

## 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.

#### **A Main Aims**

- A1 To be an effective voice for the local community, encouraging participation in local affairs by residents and businesses.
- A2 To maintain and (where possible) improve the quality of village life, the character of the village and the surrounding countryside.
- A3 To be an open, accountable and effective form of local government.

#### **B General Objectives**

- B1 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.
- B2 To encourage participation by local residents at meetings of the Parish Council.
- B3 To provide effective communication between the Parish Council and local residents through a regular publication that includes details of issues being discussed and decisions made.
- B4 To have policies for the future development of the village in a Community-Led Plan (or similar).
- B5 To support local groups, including the Charney Hall and Field Trust (CHAFT), in providing opportunities that benefit the cultural, educational and recreational aspirations of the local community.
- B6 Manage communal open areas (in particular through regular grass cutting) and support the Charney Army in looking after the village environment.
- B7 Provide facilities for the general well-being of local residents and visitors, in particular seating areas and allotments.
- B8 Support the work of local voluntary organisations through donations and practical support where possible.

- B9 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.
- B10 Manage expenditure effectively, setting a precept that meets objectives that are agreed as reasonable and that are reviewed annually.
- B11 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.

## **C Specific Objectives**

- C1 Consider the need for and, if necessary, approve a Publications Policy.
- C2 Consider opportunities to improve access to the countryside (in particular opportunity for the creation of links to existing paths/bridleways to create circular walks), including through liaison with the Ramblers Association's 'Don't Lose Your Way' initiative.
- C3 Complete plans to install display boards at Cherbury Camp and on Buckland Road (where joined by FP 158/1) to provide information on the history of the Camp.
- C4 Where agreed, act on recommendations from the Road Safety Group and maintain an active reserve to help improve road safety in the village and on surrounding roads, in particular:
- reduction of 30 mph speed limit to 20 mph;
  - measures that avoid HGV movements;
  - increase the length of the speed limit on Buckland Road and provide white gates to mark the village entrance;
  - provide the means to deploy a movable vehicle activated sign on Buckland Road.
- C5 Develop a plan for the future use and maintenance of Charney Mill.
- C6 Continue discussions with CHAFT on the need for a Memorandum of Understanding that clarifies responsibilities for the Village Hall and Charney Field.
- C7 Continue liaison with the County Council on the provision of new allotments to replace those lost at Charney Manor.
- C8 Undertake an audit of Parish Council records with a view to consolidating an electronic archive and safely storing historic paper records in the Oxfordshire County Archive.
- C9 Review and update the Council's Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.

Approved by the Parish Council at its meeting on 10th May 2023 (minute CBPC/23/??)