

CHARNEY BASSETT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 13 MAY 1998

PRESENT:

Mr G Beer (Chairman)
Mrs B Douglas (Vice-chairman)
Mr N Boyd
Mr S Callaghan
Mrs E Dahele

Mr P G Davies (Clerk)

An apology was received from Mr C Eld. 7 members of the public were in attendance.

AGENDA

1. Minutes of the meeting on 11 March 1998.
2. Matters arising from those minutes.
3. Clerk's Financial Report.
4. Village Hall.
5. Planning Matters.
6. Annual Assembly.
7. Clerk's Correspondence.
8. Ten minutes for Residents' Questions.
9. Any Other Business.

1. MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 18 MARCH 1998.

These were approved and signed by the Chairman.

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM 18 MARCH MEETING

Manor Farm Road: Steve Callaghan reported on the views of residents who unanimously felt a meeting would be useful. The majority of residents appeared to feel little or nothing should be done and the road should be maintained only as a farm track. Once **The Clerk** had completed the actions placed on him to determine the history of the road in the context of planning permission for Manor farm, this meeting should be arranged.

Village Hall: On the agenda, see below.

Red Arrows: David Douglas had been informed of their offer to fly past village events on their route to displays.

National Spring Clean Week: There did not appear to have been any response to this, despite it being advertised in the Cherbury News.

Thanks: The minutes record thanks for the efforts contributed to the Parish Council by the five councillors who resigned.

3. CLERK'S FINANCIAL REPORT

The Clerk presented his report which had been distributed to councillors. As is traditional at the May meeting, the report comprised a summary of the accounts for 1997-98. The report was adopted and The Clerk was asked to pay the Clerk's expenses and outstanding invoices for insurance and election costs. It was also agreed to renew the annual subscription to CPRE. Outstanding items were the hire of the village hall for 1997-98 and purchase of the Caution Children sign for Buckland Road, invoices for both of which were awaited.

4. VILLAGE HALL

The Clerk reported that he had successfully negotiated the arrangements for managing the repair contract and for reclaiming VAT when appropriate. The Council had granted £500 and a cheque for £1,000 had been received from the Doris Field Charitable Trust. These sums, together with the £5,500 promised by the Vale Council and funds in the Village Hall Committee account would pay for the cost of around £9,000. The contract would be signed between the Parish Council and the builder, once certain minor matters had been resolved. The Vale grant would not be paid up front but in response to builder's invoices. The Vale Finance Department had undertaken to respond sufficiently quickly to requests for payments within the agreed timescale in the contract (normally 14 days). Work would take about two months, starting in August.

5. PLANNING MATTERS

The Clerk reported that he had received notification of approval for a loft conversion at Wayside and a conservatory at Coral Oaks. An application for three roof lights at the White House had been rejected. The Council had been invited to make a submission to the written appeal against the enforcement order requiring removal of a stainless steel flue at Manor Farm Barn. The Council agreed that The Council's original objection to the flue still stood and **The Clerk** was invited to write to the inquiry inspector confirming this.

6. ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

It was agreed to hold the Annual assembly on Wednesday, 27 May at 7.30 in the Village Hall. The event should be publicised with the theme being "Come and meet your new Council and tell them what you want". **The Clerk** was asked to produce bills for distribution to every house in the village.

7. CLERK'S CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk referred to the letter from W S Atkins, acting on behalf of Oxon CC seeking a Council decision on the lease on the existing playing field. It was agreed to accept the offer of an extension to May 2000 at an increased rent of £150 per annum. At the same time, it was clear that OCC were pressing the Council for a decision on whether they wished to purchase a new field as they were anxious to dispose of all remaining land around the village.

8. TEN MINUTES FOR RESIDENTS' QUESTIONS.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.59 p.m. with thanks to all those who attended.

Signed.....
Chairman