

## CHARNEY BASSETT PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.30 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> MAY 2006 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

**Present:**

- Mr G Beer, Chairman
- Mr J Harper, Vice-chairman
- Mr G Rumble
- Mr J Stiles
- Mrs J Bath (co-opted during the meeting)
  
- Mr P G Davies (Clerk)

District Councillor Elsa Boyce and nineteen members of the public were also in attendance.

#### **06/29 Apologies**

No apologies from councillors had been received by The Clerk. County Councillor Melinda Tilley had sent her apologies for not attending.

#### **06/30 Election of Officers**

Mr Beer was proposed as Chairman by Mr Stiles, seconded by Mr Rumble and duly elected.  
Mr Harper was proposed as Vice-chairman by Mr Stiles, seconded by Mr Rumble and duly elected.  
Mr Beer and Mr Harper duly signed Acceptance of Office forms.

#### **06/31 Application for Vacancy on the Council**

The Clerk reported that he had had one application, from Mrs Joycelyn Bath, for the vacancy on the Council. Mr Beer proposed and Mr Rumble seconded that she be co-opted and this was carried. Mrs Bath duly signed an Acceptance of Office form.

#### **06/32 Times and Dates of Future Meetings**

It was agreed to continue to hold meetings at 7.30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of every odd month in the Village Hall. The Clerk was asked to produce an updated table of future dates.

#### **06/33 Other Appointments**

Council representatives to other committees were elected as follows: -

- a) Minibus Committee: Mr Beer (combining his role of driver representative.)
- b) Transport Representative: Mr Harper.
- c) Village Hall Committee (CHAFT): Mr Stiles and Mr Rumble.

The Clerk would look after grass cutting (liaising with the Chairman) and would be the Cherbury News reporter.

Mr Stiles proposed that Mr Peter Leaver be re-appointed as internal auditor to the Council and this was carried.

*This concluded the Annual Meeting of the Council*

#### **06/34 Minutes of the March 2006 Meeting.**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the March 2006 meeting be approved and signed by the Chairman.

**06/35 Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

**06/36 Residents' Questions**

There were no questions arising from residents.

**06/37 Clerk's Financial Report**

The Clerk presented his financial report CBPC/FIN/06/03 (appended to minutes) which had been distributed to councillors. He presented accounts for payment for street cleaning, grass cutting, goal posts and insurance.

The Clerk also presented the Annual Return to the external auditors. He invited councillors to approve the Statement of Accounts (Section 1 of the Return) and the Statement of Assurance (Section 2 of the Return). These were approved unanimously and the Clerk will send these to the auditors.

RESOLVED that:-

- a) the report be adopted.
- b) the accounts presented be paid.
- c) the Statement of Accounts and Statement of Assurance in the Annual Return be approved.

**06/38 Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005**

The Clerk reported that he had studied the guidance provided by Defra on this new Act. In particular, he had examined the potential use of fixed penalties for certain offences liable to be committed in the village, for example litter dropping and dog fouling. However, he had concluded that as such notices could only be issued by an official of the Council and not a councillor, the task would fall to him. It was not at all clear exactly how this would work in practice but one thing was clear, than use could not be made of the legislation until the Clerk had been trained. He recommended that the Council should adopt a "wait and see" policy and this was agreed. The Clerk was asked to monitor the situation and advise the Council when action might be taken.

RESOLVED that The Clerk monitor developments concerning CNEA 2005 and report when appropriate.

**06/39 Exchange of Information**

The Chairman reported that he and The Clerk had met OCC Highways at the site of the proposed footway in Longworth Road and on their advice had mown the grass along the bank to form a rudimentary footway. The Clerk would ask Highways to obtain a quote for a proper path to get a feel for the cost but the expectation is that it will be far too high for the Council to commission the work. The Clerk will maintain the path and encourage Longworth Road residents to use it.

Mr Harper reported that he was continuing to pursue the possibility of creating a village pond.

**06/40 Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2006 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.59 p.m. with thanks to all those who attended.

Signed.....

Chairman

Date.....