

CHARNEY BASSETT PARISH COUNCILMINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 1996

PRESENT: Mr C Eld (Chairman)
Mrs T Cox
Mrs J Fry
Mr W Lindsey
Mrs Wason-Cooper

Apologies were received from Mr P G Davies (Clerk) and Col John Walton, County Councillor. Mr Terry Cox, District Councillor, Ms Pauline Westmacott, Oxford Citizens Housing Association (OCHA) and 17 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 10 July 1996 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MEETING

Dogs: The Clerk had reported the Robertson dog affair to PC Foster suggesting he, or the dog warden, should call in on Mr Robertson if the opportunity arose.

Manor Farm Road: The Clerk had continued his researches into ownership of the road and had been in correspondence with the County Archivist, with a visit to BCC planned in due course.

Bus Shelter: The work has not yet been carried out

Planning: The Clerk had sent a written submission to the DoE re the development behind "Jalna".

The proposal for stabling at Bagmere Farm had been approved. The Clerk had returned a planning questionnaire saying the PC would not wish to display planning applications on the Notice Board. However, the Clerk said he would be happy to make plans available to villagers if a reasonable request was made and this fact should be publicised in the Cherbury News.

Questions etc.: The Clerk had lent Mrs Tabor the Highways file to help her write to her MP about road safety in the village. Mr Terry Cox reminded the Council of the existence of a booklet on what actions a Parish Council could take to improve road safety. **The Clerk** was asked to obtain a copy.

AOB: The Clerk had written to OCC re the Glebe Cottage manhole and to VWHDC about millennium celebrations and the dog fouling initiative. Mrs Cox had started consulting villagers on the millennium but had not yet reached a conclusion.

3. CLERK'S FINANCIAL REPORT

The Clerk's regular report was adopted on the proposal of Mrs Fry, seconded by Mrs Wason-Cooper. It was agreed that now Mr and Mrs Wason-Cooper had offered to undertake street cleaning, they should be provided with appropriate tools. Accordingly it was agreed to provide the sum of £50 for necessary purchases including a wheelbarrow and weed killer.

4. PLANNING MATTERS

There were no village planning matters to discuss. A proposal to convert the remaining sheds at Goosey Wick Farm to workshops had been sent to The Clerk for information.

From the floor, Mrs Gildersleeves wished to make it known that the work being carried out on their listed barn was conservation and as such did not require planning consent.

5. PLAYING FIELD AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING

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 on a number of occasions. A first draft had been circulated to councillors for comment. In due course the Parish Council wished to have a discussion with the sub-committee on the proposals contained in the paper.

There was a long debate on the question of whether to support the proposal by OCHA for affordable housing on the existing playing field site. Ms Westmacott provided more information and answered questions. The outcome of the discussion was that it was felt that the proposal was sufficiently contentious that it could not be resolved by a public meeting but that a village referendum should be held. **The Clerk** was asked to approach the Returning Officer at VWHDC to see what arrangements needed to be made. **The Clerk** was also asked to prepare a document which would be delivered to every house in the village, outlining the pros and cons of the proposed scheme before the referendum was held. OCHA asked to see the document in draft form before issue and this was agreed.

6. QUESTIONS ETC. FROM RESIDENTS

Concern was expressed that garden rubbish was being dumped at the entrance to the playing field and this practice was deplored. **The Clerk** was asked to include a message to villagers not to do this in the Cherbury News report which would be for the October edition.

The old village school is deteriorating badly and **The Clerk** was asked to write to Mr McBain to see whether anything could be done either to preserve it or to demolish it. The letter should be copied to VWHDC.

The pavement in New Road is now extremely uneven and **the Clerk** was asked to report the matter to the County Highways Department.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

NSPCC Appeal: The Council agreed unanimously that it would be inappropriate to send a donation in response to this appeal and **The Clerk** was asked to reply accordingly.

8. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 13 November 1996 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.

Signed.....
Chairman