

Minutes of meeting of Charney Bassett Parish Council held on 12th March 1986 in the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

Present: V. A. Hodgkins Chairman  
E. J. Clarke Vice Chairman  
J. Ody Treasurer  
G. Rumble Councillor

Apologies were received from County Councillor Col. Walton and Parish Councillor D. Douglas. Six members of the public and District Councillor T. Cox were also in attendance.

#### AGENDA

1. To allow 15 minutes for residents to ask questions etc.
2. To confirm the minutes of the last meeting.
3. Matters arising from the minutes.
4. Treasurer's Report and financial matters.
5. To consider any Planning matters.
6. To report Village Hall Committee decision regarding the future of the Village Hall.
7. Playing field negotiations - progress report.
8. Grass cutting contract(s) for 1986.
9. To fix the date of the Annual Parish Assembly.
10. Any other business.

1. To allow 15 minutes for residents to ask questions etc. There were no questions and the Chairman moved to the next item.

2. To confirm the Minutes of the last meeting. Following a correction to Item 1, Mrs. Cox amended to District Councillor T. Cox, the minutes were approved and duly signed.

3. Matters arising from the Minutes.

(a) Rubble by Barnfield. A letter from the builder "Merebricks" referring the matter to Mrs. Cox of High Street was read out. The Chairman agreed to see Mrs. Cox and ask whether the rubble was still required by her. Mr. J. Ody suggested that if Mrs. Cox was not prepared to move the rubble the builder should be contacted again.

(b) Dogs fouling footpaths. It was generally considered that there had been little improvement in spite of the letter to all householders. The matter was to be kept under review.

4. Treasurer's Report and Financial Matters. Mr. J. Ody presented the state of accounts as follows:

<u>March 1986</u>	Petty Cash	£ 8. 65
	Current Account	68. 48
	Deposit Account	42. 74

Balance	£ 119. 87p
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Accounts Paid:	Printing V.W.D.C.	2. 50
	Broom for street cleaner	3. 23
	Mrs. Venn (2 months)	60. 00

	£ 65. 73
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Petty Cash	2. 92
Current Account	8. 48
Deposit Account	42. 74

Balance	£ 54. 14p
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The account for the Playing field grass cutting 1985, had been received in the sum of £ 126-20p. It was agreed that payment be made after receipt of Precept, the request form for which having been received and was duly signed by the Chairman. The Chairman also reported that the bill for Churchyard grass cutting was £150, of which the Parish Council was liable for  $\frac{1}{3}$ (£50).

5. To consider any Planning matters. The Clerk reported that no Planning applications had been received since the last meeting.
6. To report Village Hall Committee decision on future of Village Hall. The Chairman informed the Parish Council that it had been agreed at the last Village Hall Committee meeting to take up the matter of the status of the Hall with the Charity Commissioner, and adopt their Model A Committee proposals if possible. It was agreed to ask Miss Smith of O.R.C.C. to deal with the Charity Commission on our behalf in the first instance.

The Parish Council agreed with this decision nem. con.

7. Playing Field Negotiations. The Chairman reported that County Councillor Col. Walton had succeeded in raising the matter on Committee, however, although the Committee were generally sympathetic to the Parish Council's plea they felt that the Council's rule, to sell surplus land at full market value, had to be abided with. It was agreed that the District Valuer be approached to obtain an independent up to date figure for full market value, and then the Parish Council could make a decision on further procedure.

District Councillor T. Cox said that although the Vale of White Horse does set aside sums for purchases of this nature it would probably be better to delay any approach for grant aid until 1987/8.

8. Grass Cutting Contracts for 1986 It was agreed that Mr. Tyler be approached again this year, as the previous years work had so greatly been appreciated. The Clerk said he would obtain Mr. Tyler's estimate for the coming year. *1 cut*

9. To fix the date of the Annual Parish Assembly. It was agreed after some discussion to hold this on Wednesday, 9th April at 7.30 p.m. Also it was agreed that the Annual General Meeting be held on 14th May, prior to the Parish Council Meeting.

10. Any other business. The Application form for the Best Kept Village Contest was to hand and it was agreed to enter again this year. Mr. J. Ody said that a sign at North Denchworth had been broken off. It was agreed to notify the Highway Authority. Mr. J. Ody also raised the question of accumulation of surface water opposite the garage in the village. It was agreed to have this investigated.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.0 p.m.

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Chairman