

CHARNEY BASSETT PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30 PM ON WEDNESDAY 9 MAY 2018
AND
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY
HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 8.00 PM ON WEDNESDAY 9 MAY 2018**

Present: Mr D Roberts, Chairman
Mr D Nellist, Vice-Chairman
Mrs M Castle
Mrs S Dobson
Mr I McGregor
Mr T Brown, Clerk

Nine members of the public were also in attendance.

18/39 Apologies and Declarations of Interest

No Apologies for Absence or Declarations of Interest were received.

18/40 Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman

Mr D Roberts handed the meeting over to Mr D Nellist who proposed that Mr D Roberts be elected as Chairman for the coming year. This was seconded by Mrs S Dobson and duly carried. The Chairman then proposed that Mr D Nellist be elected Vice Chairman for the coming year. This was seconded by Mrs M Castle and duly carried.

18/41 Dates of future meetings

The Parish Council would meet on the second Wednesday of every other month. Dates for future meetings are therefore as follows:

- 11th July 2018;
- 12th September 2018;
- 14th November 2018;
- 9th January 2019;
- 13th March 2019;
- 8th May 2019 (Annual Parish Council and Annual Parish Assembly).

18/42 Appointment of Parish Councillor

The Chairman announced that the District Council had confirmed that a new Parish Councillor could be appointed by Casual Vacancy and that Mrs K Adamson had confirmed that she was willing to be appointed to the post being vacated by Mrs S Dobson. He thanked Mrs S Dobson for her contribution to the Parish Council's work over the least four years. Mrs C Castle proposed and Mr D Nellist seconded

that Mrs K Adamson be appointed as Parish Councillor and this was duly carried. Mrs S Dobson stepped down from the meeting and her position was then taken by Mrs K Adamson.

18/43 Appointments to positions

The Clerk referred to the report that had been circulated, confirming the persons who were currently fulfilling various roles for the Parish Council. Discussion took place on the various responsibilities and appointments for the coming year were made – as confirmed in the list attached to these minutes. With regard to the position of Footpaths lead, the Chairman would first discuss this with Mrs K Adamson and others as necessary with a view to an appointment being made at the next meeting.

The Chairman then adjourned the meeting at 7.55 pm to hold the Annual Parish Assembly.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

18/44 Parish Council Chairman's Annual Report

The Chairman reported on his thoughts on the previous and forthcoming years (attached) and these were duly noted.

18/45 County Council Matters

Mrs Anda Fitzgerald-O'Connor, County Councillor for the Kingston Bagpuize and Cumnor Division (including Charney Bassett) reported on a number of topics of current interest (attached). In response to questions from residents she advised:

- The debate on whether Oxfordshire would move to a unitary local government was still on-going but the pace had slowed. The County Council had entered into partnership working with Hampshire County Council and two District Councils had administrative arrangements with Gloucestershire and Northamptonshire Districts – adding to the complexity of making changes.
- There will be consultation on the proposed Oxford-Cambridge Expressway once the various route options have been clarified.
- Progress had been maintained on re-painting the road markings at the A420/Longworth Road junction but the work had still not been finished.
- The 'Fix My Street' on-line service is the best way of reporting concerns about potholes. She agreed that the state of local roads left much to be desired and that there were particular dangers for cyclists. The County Council was doing its best to respond to reports as soon as it could.
- Applications for a grant from the Councillor Priority Fund could be made now and she would encourage submissions to be made as soon as possible. The Chairman advised that we already had one or two ideas that we may wish to progress.

The Chairman thanked her for her contribution to the meeting.

18/46 District Council Matters

Mr Eric Batts, District Councillor for the Kingston Bagpuize and Southmoor Ward (including Charney Bassett) reported that housing continues to be the largest issue of concern for the District (although there is now an adequate 5-year supply of housing land). The Part 2 Local Plan is due to be examined in July and would consider whether the Vale was being expected to meet too much of Oxford's housing need. Biffa was now using their new fleet of refuse collection vehicles and there was a new on-line service (BinZone) where residents could report concerns and find out about planned collection times.

The District Council is lobbying for a full public inquiry into the proposed Oxford-Cambridge Expressway and has lodged an objection with TWA against its plans for a new reservoir at Steventon – there being a number of other and potentially better alternatives (including a de-salination plant in the Thames Estuary and the piping of excess rainwater from Wales).

With regard to administration, Mark Stone has been appointed as new Chief Executive. Matthew Barber is no longer Leader of the District Council and is now Deputy Crime Commissioner. Unitary Local Government in Oxfordshire is still being debated. The likelihood of two unitary authorities being formed in Northamptonshire is causing problems for Cherwell District Council which is currently twinned with South Northamptonshire District Council and which under current plans will now disappear.

Mr Batts advised that he was trying to keep in touch with progress on the proposals being developed by Charney Manor for a new dining hall. The Clerk advised that the Parish Council was generally supportive of the plans it had so far seen but had expressed some concerns about a large flat roofed element which did not appear to be in keeping with the character of a Grade 1 Listed Building. Also, that we hoped the Manor would come forward with re-assurances as the future use of the building which could allow for appropriate conditions to be applied to any permission. Mr Batts said that he could arrange a meeting with District Planning Officers and Parish Council representatives if and when required.

The Chairman thanked Mr Batts for his contribution to the meeting.

18/47 Reports from Groups

Mr P Busby reported on the work programme that had been agreed by Charney Army in November and which was now being progressed. Work this year included the tidying of the willow arbour on the playing field and assistance with the tree felling work on bridleway no.5. Work was now planned on the Old School frontage to Buckland Road and this was widely welcomed.

Mrs Trotman had submitted a written report (attached) on the work of the Village College, as also summarised by the Chairman in his report.

The Road Safety Group's proposals for improvements to road safety were due to be discussed later (item 18/52).

The History Group's website is now running much quicker and continues to grow, thanks in large measure to the work of Ian and Amanda Graham.

The Archaeology Group was currently working on plans for a dig in the grounds of Charney Manor.

The Communications Group reported that the E-newsletter and email management system is now in its fifth year. The Village website is being updated. The Group has 5 active volunteers and will be addressing issues of succession planning during the year.

Speedwatch continues to operate (roughly once a month) with 11 committed volunteers and more are always welcome.

The Faringdon East Neighbourhood Action Group deals with police liaison and community safety issues. Its future was in doubt but it looks as if it will continue under new leadership. Mr D Sibbert will be standing down in the near future and anyone interested in taking his place should contact him for more information.

Mr H Brookes reported on the formation of the Footpaths Group. He said this would be looking at whether the existing footpath network could be improved through the addition of paths that had been lost over time but which might still be eligible for adding to the Definitive Map. The cut-off date for submitting any suitable applications was 2025. Mr P Busby and the Clerk were attending a training course on the issues involved and the Group (5 residents) would then meet to formulate a plan.

18/48 Residents Questions

No further issues were raised.

The Chairman duly closed the meeting at 8.55 pm and returned to the agenda for the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL (RESUMED)

18/49 Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on 14th March 2018

The minutes (as circulated with the agenda) were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting and duly signed by the Chairman.

18/50 Matters arising from the previous Minutes

Matters outstanding and not included as an item for discussion on the agenda were as follows:

- 18/22 (and 18/03; 17/71): the District Council's Waste Team had advised that a new bin for the disposal of dog litter would be installed in the next two weeks at the junction of Main Street and Buckland Road. Consideration could be given to further bins and the Clerk would report further on this before any proposals were put forward;
- 18/22 (and 18/03; 17/78): the white lines at the junction of the Longworth Road and A420 had been discussed at the Annual Parish Assembly;
- 18/22 (and 18/05): the Clerk had contacted Biffa's Insurers with evidence of further damage to the Village Green by one of the company's vehicles. Biffa had now confirmed it would pay for the whole cost of re-instatement but continues to show no willingness to discuss how further damage might be avoided in future. Rather than consider additional means of protection at this stage it was agreed to proceed with a like for like re-instatement as quoted for;
- 18/22 (and 18/12): the work to the trees on Orchard Green had been satisfactorily undertaken;
- 18/30: the Parish Council had returned to the County Council a signed copy of the Service Level Agreement for the mowing of highway verges and the first cut should be undertaken at the end of May. The first cut of the Parish Council's areas had been undertaken on 30th April;
- 18/31: a Footpaths Group had been set up and its work had been discussed at the Annual Parish Assembly. Terms of reference would be reported to a future meeting;
- 18/32: a date for a further meeting to discuss a MoU with CHAFT was awaited;
- 18/33: the Clerk had yet to arrange a meeting with the District Council's Conservation Officer to discuss Charney Mill;
- 18/37: opportunity to comment on the Emergency Plan had been reported in Charney Chatter and Mr D Nellist would now produce an update. This would include a review of the arrangements for clearing snow from roads out of the village. The comment was made that local farmers might be approached to help, although it was acknowledged there may be cost considerations.

18/51 Clerk's Financial Report

The Clerk presented report CBPC/FIN/18/03 (previously circulated with the agenda) which confirmed a closing balance for the period of £12,364.98. This was slightly higher than the start of year balance (£11,491.98) but it should be noted the Council had been fortunate to receive a windfall of £3,700.00 from the winding up of the Stanford-in-the-Vale Community Bus.

Resolved:

- (1) That the Council should exempt itself from the process of External Audit;
- (2) That the content of the Internal Auditor's Report (page 4 of the Annual Return and para 12 of the Clerk's Report) be noted;
- (3) That the Annual Governance Statement (page 5 of the Annual Return previously circulated) be accepted and signed by the Chairman and Clerk;
- (4) That the Statement of Accounts (page 6 of the Annual Return previously circulated) be accepted and signed by the Chairman and Clerk;
- (5) That it be noted the 30 (working) day period during which the public can exercise their right to inspect the accounts and accounting records (as summarised in the Annual Return) will commence on Monday 18th June;
- (6) That reports updating the Council's Financial Regulations and Standing Orders be awaited;
- (7) That Councillors forward comments to the Clerk on the draft aims and objectives (attached to the Clerk's Report) to assist in the preparation of a further draft for consideration at the next meeting;
- (8) That the level of expenditure relative to the income raised by way of annual precept (para 7 of the Clerk's Report) be noted and expenditure carefully monitored in the coming year.

18/52 Road Safety Group

The Chairman confirmed that a report on the public meeting held on Saturday 24th March had been widely circulated. The meeting had been well attended and the Parish Council now needed to address next steps. Mrs Fitzgerald-O'Connor (County Councillor) had attended the meeting – as had Mr Eric Batts (District Councillor) – but there had been no attendance by County Highways Officers or Thames Valley Police. The Clerk continued to try to make contact with both, co-operation from County Highways being vital if the agreed proposals were to be taken forward. It appeared that we currently had no alternative but to complain about the poor service being received. A comment was made that the District Council should be approached in view of its involvement in the growth agenda and related infrastructure planning. The Clerk confirmed that the District Councillor had been kept informed of the results of the traffic volume and speed survey and the road safety measures that were being discussed. The Clerk reported that one further comment had been received since the public meeting. This endorsed concerns about the road safety issues in New Road and put forward a further suggestion that the road be closed except for access.

Councillors discussed funding for the measures that had been put forward by the Road Safety Group and felt that much of the money that had been received from the winding up of the Stanford-in-the-Vale Community Bus might be allocated to spending on road safety if necessary – particularly in view of the considerable costs associated with vehicle activated signs. The Clerk drew attention to the fact that there was still a considerable amount of work involved in pursuing these proposals and that the best way for this to be progressed was to ask the Road Safety Group to continue to take the measures forward, with regular reports to the Parish Council for agreement of actions taken and planned next steps. This was agreed.

18/53 Planning Matters

- a) Application P18/V0688/HH (Milkwood Cottage): the Parish Council had raised no objection to the proposals and this had been approved by the District Council;
- b) The Old School House: the Oxfordshire Buildings Trust had been advised that the owners had no plans to develop the site and had not responded to requests for access to inspect the condition and quality of the building. The Clerk would ask the Trust to continue with its efforts to try to save the building.

- c) Brize Norton/Oxford Airports – Airspace Consultation: the Clerk had expressed concerns at the difficulty of understanding these proposals and had discovered that the process that was being followed had been the subject of severe criticism by an All Party Parliamentary Select Committee. RAF Brize Norton had offered to meet with the Parish Council but this had been declined as it appeared the proposals would now be withdrawn and fresh proposals developed.

18/54 Terms of Reference

The draft Terms of Reference for the Village College and Charney Army (previously circulated) were now considered acceptable and were agreed.

18/55 General Data Protection Regulations

The Clerk referred to the report that had been circulated and that explained the requirements of this legislation and the work that was needed to ensure the Parish Council became compliant. It was agreed to await a further report when the Clerk had had the opportunity to discuss what was required with the various Groups allied to the Parish Council. Further discussion on the need for a Data Protection Officer should also take place irrespective of the outcome of any further legislative changes.

18/56 Clerk’s Correspondence

The Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust had written to ask the Parish Council to consider taking an active role in objecting to the Oxford – Cambridge Expressway. The Clerk advised that the outer limit of the zone earmarked for the growth corridor did not extend to the Parish Council boundary. It was agreed that no response to the proposal needed to be made at this stage.

18/57 Information Exchange

This had already been covered at the Annual Parish Assembly.

18/58 Date of Future Meeting

Wednesday 11th July at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

The Chairman thanked all present for attending and for their contributions and closed the meeting at 9.50 pm.

Signed.....Date.....
Chairman

Councillor Appointments and Membership of Groups (to 8th May 2019)

Parish Councillors - Specific Responsibilities		
Subject	Post Holder	Notes
Transportation	Cllr. K Adamson	Community Bus wound up but agreed at last Annual Meeting to continue liaison role with OCC
Footpaths	To be decided	Role currently focuses on maintenance of existing network
Health	Cllr. M Castle	New role – introduced since last Annual Meeting
Planning	Clerk	Monitors relevant planning applications, consultations and policy developments
Emergency Plan	Cllr. D Nellist	
Grass Cutting	Clerk	Monitors effectiveness of cut and liaises with contractor as necessary
Allotments	Cllr. D Roberts	Role includes responsibility for collecting rents
Parish Councillor Appointments to Independent Organisations		
Organisation	Post Holder	Notes
CHAFT	Cllr. M Castle Cllr. I McGregor	CHAFT Charity Scheme requires two Parish Councillors to be appointed
CLET	Mrs S Dobson Mrs J Baath	CLET Constitution requires appointment of two persons to represent the Parish Council
Longworth Charities	Cllr. M Castle	Charity Scheme requires appointment of a Parish Councillor
Appointments to Groups allied to the Parish Council		
Group	Post Holder	Notes
Village College Manager Parish Councillor 3 rd Board Member	Mrs C Trotman Mrs M Castle Mrs L Brookes	Terms of Reference requires Parish Council to agree the three Board Members.
Charney Army	Mr P Busby	Terms of Reference submitted. Mr P Busby took over as Lead from Mr J Daglish in March.
Road Safety Group Lead	Mr I Graham	Terms of Reference for this Group approved but to be updated.

Parish Councillor	Cllr. I McGregor	
Communications Group PC rep Chatter Editor/email management system Village Website Editor History Website Editor	Cllr I McGregor Mr D Sibbert & Mrs R McLintock Mr J Wright Mrs A Graham	Previously accepted that the Group should include a Parish Councillor. Terms of Reference under review.
History Group	Mr I Graham	Terms of reference under discussion.
Archaeology Group	Mr I Graham	Terms of Reference under discussion.
Footpaths Group	Mr H Brookes	New Group. Terms of Reference to be drafted. Focus is on research and activities associated with the re-opening of any lost paths. Clerk is part of the inaugural group.
Other Appointments		
Role	Post Holder	Notes
Internal Audit	Mr B Trotman	Scope of role defined in letter of appointment
Neighbourhood Watch	Mrs M Roberts	
Faringdon East Neighbourhood Action Group	Mr D Sibbert	Terms of reference set by TVP. Village can appoint one or more village representatives to represent the community. Does not need to be a PC. Self-nomination by interested individuals also allowed
SpeedWatch	Mr D Sibbert	Initiative managed by Faringdon East Neighborhood Action Group on behalf of 8 parishes. Operational guidelines approved by TVP. Insurance provided by PC. Mr Sibbert acts as Village SpeedWatch coordinator.

CHARNEY BASSETT PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman's Report 2017/2018

Initially I vowed I would only fulfill the position of Chairman for a period of 3 years. This original objective has been completely surpassed, as I continue in this position moving into my fifth term! It has been and continues to be an honour to represent the Village in this capacity.

You may recall, on the Macro scale, that this time last year we were preparing for a General Election in June, coupled with the start of the Brexit negotiations in September. I do not intend to dwell on either of these aspects, except to say that there are interesting times ahead.

Despite the continuing dialogue between the interested parties, there appears to be no further movement on the establishment of a Unitary Council, and so we, as the local Parish Council, continue with the premise of 'business as usual'. No doubt we will be advised by our local County and District Councillors when the major issues are resolved and the effects are known further down the chain.

Anda Fitzgerald-O'Connor, our County Councillor representative is establishing herself with her first term in office, and Eric Batts, our District Councillor, continues to provide his support. We are indebted to both of them for their assistance and advice in local matters.

The report, as always, sets out the way the Parish Council has conducted its business on your behalf. With all that is going on, this has proved to be a challenging year.

Council expenditure comes from a precept on the Vale of White Horse District Council and derives its income from Council Tax. As a reminder, at this year's January meeting, the PC proposed and agreed an increase to last year's precept, moving it from £4100 to £4500 per year for 2018/19. This increase covers higher administration costs, and anticipated cost increases for new initiatives.

Once again I am pleased to say that through the excellent work of the Clerk controlling both receipts and expenditure, and good housekeeping in general, we have managed our accounts satisfactorily. We are also indebted to Brian Trotman who has completed his first year as the Parish's Internal Auditor. We look forward to receiving his advice and guidance in the future during his term in office.

Strategic Housing Market Assessment

This particular issue is one very close to our hearts, particularly as we see the encroaching developments of housing within the VWHDC and surrounding areas. After considerable lobbying, we have received official recognition of Charney Bassett being classified as 'open countryside', with subsequent protection from green belt development.

However, I repeat that the issue of building new homes remains with us all, and we will still be involved in local discussions in accordance with the guidelines set out in the Strategic Housing Market Assessment.

While there have been no official approaches to the potential development of new properties within

the village, we must continue to remain vigilant towards any such unwanted activities. We are not averse to evaluating suitable 'brown field' sites and any such developments would be thoroughly assessed before an official response is given.

Fortunately the opportunities for such developments are somewhat limited in number.

The Vale of the White Horse's Local Plan 2031 Part 2 is now under review and it would appear that our village / surrounding area is currently exempt from development consideration.

Planning applications for the development of existing properties have continued throughout the year, and these have been in keeping with the character of the village.

Your Parish Council is aware of the need to be far more critical in its own assessment of these applications, and has identified this as a key project within the Community- led plan. This aspect needs to be revisited.

With the possible devolving of responsibilities to the Parish Councils for a full assessment and response to planning applications, there is a growing concern within our own quorum that we are incapable of providing suitable expertise in this complicated area. We need to seek advice from the VWHDC to understand their expectations.

Community-led Plan

I don't intend to discuss each individual initiative laid down by the PC in previous meetings, but I believe the system is working satisfactorily. Priorities have been given to specific projects, with the Road Safety Group initiative taking the number one slot, culminating in an open forum and presentation to the village on the results of the traffic survey carried out in Sept '17.

We are very fortunate to have some experienced players who have assumed responsibilities for specific working groups. While I'm aware that there are a large number of people involved in the running / organising of the individual projects, I would like to mention, in particular, the contributions made by Ian and Amanda Graham for their outstanding work and involvement in The Road Safety Group, The History Group (including the Archeological digs) The Communications group , to name but a few.

The PC , as holder of the CLP, continues to prioritise the initiatives that have been agreed.

Village College

The Village college remained very active throughout 2017/18 ably managed by Christine Trotman. Pilates continued to be the most popular activity with additional classes being enjoyed by current and new members. Yoga classes suffered unfortunately due to lack of tutorial support, but this has now been resolved, and class numbers are gradually being restored.

Patchwork & Quilting was busy during the Summer term and ended with a very successful Quilting Exhibition. In September a new beginners class started. Sadly the classes ceased in the Village hall from December and are now no longer administered through the village college.

Christine continues in her quest to find other classes which may be of interest but keeping fit remains the most popular.

The Charney Army

The 'Army' has continued to apply its skills to those areas in need of maintenance throughout the year.

This year has seen a 'changing of the guard' in the form of overall responsibility passing from John Daghish to Peter Busby, who has taken up the mantle.

John has been the mainstay of the Charney Army since its inauguration in the early 2000's, and we are indebted to his loyal service and support for this most important group of members, serving the residents of Charney Bassett. John will still maintain an active role in the 'Army'.

Like it or not, we are bound by the rules of today's 'Health and Safety' in order to conform to Insurance needs. With an aging work force, it is particularly applicable in our case, as there is a significant amount of physical work involved. As a working group we require up to date 'terms of reference' and 'risk assessments' are raised at the beginning of each task. All these statutory conditions are being addressed.

Speedwatch

Motor vehicle speeds are monitored regularly throughout the village at strategic sites, and once again we thank David Sibbert for his direction and organization of the groups. It goes without saying a big 'thank you' to the current 'gang' of volunteers who give up their time to assist. We believe it is having an effect. More volunteers are always welcome!

The Road Safety Group reported the results of the Sept '17 speed survey to the village in April. The evaluation and implementation of the most practical cost effective activities continues.

General Fund Raising and Village Support

I make no apologies in repeating the statement I made last year regarding the marvellous spirit within the Village, and it is encouraging to see and welcome new faces throughout our community.

It goes without saying that there are a lot of key groups that work tirelessly to maintain its high standards. I apologise if I fail to capture all who deserve thanks but I'd like to give special mention to Lucy Gildersleeves, and Mark Ritchie of Chaft ; Rosemary McClintock and David Sibbert for their editing of our 'in house' magazine Charney Chatter; John Wright's contribution to The Village website; to name but a few.

Not forgetting our local hostelry, The Chequers , where Jacqui and Ian provide us all with sustenance of the highest quality, and for their unstinting support and fund-raising events that generate such a significant amounts of cash.

Our thanks to them all for their contributions.

Conclusion

This time last year I have to admit I was struggling to find a suitable replacement for the Parish Clerk. I need not have worried as we have a very capable person in Trevor Brown fulfilling the role. Trevor

has calmly slotted into the position and brings with it a vast amount of relevant experience from which we will all benefit. On behalf of the PC a big 'thank you' for your professional approach and support.

It is always a poignant moment when we say goodbye to a person who has assisted the Council for a significant period of time. This time it is Sue Dobson who has fulfilled her role unstintingly for the past 4 years. Sue resigns for personal reasons, spending more time with her grandchildren and looking after her husband (in that order!) We thank her for her contribution as Parish Councillor, Transportation and Footpaths Managers, and her representation on the CLET committee (although she has agreed to continue in this role), and wish her a well deserved retirement.

I have been fortunate to have had a loyal band of Councillors working with me for the past 4 years. I trust that will continue.

Thank you to one and all for all your contributions.

David Roberts
Charney Bassett Parish Council Chairman.
May 9th 2018

ANNUAL PARISH MEETINGS 2018

REPORT FROM CLLR ANDA FITZGERALD-O'CONNOR

It has been a busy year since being elected early last May as the County Councillor for the Kingston Bagpuize and Cumnor Division (into which division this parish falls). I endeavour to attend as many parish meetings as I can – some months there are multiple meetings on one evening. Apart from attending the full County Council meetings, I also sit on various County committees such as Planning & Regulation, Education, Corporate Parenting, Schools' Organisation and various panels and local committees.

The state of the highway conditions is at the top of every county councillor's list and particularly in the rural areas. This winter has had a major impact on the roads. In total Oxfordshire County Council sent the gritters out on 76 occasions from November onwards. Snowploughs also had to be put onto the gritters four times – something that had not been needed in this County since 2012/13. A total of over 16,000 tonnes of rock salt were used.

The County has purchased an additional Dragon Patcher which means that more potholes can be fixed during the coming year. However, if all the roads in Oxfordshire were repaired, it would cost in excess of £150 million – well above the annual budget.

The County Council has a responsibility for the most vulnerable residents across the county in both Adult and Children's social care. This means over 50% (approximately £240 million) of the budget is spent on providing services for those vulnerable residents which is around 2% of the population; this contrasts with highways which are used by virtually 100% of the population very day.

A new Councillor Priority Fund scheme has been launched. Each County Councillor will have a budget of £15,000 per annum for two years (2018/19 and 2019/20) to allocate to benefit the community and to voluntary groups for local community projects. All applications have to be submitted by 31 January 2020. Detailed information about the grant scheme, together with the application form and guidance notes, is available on the Council's public website www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/councillorpriorityfund.

**CHARNEY BASSETT VILLAGE COLLEGE
ANNUAL REPORT 2017-18**

The Village college remained very active throughout 2017/18. Pilates continued on a Monday, Tuesday and Thursday as previously. From September a further mixed class was added on a Thursday evening and recently a class has been added on a Wednesday for 60+ or for those with certain mobility issues. Both the new classes have proved very popular so far. Yoga as always popular unfortunately stopped at Christmas as the tutor who had been taking the classes for many years relocated. We struggled to find a replacement but after several false starts now have a new tutor taking the class. We did however lose several of the class participants in the interim but have managed to recruit new ones since. Patchwork & Quilting was busy during the Summer term and ended with a very successful Quilting Exhibition. In September a new beginners class started. Sadly the classes ceased in the Village hall from December and are now no longer administered through the village college. I still struggle to find other classes which may be of interest but though clearly keeping fit is popular.

At the end of the financial year ended 31st March 2018 funds in hand are £1228.43. £700 was received from CLET during the year towards the cost of hall hire.

Charney Bassett Village College

Year ended 31st March 2018

Income

Pilates

Patchwork & Quilting

Yoga

CLET grant

Expenditure

Tutors

13401.00

Village Hall Hire

1587.50

College expenses

7.50

Surplus for the Year

Surplus brought forward

Surplus carried forward to 2018/19

Balance Sheet

at 31st March 2018

Bank

Tutors Fees owing

42.00

Hall Hire owing

65.00

Fees received in advance

1631.00

Represented by:-

Surplus

C G Trotman

3rd May 2018

