

CHARNEY BASSETT PARISH COUNCILMINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10 JULY 1996

PRESENT: Mr C Eld (Chairman)
Mrs T Cox
Mrs J Fry

Mr P G Davies (Clerk)

Apologies were received from Mr Terry Cox, Mr W Lindsey and Mrs Wason-Cooper. The Council congratulated Mrs Wason-Cooper on the birth of a baby boy. 7 members of the public were in attendance.

AGENDA

1. Minutes of the last meeting.
2. Matters arising from those minutes.
3. Clerk's Financial Report
4. Planning Matters
5. Playing Field and Affordable Housing
6. Ten minutes for Residents' Questions
7. Any other business.

1. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of 8 May 1996 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MEETING

The Paske Wall: The Clerk had written to Mr Wheal of OCC and had received an explanation of the circumstances surrounding the demolition of the wall.

Hedge near Goosey Turn: The Clerk had drawn the attention of OCC Highways to the problem.

Village Sign: A new sign had been erected in Buckland Road.

Bus timetable: The actions to send the timetable to Cherbury News and place an encapsulated version on the Notice Board were deferred to a later date as a new edition of Travel Times had been issued.

VWHDC concessionary travel questionnaire: The Clerk had completed and returned this.

Dog Bye-laws: A copy of the DoE publication on dog bye-laws had been obtained and circulated. The Chairman reported that he had had a complaint about Mr Robertson's dog which had bitten a villager.

The Clerk was asked to draw the matter to the attention of PC Foster.

Street Cleaning: Mrs Wason-Cooper and her husband had offered to do the work. Mrs Venn reported that the Council shovel and broom were in her possession.

Manor Farm Road: A reply from OALC was unfortunately not helpful in stating that the evidence did not lead to the conclusion that OCC own the road. **The Clerk** would now visit BCC archives at Reading.

Bus Shelter: The Clerk had established that planning permission will NOT be needed to modify the entrance. **The Clerk** was asked to contact Mr Bert Smith to progress the work.

Noisy planes: The Clerk read out a reply from MoD which took note of the Parish Council's concerns.

3. CLERK'S FINANCIAL REPORT

The Clerk presented his regular report which was adopted on the proposal of Mrs Cox, seconded by Mrs Fry.

4. PLANNING MATTERS

The Clerk was asked to send a written submission to the public inquiry into the proposal to develop land behind "Jalna", re-iterating the Parish Council's objection to it on overcrowding grounds. The Council discussed the proposal to build stabling on land adjacent to Bagmere Farm and having listened to the Clerk's interpretation of the Local Plan, agreed not to oppose the application, subject to the questions of permanence of the building and access to the site being addressed.

5. PLAYING FIELD AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING

The Clerk had established from VWHDC planners that no revised application for affordable housing had been received from OCHA. He had written to OCHA on 8 June re-iterating the Parish Council's conditions for supporting the application.

Progress had been made with the preparation of a scheme to procure a new playing field. The sub-committee formed at the Parish Assembly had met twice and another meeting was to be held soon.

6. QUESTIONS ETC. FROM RESIDENTS

Mrs Tabor, speaking on behalf of her sons, raised the question of road safety in the village and the need for a speed restriction. The Chairman and the Clerk reported on the actions taken in the past and the lack of a response from bodies approached. Mrs Tabor considered the responses to be inadequate and she was advised to write to her MP. To help her understand the major effort mounted by the Parish Council in the past, **The Clerk** was asked to provide her with copies of relevant documents.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Village Hall: The Chairman reported on the problems of representatives on the Village Hall Committee resulting from apathy in the village. It was agreed that the Parish Council should monitor the situation. The Parish Council might need to be involved if repairs to the Hall were needed.

Manhole: **The Clerk** was asked to demand a proper repair to the manhole outside Glebe Cottage.

Millennium: **The Clerk** was asked to reply positively to the letter seeking information on plans to celebrate the millennium but indicating that no specific plans had yet been made. Mrs Cox was invited to seek the views of villagers who visited the Post Office.

Dog fouling initiative: The Parish Council felt the suggestions for dealing with dog fouling contained in the letter from the VWHDC would not work in the village. The answer lay in training the dogs owners to clear up fouling and not in providing dog bins. **The Clerk** was asked to make a suitable reply.

Clerk's salary: The Chairman referred to an OALC document showing that the Clerk was entitled to an annual salary of around £300. The Clerk declined to be paid provided his expenses were reimbursed. The Chairman observed that should a replacement be needed, it might be necessary to pay him or her. Meanwhile the Clerk was warmly thanked for his efforts.

8. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 11 September 1996 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.35 p.m.

Signed.....

Chairman