

CHARNEY BASSETT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 7 MAY 1997

PRESENT:

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

5 members of the public were in attendance. Enquiries revealed that Dr Marjorie Evans had replaced Col. John Walton as County Councillor and **The Clerk** should invite her to future meetings.

AGENDA

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

1. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of 19 March 1997 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MEETING

Manor Farm Road: The Clerk had still to visit Reading archives. The Chairman stressed that establishment of ownership was needed before decisions could be made on the action to be taken.

Village Hall: There was no information on the cost estimates being prepared.

Notice Board Map: The Chairman was awaiting further copies for laminating.

Telegraph Poles: The Clerk had written to BT about the new poles in Buckland Road and had only received an acknowledgement. From the floor, Mrs Hook reported that another new pole had been erected at the Manor entrance. **The Clerk** was asked to write again about all three poles.

Motocross field: The Clerk had not received a reply to his letter.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PARISH ASSEMBLY

The Chairman asked that consideration be given to how to disseminate the Assembly minutes before the next Assembly.

Village Appraisal: It was agreed that the next step to be taken was to examine the software which was used to compile a questionnaire. **The Clerk** reported that he had been told where to get a copy and this should be done without cost if possible. **The Clerk** was also asked to obtain copies of Appraisal reports for councillors to see. If it was decided to proceed with the appraisal, it would be necessary to seek members of the steering group, either by advertising in the Cherbury News or by approaching suitable individuals.

Millennium: In view of the apathy apparent at the Parish Assembly, it was suggested that **The Clerk** should speak to Mrs Barrett at The Chequers to see if some sort of collaboration in a celebration might be appropriate.

3. CLERK'S FINANCIAL REPORT

The Clerk's presented his report in the form of the summary which had been presented to the Parish Assembly; this was approved. Before signing the revised format of the summary which was required by the Accounts and Audit Regulations 1996, the Chairman sought approval for the declaration of a £1,000 de minimis level for the Council's assets. The Council approved this unanimously and after discussion agreed that the value of the Village Hall, as declared in the list of assets, should, for the purpose of the audit, be set at £50,000.

4. PLAYING FIELD

It was agreed that further consideration of the playing field should be deferred until a decision had been made on the Parish Appraisal, as the views of villagers could be sought that way. It was reported by Mrs Cox that the allotment field may be on the market and **The Clerk** was asked to contact Mr Peter Seddon to establish whether this was the case. At the same time, the situation on the existing field could be established.

6. QUESTIONS ETC. FROM RESIDENTS

There were a number of questions on the playing field which followed on from the main agenda item. The Chairman and Clerk explained some of the history of the project which spanned five years. In answer to a question of the cost of the project, The Clerk explained that it had been estimated at around £30,000 and grants to a fairly high proportion of this sum could be available. Effort provided by villagers could be counted as part of the expenditure when seeking funding. The Chairman repeated the Council promise that a village meeting would be held to approve any major expenditure on a field.

There was a complaint about parking on the pavement in New Road. Although it was suggested that this could be mentioned in the Cherbury News, the Council approved a proposal by The Clerk that printed slips placed under windscreen wipers would have more effect. They could also be used to discourage parking on the village green. Mrs Hook reported that Kingston Bagpuize Parish Council had obtained supplies of a suitable slip from the District Council and **The Clerk** was asked to look into this.

The Clerk updated the meeting on the question of ownership of the paddock adjacent to the Village Green. OCC intended to offer it to Mr Poolman on the basis of an annual grazing licence. Mr Poolman was not happy with this proposal, preferring to have it added to his tenancy and the matter was under discussion. The Chairman explained that there did not appear to be any threat to the use of the field by the village for the Annual Feast.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mrs Cox reported that she had had more complaints about noisy aircraft over the village. **The Clerk** was asked to publicise the telephone number for complaints in the Cherbury News.

8. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 9 July 1997 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.37 p.m.

Signed.....
Chairman