

**JOINT STATEMENT BY
CHARNEY HALL & FIELD TRUST (CHARITY NO. 294765)
&
CHARNEY BASSETT PARISH COUNCIL**

**FOR THE FUTURE OF
CHARNEY BASSETT VILLAGE HALL & CHARNEY FIELD**

1. PURPOSE

This joint statement clarifies the respective roles of the two organisations following detailed research, legal advice and guidance from the Charity Commission and outlines how the two organisations will work together in the future to ensure residents continue to benefit from the excellent community facilities provided by the hall and field.

2. THE ROLE OF THE CHARITY

Charney Hall & Field Trust (CHAFT) owns the two properties and holds them in trust for the local community. The Trustees of the charity have full legal and financial management responsibility for ensuring compliance with its governing document and charity law.

3. THE ROLE OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council, as custodian trustee of the charity, has responsibility for the safekeeping of the title deeds for the two properties (CHAFT as an unincorporated charity is unable to do so). The Parish Council has no other management responsibilities but can assist and support the charity as part of its wider community wellbeing role, if it so wishes. The Parish Council appoints two Trustees to serve on the Management Committee of CHAFT.

4. WORKING TOGETHER.

Charney Village Hall & Field Trust will

- (a) Keep the Parish Council abreast of policy issues or initiatives of relevance to the Parish Council and its community wellbeing role.
- (b) Ensure advice or suggestions from the Parish Council are considered as part of its decision making processes.

Charney Bassett Parish Council may

- (a) Consider requests from the charity for advice, assistance and/or financial support in the wider context of the
 - Powers of the Parish Council and its community wellbeing role and the assistance it may be able to offer.
 - CHAFT'S policies for managing and financing the hall and field and where appropriate its reserves policy and longer-term plans.
- (b) Specifically, and in furtherance of the charity's objectives consider
 - Providing an annual grant or subvention towards the costs of maintaining Charney Hall & Field, to be reviewed on an annual basis.

- **Supporting future applications for external grant aid for appropriate development or improvement initiatives for the hall or field, particularly where an application would benefit from the support of the Parish Council.**

Joint Liaison.

The two organisations will use the existing Joint Liaison Group to monitor and facilitate the effective implementation of this joint statement.

END 04/05/23

