

Minutes of the meeting of Charney Bassett Parish Council held in the Village Hall on 14th November 1984 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:	V. A. Hodgkins	Chairman
	E. J. Clarke	Vice Chairman
	J. Ody	Treasurer
	D. Douglas	Councillor

Apologies were received from Mr. G. Rumble  
District Councillor T. Cox and 5 Members of the Public also attended.

#### AGENDA

1. To allow 15 minutes for residents to ask questions etc.
2. To confirm the Minutes of the last meeting.
3. Treasurer's Report and Financial matters.
4. To consider any Planning matters; Report of Special Meeting held on 6th November 1984.
5. Tree planting.
6. Any other business.

1. To allow 15 Minutes for Residents to ask questions etc. Mrs. Teresa Cox reported that since sending in the Petition regarding the School Bus it now was arriving earlier at 7.45 a.m., and the situation was still unsatisfactory. After some discussion the Chairman suggested that he contact the Education Department Transport Manager, Mr. Copman, and ask him to attend a meeting with all concerned at Charney Bassett. It was agreed that this should be done.

Mr. Jevons asked whether he could cut a step in the path leading on to the Kissing Bridge as the slope was dangerous, especially in wet weather. The Chairman said the Council had no objection but that he would be prepared to do the work himself.

Mrs. T. Cox reported that the Bridge over the River Ock on the Lyford Road was in need of repair. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact the Highway Department regarding this.

2. To confirm the Minutes of the last meeting. The Minutes were read by the Clerk and agreed as an accurate record and duly signed by the Chairman.

#### Matters arising.

- a) Road Signs. The Clerk reported that he had contacted the Highway Authority who were now looking into the question of erecting a "Stop" sign at the junction of New Road and High Street; the direction sign at the junction of Winters Lane and Lyford Road would be replaced as soon as possible.
- b) School Playing Field. Mr. J. Ody said he had spoken to Miss Smith of the Oxford Association of Local Councils and she had offered to meet the Parish Council on site to discuss aspects of acquiring the Playing Field on a more permanent basis. It was agreed after some discussion that the Clerk should arrange a meeting.
- c) Wreath for War Memorial. The Chairman said he had collected the Wreath and no mention had been made regarding payment.
- d) Signs on the Village Green. The Chairman reported that he had attempted to improve the paint on the "No Parking" signs but he could not cure the rust. The Chairman said he had examined the seat and measured up for wedges to secure the seat, but felt that, since a section was broken off, it would not last much longer, say, only 12 months.

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

Mr. J. Ody reported that the following accounts had been paid.

Audit Fee	£ 26. 45
Insurance	32. 15

Interest on the Deposit Account of £1.04 had been received.

Statement of Accounts as follows:

Petty Cash	£ 52p
Deposit Account	39. 44
Current Account	81. 99
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There is an outstanding account for Grass Cutting of £26.

It was questioned whether Ock Green should be cut again but since it was too wet it was agreed to arrange for an early cut in the Spring.

Mr. E. Clarke reported that the old Pear Tree on the Ock Green was now completely dead and he suggested it could be removed and replaced by a Norway Spruce.

### 4. To consider any Planning Matters and report on Special Meeting held on 6th November.

The Clerk reported that two Planning Applications had been received and also these had been considered at a Special Meeting held on 6th November.

1. Conversion of School premises to one dwelling. It was agreed that there could be no further comment on this proposal since it conformed to the Parish Council's previous observations. Mr. D. Douglas queried why the sewage connection was not to the main drainage and it was agreed that the Clerk should convey this comment to the Planning Authority.
2. Extension to Pig Farm at Sheephouse Farm. Although it was unanimously agreed that the extension should not be allowed the Parish Council felt that it was inevitable, and little could be done to prevent it. It was, however, agreed that the Planning Authority should be informed of this view and also recommending that the Highway Authority should earnestly consider the dangerous state of the road by the access and the unsuitability of the access to any increase in traffic.

5. Tree Planting. Mr. E. Clarke said he had contacted the Forestry Officer of the County Council who was most helpful to the extent of providing fencing around any trees if required. Mr. Clarke also suggested that a fence should be erected along the bank of the stream in Mr. Bright's field, but it was doubted whether Mr. Bright would do this work. It was agreed that Mr. Clarke should see Mr. Bright to make suitable arrangements.

Mr. D. Douglas felt that the £50 allocated for trees should be spent in order to plant the trees this year.

### 6. Any other Business.

Ock Green. Mr. Clarke said he would see what trees were available to replace the old pear tree.

Mr. D. Douglas reported that the Society of Friends was hoping to have an Open Evening at Charney Manor for general discussions etc.

Mr. J. Ody said that he had spoken to the future owner of the last new house at Barnfield and he was hoping to retain a portion of the old barn wall, upon which the Parish Council Notice Board was fixed, although the height would have to be reduced; Mr. Ody also said that the owner was keen to improve the condition of the stream adjacent to the Bridle Path.

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