

Minutes of the meeting of Charney Bassett Parish Council held on 13th November 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	

County Councillor Col. J. Walton also attended. ①

Apologies for absence were received from District Councillor T. Cox.

AGENDA

1. To allow fifteen minutes for residents to ask questions etc.
2. To confirm the Minutes of the last meeting.
3. Treasurer's Report and any financial matters, including Insurance premium.
4. To consider any Planning matters.
5. Street cleaning - to fix the cease date for the winter months.
6. Any other business.

1. To allow fifteen minutes for residents to ask questions etc. Mr. J. Jevons inquired whether it would be in order for him to provide some protections for the Silver Birch tree by the Bus Shelter, as he felt it was liable to damage. Mr. Clarke said he would contact Oxfordshire County Council for a tree, as there was one tree which needed replacing. The Chairman said Mr. Jevons could investigate.

Mrs. T. Cox asked about the provision of a "Stop" sign on the Junction of New Road/High Street. Col. Walton said he would follow the matter up with the County Council's Highway Department.

Mrs. T. Cox complained about the pot holes in Chapel Lane. The Chairman said it was unlikely that anything could be done as it was probably the responsibility of the residents. He had persuaded the Highway Authority to do some work on it earlier in the year. Mrs. Cox said that dogs off leads had been worrying sheep on the footpath to Cherbury Camp. The Chairman said notices could be put up by the owner. Mrs. Cox also asked whether it was in order to ride mini motor-bikes along the footpath from Buckland Road bordering the playing field. Mr. Ody said he had had several complaints and the Chairman confirmed that this could be regarded as a footpath and that the bikes should be confined to private property.

Mr. E. Clarke asked whether it was necessary to read the minutes since all members had copies. It was agreed that copy would be displayed in the Village Hall prior to the meeting and that the Clerk need not continue with reading them aloud.

2. To confirm the Minutes of the last meeting. The Minutes of the meeting held on 11th September 1985 were read by the Clerk and agreed nem.con. They were duly signed by the Chairman as being a correct record.

Matters arising.

- (a) Dogs fouling footpaths. Mr. Ody said that there had been further complaints and suggesting a letter be sent to all dog owners. The Chairman felt this might be difficult but agreed that he would draw up a letter in suitable terms to be sent to all dog owners. Mr. Rumble said could it be stressed that it is causing a certain ill feeling in the village apart from being illegal.
- (b) Allen Scythe. Mr. Clarke said that he had now disposed of this item for £10 and suggested he might be allowed to keep £5 for his expenses and trouble. This was agreed.
- (c) Sheephouse Farm. District Councillor T. Cox had spoken to the appropriate officers and still felt that the entrance was dangerous, but it was understood that work would be put in hand shortly.
- (d) School Playing Field. The Clerk reported that he had been in touch by phone with the Oxfordshire County Council and reported that they had made an offer of a six year lease at £100 per annum. County Councillor Walton

suggested that when the letter containing this proposal was received it should be rejected and the Parish Council should opt for the matter to be referred to the appropriate County Council Committee.

3. Treasurer's Report and Financial Matters. Mr. J. Ody reported that the account for Grass Cutting of Churchyard for the year 1984/5 had now been received in the sum of £120. The Chairman said that the Parish Council always contribute £30 or one-third, whichever is the greater; it was therefore agreed that the Parish Council pay £40 to the Parochial Church Council. The Chairman reported that at the last Village Hall meeting it was agreed that the Insurance cover for the Hall and chattels be increased. Also that since the Parish Council were now employing a part-time street cleaner and the Village Hall Committee a part-time cleaner as well, that Personal Accident insurance should be included. This was agreed. Mr. J. Ody asked whether Mr. Tyler be approached for his final account for grass cutting 1985/6. The Chairman said he would contact him.

<u>Nov. 1985</u>	Petty Cash	3. 65	
	Current Account	59. 60	
	Deposit Account	40. 88	
	Balance	£104. 13p	
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	Account paid - Mrs. D. Venn	£60.00	
	Municipal Insurance	32.15	
		£92.15p	
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<u>Income</u>	Vale of White Horse		
	District Council: Precept	£260. 00	
	Interest: current account	1. 86	
	Petty Cash	3. 65	
	Current Account	227. 45	
	Deposit Account	42. 74	
	Balance	£273. 84p	
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4. To consider any Planning Matters. There were no Planning Matters to be considered.

5. Street Cleaning. The Chairman said Mrs. Venn had written to him saying that she was happy to continue all winter except during heavy snow. Mr. D. Douglas suggested that continuance should be left to Mrs. Venn's discretion. Mr. E. Clarke felt that the Parish Council should increase the rate since Mrs. Venn was doing such a good job and it was agreed that the Parish Council pay for 3 hours per week with effect from Monday, 18th November 1985.

6. Any other business. Mr. E. Clarke asked what had happened to the seat on the Village Green. The Chairman said it had been in disrepair for sometime and finally fallen to pieces, no doubt with the help of vandals. Mr. Clarke then reported that Mr. Peter Harmsworth, the landlord of "The Chequers" had said he would provide a new seat, similar to those on Ock Green. The Chairman expressed the Parish Council's appreciation of this gesture and suggested that Mr. Clarke seek prices for three types of seat and let Mr. Harmsworth know.

Mr. D. Douglas asked if new carol sheets could be provided this year, but the Chairman said he did not think this was the Parish Council's responsibility.

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