

## 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: Mr 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 was no response to this, despite it being advertised in the Cherbury News.

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

#### 3. CLERK'S FINANCIAL REPORT

The Clerk presented his report which 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 arrangements for managing the repair contract and for reclaiming VAT were in place. A cheque for £1,000 had been received from the Doris Field Charitable Trust. This, together with the £5,500 promised by the Vale Council, £500 from the Parish 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. The Vale grant would not be paid up front but the Finance Department had undertaken to respond to requests for payments within the agreed timescale in the contract (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 its 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. It was agreed that the response to W S Atkins should indicate the Council's wish to purchase either or both the pieces of land available and an assessment of the value of the pieces should be sought. The playing field sub-committee should be reconvened and signatories of the petition for a millennium field should be invited to join it. Mrs Gardiner agreed to contact the petitioners when **The Clerk** had returned the petition to her.

**The Clerk** reported that the offer of a grant from the Vale Council for a Village Improvement Scheme still stood and he would put forward the Ock Green work again, once he had heard from BBONT on what could be done without threatening the vole habitat. Ideas for this scheme and any other ideas for other village locations were needed.

8. TEN MINUTES FOR RESIDENTS' QUESTIONS.

Buckland Road hedge: The Clerk explained that it was a condition of purchase of the land adjacent to Minmere Farm that this be removed to improve sight lines at the double bend in the road. **The Clerk** was asked to establish who owns the piece of land between the new ditch and the road and who would be responsible for its maintenance.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mrs Dahele reported that she had attended a public meeting in Bicester as part of the consultation on Oxfordshire Health services. She intended to go to a similar meeting in Wantage on 20 May 1998. She was invited to make a representation on behalf of the Parish Council strongly disapproving of the closure plans for community hospitals.

10. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 8 July 1998 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

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

Signed.....  
Chairman