

CHARNEY BASSETT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.30 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY 8th NOVEMBER 2006 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Mr J Harper, Vice-chairman
Mr G Rumble
Mr J Stiles

Mr P G Davies (Clerk)

06/66 Apologies and Declarations of Interest

Apologies had been received from Councillor G Beer, Chairman, Councillor Joycelyn Bath, County Councillor Melinda Tilley and District Councillor Elsa Boyce. Five members of the public were also in attendance. There were no declarations of interest.

06/67 Minutes of the September 2006 Meeting

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

06/68 Matters Arising

Arising from the “No Parking” sign on the Village Hall gate, County Councillor Tilley had consulted OCC Highways about their policy on such signs but they had stated they did not have one. The “de-cluttering” policy only referred to signs on main roads.

06/69 Residents’ Questions

RESOLVED that the meeting be adjourned to invite questions from the public and be re-convened when any questions had been dealt with..

NOTE: The question(s) asked is contained in an addendum to these minutes.

06/70 Clerk’s Financial Report

The Clerk presented his financial report CBPC/FIN/06/06 (appended to minutes) which had been distributed to councillors. The report recommended that the hourly rate for the street cleaner be increased in line with the increase in the National Minimum Wage from £5.05 to £5.35.

The Clerk had been notified that the re-sit fee for the Certificate in Local Council Administration (CiLCA) was £55 not £50 as reported at the last meeting. It was agreed that the Council should pay the extra £5.

RESOLVED that:-

- a) the report be adopted.
- b) the street cleaner’s hourly rate be increased to £5.35 .
- c) the Council should pay a revised fee of £55 for the CiLCA re-sit.

06/71 Planning Matters

The planning application for an extension to the Village Hall had been approved since the last meeting, without extra conditions imposed. Mr Rumble updated the meeting on the fundraising efforts for this project. CHAFT might well approach the Council for a contribution in due course.

An application for conversion of an existing outbuilding at Gratwick Barn, including a family room, had been received and the Vale Council had been informed there was no Parish Council objection to the proposal.

06/72 Rights of Way

The Clerk had continued his contact with OCC Countryside Services but it had not been possible to meet with Mr Mark Sumner, the relevant official at OCC. However, OCC had placed work to clear the wooded area of Bridleway 3 to Pusey and replacement of the sign on Buckland Road on its action list. The Clerk suggested that he would seek volunteers to walk parish footpaths and report on their current condition before reporting back to OCC - a proposal welcomed by them.

The Clerk has produced a "Rough Guide to Rights of Way in the Parish" and proposes to expand this beyond the main rights of way currently in it. He is continuing to look into the provision of suitably-sized maps of rights of way around the village for wider dissemination. The recently updated definitive map of rights of way in and around the village was shown to councillors by The Clerk.

RESOLVED that:-

- a) The Clerk should continue to liaise with OCC on rights of way issues, in writing where necessary.
- b) The Clerk should continue to investigate the provision of rights of way maps for potential users.

06/73 Clerk's Correspondence

A further letter had been received from Dr Philip Morgan listing obstructive parking incidents in Chapel Lane over the past twenty years; this letter had been copied to councillors. The Clerk had replied to the letter explaining the Council's role and the steps which CHAFT was taking in an attempt to eliminate this problem. The Council approved the response and asked the Clerk to liaise with CHAFT to ensure the steps are taken.

RESOLVED that:-

- a) The Clerk's response to Dr Morgan fully dealt with the matter raised.
- b) The Clerk should liaise with CHAFT on actions to remove the parking problem in Chapel Lane.

06/74 Information Exchange

Mr Rumble reported that his wife, who tended the trough on the Village Green had now had to abandon planting it as she had replanted bulbs six times, only to have them dug up, probably by an unknown dog. Efforts would be made to identify the culprit but until this was successful the trough would remain bare.

06/75 Next meeting

The next meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday 10th January 2007 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.10 p.m. with thanks to all those who attended.

Signed.....

Chairman

Date.....

ADDENDUM TO THE MINUTES - RESIDENTS' QUESTIONS

06/Q6

Mrs Rumble asked whether the extension to Mill Cottage had infringed the road. The Clerk explained that, in the light of the same question being asked by numerous people, he had asked the planners to look into this.