

## **CHARNEY BASSETT PARISH COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.30 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY 12th MARCH 2008 IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

**Present:**

Mr J Harper, Vice-chairman, in the Chair for this meeting  
Mrs J Bath  
Mr G Rumble  
Mr J Stiles  
Mr G Beer, Chairman

Mr P G Davies (Clerk)

Two members of the public were also in attendance. Mr Harper welcomed Mr Beer, who is recovering from an accident and wished not to take the chair, to the meeting

**08/12 Apologies and Declarations of Interest**

An apology had been received from County Councillor Melinda Tilley. There were no other apologies or Declarations of Interest.

**08/13 Minutes of the January 2008 Meeting**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the January 2008 meeting be approved and signed by the Chairman.

**08/14 Matters Arising**

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

The Clerk can now apply to register the Village Hall, having resolved the documentation complication referred to in the minutes of the last meeting. Once this has been satisfactorily completed, registration of the green pieces will follow. The Clerk has not yet been able to visit the Berkshire Records Office to view the Council's documents stored there.

**08/15 County and District Councillors' Reports**

Councillor Tilley had informed The Clerk that she had nothing to report except that she was still awaiting a considered response from OCC Highways concerning the possibility of a weight limit on Ock Bridge.

**08/16 Clerk's Financial Report**

The Clerk presented his financial report CBPC/FIN/08/02 (appended to minutes).

The annual rent for Ock Green (£3), hire of the Village Hall for six meetings (£42), the annual membership fee for the Oxfordshire Playing Fields Association (£30) and the annual subscription to CPRE (£28) completed payments for budget items except for The Clerk's expenses for which the sum of £200 was granted. An additional item of expenditure approved is the Land Registry fee of £30 for registration of the Village Hall.

RESOLVED that:-

- the report be adopted
- the Clerk be granted £200 to cover his expenses
- the fee of £30 for the Village Hall registration be paid to Land Registry

**08/17 Planning Matters**

The proposed extension to Willow Cottage had been refused planning permission. A conservatory at “Fairfields”, Buckland Road, conversion of the garage at “The Cottage on the Green” and the annexe at “Rectory Farmhouse have all been approved.

There are currently three applications awaiting consideration by the Vale planners:-

- replacement of roof tiles and chimney rendering at “The White House”
- a rear conservatory at Shillamill, New Road
- two workers cottages at New Manor Farm.

The Council has raised no objections to any of these.

The proposed grain barn at West Hanney, on which the Council raised traffic issues, is also still awaiting consideration with a target date for a decision of 13<sup>th</sup> March 2008.

**08/18 Clerk’s Correspondence**

The Clerk had been pleased to receive letters of congratulation to the Council for achieving Quality Status from the Leaders of both the County and District Councils. These had been circulated to councillors and copies placed on the Notice Board.

**08/19 Information Exchange**

The Clerk had been consulted by Mr. Fitzgerald-O’Connor over the siting of a caravan alongside his barn on Buckland Road to accommodate a groom for his polo ponies. On consulting the planners The Clerk established that in such cases where the location was in or adjacent to a barn on the landowner’s property they would exercise discretion regarding planning permission. There are other examples of this in the village. The Clerk had then consulted councillors who were unanimous in agreeing to use discretion in this case, provided it was clear that this was a temporary arrangement.

Mr Rumble drew attention to the invitation from the Leader of the Vale Council to nominate a young person (under 25) from the village to celebrate the achievements of young people at a lunch in Abingdon Guildhall. The names of Joshua Ewings, Sarah Harrison and Victoria Smith were suggested and The Clerk was asked to contact each of them to see if they were interested in being nominated.

The Council had agreed a format for a letter to the frontagers of Bridle Path explaining the parking situation there and The Clerk would send these out very shortly.

Mr Harper wondered whether there was any mechanism for thanking all those people who undertook the various activities in the village which made it such a vibrant community. The Clerk suggested this could be done in the Annual Report which would be presented to the Annual Assembly and this proposal was accepted.

**08/20 Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.00 p.m. with thanks to all those who attended.

Signed .....

Chairman