

CHARNEY BASSETT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.30 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY 12th SEPTEMBER 2007 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Mr G Beer, Chairman
Mr J Harper, Vice-chairman
Mrs J Bath
Mr G Rumble
Mr J Stiles

Mr P G Davies (Clerk)

07/49 Apologies

Apologies had been received from County Councillor Melinda Tilley and District Councillor Anthony Hayward. Six members of the public were also in attendance. There were no declarations of interest.

07/50 Minutes of the July 2007 Meeting

The resolution under Minute 07/40 of the July meeting wrongly referred to approving the minutes of the **March** meeting but should have referred to the **May** meeting.

RESOLVED that, subject to the minor amendment above, the minutes of the July 2007 meeting be approved and signed by the Chairman.

07/51 Matters Arising

(07/44) Planning Matters

The Clerk had not produced a new written procedure for dealing with planning applications but intended to use two methods in parallel, namely to pass the application around with a cover sheet for comments but also to inform councillors by e-mail where to view the application on the Vale DC web site.

(07/45) Registration of green pieces in the village

The Clerk had so far been unable to proceed with registration of the “test case” piece but undertook to complete this before the next meeting.

(07/46) Clerk’s Correspondence

Gates and signs without roundels and red road patches have been ordered from Highways. The left turn sign south of the Buckland Road junction will not be removed but will be replaced with a smaller version. The junction white lines have been repainted.

(07/Q6) Potholes

The “ditch” at the road edge at Four Stone Walls has been reported but not yet filled in.

(07/Q7) Mill Parking

The original arrangement whereby Mr Godfrey would bring hard core home in his lorry has fallen through as he no longer drives a lorry.

(07/Q8) Field Grass Cutting

Mr Fitzgerald-O'Connor has agreed to cut the Field next year.

(07/Q9) Rubble at Mill Cottage

The unsightly pile of rubble at Mill Cottage has been removed.

07/52 County and District Councillors' Reports

In the absence of both County Councillor Melinda Tilley and District Councillor Anthony Hayward, there were no reports as such, however, Councillor Hayward in his apology mentioned the fact that the Vale Council would be granting £250 to every villager affected by flooding.

Councillor Hayward's comment provoked a discussion of the after-effects of the flooding and how the grants would be made. The Clerk reported that he had taken the Vale Council Emergency Planning Officer around the village to point out the affected dwellings and had confirmed the addresses of affected properties in an exchange of correspondence. The list of the seven properties affected is:-

- Primrose Villa, Main Street
- 15, Main Street
- Wick Cottage, Main Street
- By Ways, Main Street
- Elm Cottage, Longworth Road,
- Bagmere Farm
- Mill Cottage, Lyford Road (principally an office in an outbuilding)

In addition, Poplars Farm yard was flooded but no dwelling was involved.

07/53 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. The questions asked are contained in an addendum to these minutes.

07/54 Clerk's Financial Report

The Clerk presented his financial report CBPC/FIN/078/05 (appended to minutes) which had been distributed to councillors. He apologised for the misleading headers to the three tables.

RESOLVED that:-

- the report be adopted.
- the Annual Return be accepted and approved.
- the work on Charney Field clearance be processed through the Council accounts.

07/55 Planning Matters

There are currently no applications before the Council for comment.

07/56 Clerk's Correspondence

The Clerk reported that the first meeting of the Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG9) which would cover the village has been held and a further series of meetings is planned. A pilot study of community needs is being

mounted in East and West Hanney which should give an indication of the concerns of the residents in those villages which the NAG will need to address. The Clerk has volunteered to act as Minute Taker to the Group.

The annual RoSPA inspection of the play equipment on Charney Field has been carried out and no action is required as a result.

The Clerk had been reminded by CHAFT that there was a vacancy for a Parish Council representative on the CHAFT Committee, following the resignation of Mr Stiles from that position. There was no volunteer to accept this appointment and it was agreed to leave the position vacant.

07/57 Information Exchange

The Clerk reported that he had been in discussion with OCC Rights of Way who had raised a work order for clearance of the Stanford Bridle Path for action in a matter of weeks. He had also raised the question of the misleading "Private" notice at the Pusey bridle path, which OCC would ask to be re-positioned.

Concern was expressed at the dumping of garden rubbish on Charney Field and the re-appearance of the dog mess problem at a number of places in the village. **The Clerk** was asked to draw attention to both these problems in Cherbury News and on the Notice Board.

Mrs Bath had asked whether anything could be done to make Mr McBain proceed with his planning application which would tidy up the Old School, suggesting that Section 215 of the Town and Country Planning Act (the untidy land notice) might be invoked. It was agreed that it was undesirable to upset Mr McBain by doing this as he had promised to provide more stones for the entrance to Charney Field, however this action could be used as a last resort. Meanwhile, **The Clerk** would consult with the planning authority to see if Section 215 would apply in the case of the Old School.

07/58 Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 14th at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

ADDENDUM TO THE MINUTES - RESIDENTS' QUESTIONS

07/Q10

Mrs Nellist asked whether the Council could shed light on the building work being carried out on the farm land owned by Mr Chris Cox on Buckland Road; it could not.

07/Q11

Mrs Daghish drew the Council's attention to the cessation of Sunday and Bank Holiday postal collections from the village with effect from 28th October 2007.

07/Q12

There were a number of questions concerning the restriction of local road widths due to overhanging bushes and the dangers these presented to road users. **The Clerk** was asked to bring this matter to the attention of Councillor Tilley.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40 p.m. with thanks to all those who attended.

Signed

Chairman