

CHARNEY BASSETT PARISH COUNCIL AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The Parish Council delivers some local services (e.g. allotments and grass cutting), helps facilitate activities by a number of local groups and represents the interests of the community in local issues.

Main Aims

- 1 To be an effective voice for the local community, encouraging participation in local affairs by both residents and businesses.
- 2 To maintain and, where possible improve, the quality of village life and look after the special character of the village and its surroundings.
- 3 To be an open, accountable and effective form of local government.

General Objectives

- 1 Work with other organisations to help bring about the effective provision of services for the local community e.g. with the County Council on highways and footpaths and with the District Council in facilities for the disposal of litter.
- 2 To encourage participation by local residents at meetings of the Parish Council.
- 3 To provide effective communication between the Parish Council and local residents through a regular publication that gives details of issues under consideration and decisions made.
- 4 To develop specific policies and proposals for the future development of the village through a Community-Led Plan (or similar document).
- 5 To support local groups, including the Charney Hall and Field Trust, in providing opportunities that benefit the cultural, educational and recreational aspirations of the local community.
- 6 Provide for the effective maintenance of communal areas (in particular through the regular cutting of grassed areas) and support the activities of the Charney Army in work that maintains or improves the village environment.
- 7 Provide facilities for the general well-being of local residents and visitors, in particular seating areas and allotments.
- 8 Support the work of local voluntary organisations through donations and practical support where possible.
- 9 Respond to consultations on planning applications and forward planning documents and liaise with the Planning Authorities generally to secure proper planning decisions for Charney Bassett and the surrounding area.

- 10 Manage expenditure effectively, setting a precept that meets objectives that are agreed as reasonable and that are reviewed annually.
- 11 Allow for access to training opportunities for Councillors and the Clerk that will help to ensure that the Parish Council is properly administered and that decisions taken are well considered.

Specific Objectives

- 13 Develop and implement a plan that provides for the appropriate use of Charney Mill and its future maintenance.
- 14 Explore the possibility of developing a village pond in the former basin for Charney Mill.
- 15 Encourage CHAFT to develop a plan to secure the replanting of the woodland area on Charney Field.
- 16 Keep under review the need for protection of the village green from damage by vehicular traffic.
- 17 Develop and approve a Publications Policy.
- 18 Investigate any opportunity to improve access to the countryside (in particular opportunity for the creation of links to existing paths/bridleways to create circular walks), including through the recovery of any lost paths/bridleways to which the public may have lost a right of use.
- 19 Investigate the possibility of installing display boards at Cherbury Camp and on Buckland Road (where joined by FP 158/1) to provide information on the history of the Camp.
- 20 Investigate the feasibility of purchasing a Speed Gun for use by the Speedwatch team.
- 21 Build a reserve to help investment in measures to improve road safety in the village.
- 22 Work with CHAFT to conclude a Memorandum of Understanding that clarifies ownership and management responsibilities for the Village Hall and Charney Field.
- 23 Investigate the potential for providing more allotment opportunities for village residents.
- 24 Undertake an audit of Parish Council asset and other paper records (including Village Hall and Charney Field for which the PC acts as custodian trustee) and consolidate electronic files inherited from previous Clerks into a usable archive.

Approved by the Parish Council at its meeting on 5th May 2021 (minute CBPC/21/34)

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