

## CHARNEY BASSETT PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 12 MAY 1999

PRESENT:

Mr G Beer (Chairman)  
Mrs B Douglas  
Mrs E Dahele

Mr P G Davies (Clerk)

An apology was received from Mr T Cox, District Councillor. Five members of the public were in attendance.

#### AGENDA

1. Minutes of the meeting on 10 March 1999.
2. Matters arising from those minutes.
3. Clerk's Financial Report.
4. Playing Field.
5. Millennium Celebrations.
6. Green Paper.
7. Clerk's Correspondence.
8. Ten minutes for Residents' Questions.
9. Any Other Business.

#### 1. MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 10 MARCH 1999.

These were approved and signed by the Chairman.

#### 2. MATTERS ARISING FROM 10 MARCH MEETING

Village Hall: Mark Peters, Village Hall Treasurer, is now preparing the statement of expenditure required by VWHC and will copy it to the Doris Field Memorial Trust.

Cherbury Camp: **The Clerk** had not yet raised improved access to Cherbury Camp with the new owner of Pusey House.

The Mill: **The Clerk** had not yet written to EA re restoration of water flow through The Mill.

Green Paper: On the Agenda.

Street signs: The Clerk had spoken to VWH Council about replacing corroded street signs and this will be done this year.

#### 3. CLERK'S FINANCIAL REPORT

The Clerk's financial report, which contained the summary of accounts for 1998/99, was adopted.

The three items outstanding at the last meeting plus the CPRE annual sub and the Best Kept Village entry fee had been paid. It was agreed to pay two outstanding bills: Ock Green rent (£1.00) and insurance (£72.80 - £70 budgeted).

#### 4. PLAYING FIELD

A management plan for Charney Field, approved by the sub-committee, had been submitted to the Trust for Oxfordshire Environment (TOE) for consideration at their next Board meeting on 26 May 1999. It was agreed that the terms of reference for the sub-committee laid out in the management plan should be formally adopted, subject to the addition of one additional clause concerning co-ordination of the activities of village organisations using the field. The full terms of reference are therefore to: -

- maintain the Field in good order on behalf of and within a budget fixed by the Parish Council.

- be responsible for the maintenance of the grass and clearance of litter.
- maintain and ensure regular inspection of a children's play area.
- advise the Parish Council on the terms and conditions upon which the Field may be used and the sum (if any) to be paid for such use.
- administer any lettings of the Field.
- recommend to the Parish Council the spending of such sums as it thinks fit to improve the Field.
- raise such funds as necessary to supplement that provided by the Parish Council.
- co-ordinate the activities of village organisations using the field.

The question of membership of the sub-committee was raised and **The Clerk** explained that he intended to write to all members with the terms of reference, asking them to confirm their membership.

#### 5. MILLENNIUM CELEBRATIONS

The change of ownership of the Chequers Inn had resulted in cancellation of the arrangements proposed for year-end celebrations previously outlined by Mrs Pam Barrett, former landlady. The Council had adopted a policy of celebrating in the middle of the year and this would be discussed at the Parish Assembly on 26 May.

#### 6. GREEN PAPER

In the absence of a draft paper to discuss, a list was drawn up of the topics **The Clerk** should include in the Paper for distribution before the Parish Assembly. These were: Best Kept Village Competition and village spring-cleaning; millennium celebrations; speed limit; planning and Charney Field.

In a brief discussion on the Best Kept Village, Mr Beer thanked all the villagers who had responded to the call to form a working party and he particularly thanked Mrs Dahele whose lunch for the workers - and the socialising associated with it - had made for a very successful morning.

#### 7. CLERK'S CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported on a telephone response from the Vale of White Horse Council to his letter on planning problems. The planners could take no action over Mount Pleasant but would maintain a watching brief. Mr Jezzard's activities in Coral Oaks could currently be claimed to be associated with his conservatory but the matter would be reviewed when this had been completed. Ms Quirke at The Mill had been asked to submit a retrospective application because of breaches in planning conditions attached to the "garage". The planners did not propose to take any action over Unit 1, Green Acres as there appeared to be no requirement for permission to change the use of the furniture store to a builders store. The owner of Wayside, Buckland Road would be mildly rebuked for changing the design of loft conversion from that approved by the planners but would not have to submit revised plans. Sedges Farm had been visited by the Environmental Health Dept. who were informed that the farm was being sold and the pigs removed. The problem of smells would therefore go with the pigs. The Parish Council asked **The Clerk** to establish whether the present owner would be required to clear up the land and whether the house, which was being put on the market, had any tie to the farm. The Clerk reported that he had explained to the planners that the Parish Council was anxious to gain the reputation of being tough on variations from approved plans.

The Clerk had received notes of the site visit of OCC to the village to discuss location of speed limit signs. This was part of the formal process of preparing a Traffic Order. The attached plans appeared to be in order but there was a question over Parish Council payment for moving one of the village signs.

The Clerk had received a complaint about a quantity of building spoil dumped at the entrance to The Mill. The Council had noted this during the OCC site visit and although it appeared to be illegal dumping, the net effect, particularly now that weeds are covering it was, on balance, beneficial and no action was needed.

#### 8. TEN MINUTES FOR RESIDENTS' QUESTIONS

Mr Mills reported that the new sign for Charney Manor at Ock Green obstructed sight lines at the junction with Main Street. **The Clerk** was asked to draw this to the attention of the Manor authorities.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mrs Dahele commented that the Village Hall looked very nice now that redecorating had been completed. The Council congratulated the Village Hall Committee on its efforts.

**The Clerk** was asked to advertise in the Cherbury News for two persons interested in being co-opted onto the Parish Council to make its numbers up to the full complement of five.

Mrs Dahele asked whether there was any progress on dealing with failed roads. The Clerk replied that nothing had changed but post cards to notify OCC of particularly bad defects were available from the Post Office.

10. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 21 July 1999 at 8.00 p.m. in the Village Hall.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.39 p.m. with thanks to all those who attended.

Signed.....  
Chairman