

Petty Cash	52p
Deposit Account	£39. 44
Current Account	£55. 99

4. To consider any Planning matters. The Clerk reported that no Planning Applications had been received during the preceding 2 months.

Mr. T. Cox reported that at the Bullocks Pits Pig Farm, it had not been made a Planning Condition that the entrance be improved as the Parish Council had suggested, but the Officers had talked with the Owner and he was hopeful improvement would be done.

5. To consider further correspondence re School Playing Field. The Chairman read a letter received from Oxford County Council Valuers Department and he had suggested a site meeting and that the District Valuer be present to advise the Parish Council. It was agreed that they should both be contacted and a meeting arranged. Mr. J. Ody asked whether it would be appropriate to seek to acquire enough land in order to build a new Village Hall at a later date. It was agreed that the most suitable piece of land would be that to the north of the Playing Field.

It was also agreed that the Clerk should write to the Vale of the White Horse District Council to make a formal request for future funds for purchase of the Playing Field.

Mr. J. Ody said he had spoken to Mr. Pankhurst of the Sports Council who could supply equipment. Mr. Ody said he would follow this up.

The Chairman said he would arrange the meeting and let all the Councillors know the date and time.

6. Grass Cutting - Greens and School Playing Field Contracts for 1985. Mr. E. Clarke felt that the Playing Field had been cut too frequently last year. The Chairman said that this had been raised with the Oxfordshire County Council but the Parish Council were told that it was not possible to alter the overall programme of cuts.

Greens - Village and Ock. The Chairman said Mr. Tyler had proved very satisfactory for the last three years. Mr. Ody felt that the Parish Council should continue to employ him. The Clerk was therefore asked to write to Mr. Tyler requesting his estimate for 1985.

Mr. E. Clarke reported that it appeared horses had been making a short cut across Ock Green and through the river. The Chairman suggested everyone should look out for this happening and speak to anyone seen doing this.

7. To appoint Representative to the Community Mini Bus Committee. Mr. J. Ody said he was willing to resign as a nominated member but to sit on the Committee as a Drivers' Representative.

Mr. J. Ody then proposed that Mr. K. Ackland be appointed as Parish Council Representative. This was seconded by Mr. E. Clarke. This was agreed. It was also agreed that Mr. V. Hodgkins retain position as the other Representative. The Clerk was requested to write to the Secretary of the 'Bus Committee, notifying the appointments.

8. To fix the date of the Annual Assembly of the Parish Meeting. After some discussion it was agreed that this should be Thursday, 18th April at 7.30. (Later changed to Wednesday, 24th April). Mr. Ody suggested that several Notices should be posted around the village. The Chairman said he would arrange for this.

9. Any other Business. The Chairman commented upon a letter from the Association of Parish Councils, regarding legality of the Village Hall Committee. He felt that this was a matter which should be considered if and when a New Village Hall was built. Mr. J. Ody felt that the matter was unsatisfactory at the moment. The Chairman agreed that the letter should be read by all members of the Parish Council and the matter reconsidered at the next meeting.

The Chairman reported that there was to be a meeting of the Village Hall Committees at Shrivenham on 23rd April. Mr. J. Ody said he would try to attend and all other members expressed their willingness to attend also.

Mr. Ody asked whether the Village should enter the Best Kept Village contest. The Chairman said it did give an incentive for a general clean-up of the Village. It was therefore agreed to enter.

Mr. Ody commented on the very interesting meeting at the Civic Hall with the Vale of the White Horse Planning Department.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.