

Minutes of the Meeting of the Charney Bassett Parish Council held on Wednesday, 8th May 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	

Apologies were received from District Councillor T. Cox.

Six members of the Public also attended.

#### AGENDA

1. To allow 15 minutes for Residents to ask questions.
2. To read and confirm the Minutes of the last meeting.
3. Treasurer's Report and Financial matters.
4. To consider any Planning matters.
5. To consider employing a Part-time street cleaner.
6. School Playing Field.
7. Any other business.

1. To allow 15 minutes for Residents to ask questions. Mr. Francis commented that there appeared to be about 40 children now in the village and that the Village Hall would not be adequate in the future to cater for any activities. The Chairman said that the Parish Council did have the consideration of a new hall or extension in mind.

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.

#### Matters arising.

- (a) Cleaning the Village Hall. This matter had been discussed at the last Village Hall Committee meeting and should now be resolved.
- (b) Notice Board. The Chairman said he had spoken to the owner of the premises in Barnfield and said that it would not be suitable to have the Notice Board on the wall where it was previously, Mr. D.Douglas suggested that consideration be given to providing a new board with a glass front. The Chairman said he felt that this would prevent people putting up notices without reference to the Clerk or the Chairman. Mr. E. Clarke thought that a free standing board be erected by the telephone kiosk. Mr. Ody said he would investigate the cost of a new board to be possibly erected by the kiosk. This was agreed. In the meantime the Chairman said he could repair the old board and fix it on the Bus Shelter.
- (c) Grass Cutting. Mr. Tyler had made one cut this season and Mr. E. Clarke commented that he thought for time and labour the charge was very reasonable.
- (d) Legality of Village Hall Committee. Mr. J. Ody reported that he had attended a meeting at Shrivenham and this had confirmed his convictions that the Parish Council should be brought into line with other councils. The Chairman said that the matter would be deferred until the next Village Hall Committee Meeting.

3. Treasurer's Report and Financial matters. Mr. J. Ody said that the Precept of £520 for the year 1985/6 had only just been received.

Annual Audit. Notification of the dates for this had been received, also the option of adopting the Triennial Audit. The Clerk was asked to follow this up with the Auditors. Mr. J. Ody thought that the accounts for the Village Hall Committee should be included in the Audit.

4. To consider any Planning Matters. The Clerk reported that no planning applications had been received during the preceeding 2 months.

5. To consider employing a part-time Street Cleaner. The Chairman asked whether this matter should be pursued, and suggested that a fair rate would be £5 per week, 70% of which would be borne by the Vale of the White Horse District Council, the remainder to be found by the Parish Council, which would be equal to about  $\frac{1}{3}$ p on the Rates. Mr. J. Ody said he was in favour provided the right person could be found. Mr. D. Douglas said that whoever was employed should supply his own tools.

The Chairman said he would check regarding insurance cover but felt it was adequate.

The Parish Council agreed that the matter should be followed up.

6. School Playing Field. The Chairman reported that a letter had been received from the District Valuer dated 23rd April stating that the Oxfordshire County Council would be considering the sale of the Playing Field at full market value. It would also appear that the County Council were waiting to see whether the eventual purchaser of the School will require some part of the field.

The Chairman said he had been in touch with the newly elected County Councillor, Col. Walton, and he looked with favour on the Parish Council acquiring the field and would give support to it.

Mr. J. Ody felt the Parish Council should ask the District Valuer to give a figure for the field but Mr. D. Douglas felt that the land was worth whatever could be got for it. Mr. J. Ody said that the Sports Council would require a figure before any loan was considered and that perhaps we should write to the Diocesan Council with a view to purchasing the school for a new village hall. This was also supported by Mr. G. Rumble.

The Chairman said that he would arrange a meeting with Col. Walton as soon as possible in order to acquaint him with all the relevant facts.

7. Any other Business. Mr. J. Ody said he had noticed an increase in the fouling of pavements by dogs. The Chairman said he would include this in notes for the next Parish Magazine.

Mr. D. Douglas said that the Longworth Charities had helped a local resident last year, and that they were available to provide emergency help. Also the Charity had some items, i.e. heaters, which could be loaned.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.05 p.m.