

**Charney Bassett Parish Council
Charney Hall and Field Trust**

Joint Liaison Group

Meeting – Wednesday 26th January 2022 (in the Village Hall)

(DRAFT) Minutes

Present: David Roberts; David Nellist; Trevor Brown (CBPC)
Neil Dobson; David Sibbert; Lucy Gildersleeves (CHAFT)

- 1 David Roberts to chair.
- 2 Apologies for absence – None
- 3 Trevor Brown to take minutes.
- 4 Minutes of Meeting of 5th August 2021 – Agreed (**Action: post on website – TB**).
- 5 Matters Arising – availability of reports. To be added to website with draft minutes.
- 6 CHAFT ‘Position Statement’ (circulated):
 - a. Ownership of Charney Field: Charity Scheme says the land was transferred to the Parish Council as custodian trustee (and is therefore held on the charity’s behalf) but the Charity Commission has been asked to confirm the correct processes were followed. An interim response has been received and a final response awaited (**Action: seek clarification of timescale – TB**).
 - b. Changes to Governing Document: to be discussed by CHAFT on 9th February. Any change to the way trustees are elected will need the Charity Commission’s agreement. If pursued, PC to be asked for comment.
 - c. Land Registry Documents: to await response from Charity Commission (6a above).
 - d. CHAFT Environmental Policy: noted.
 - e. Charney Field management: noted that at least one frontager believes there is no right of vehicular access from Bridle Path (**Action: correspondence with OCC on inclusion of Bridle Path in sale to be copied to CHAFT – TB**).
 - f. Charney Field woodland replanting: LG explained the plan. The Forestry Commission has reduced the requirement to 300 whips (250 birch/alder/oak: 50 holly/hazel/hornbeam). To be supplied by Wessex prior to half term. Volunteer planters being sought. Plantings to be in three separate copses. Posts for dry hedging on bridleway boundary already installed.
 - g. Charney Field woodland maintenance: aspen suckers had been sprayed twice and those on CWD bank cut manually. Re-growth will be similarly controlled. Charney Army may be asked to help generally (**Action: TB to alert Ian Taylor**). Grants from outside bodies will be explored. A preliminary 5-year maintenance plan has been prepared. This (or similar) will be made available if the PC is to be approached for financial assistance.
 - h. CWD: noted Hanney Flood Group meets monthly and best time for clearance work is February/May. CHAFT to consider commissioning a biodiversity report (estimated cost £1,400). Consideration of any PC involvement to await clarification of land transfer process (6a above).
 - i. CHAFT Field Safety Policy: noted.

- 7 MoU timetable – noted this is a key aim in the Group’s Terms of Reference. Deferred for further discussion (see also 6a above).
- 8 Use of part of Charney Field for allotments: background report circulated in advance. Nine landowners are being approached: three confirmed non-starters. Other approaches made before Xmas have been ignored. Matter to be put to next CHAFT meeting (**Action: ND**).
- 9 Queen’s Platinum Jubilee. Agreed beacons not appropriate but a dedicated cairn on Charney Field is a good idea. PC to help organise a meeting for potential volunteers and to determine a programme for celebrations (**Action: DR/LG**).
- 10 AOB – horse riding on Charney Field is still an issue. CHAFT considering further. Next meeting to be held in April (**Action: ND/DS/LG**).

Draft Minute reviewed by Group

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