

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 JANUARY 2013

Present: Mr M Cox, Chairman
Mrs J Fry
Mrs S Dobson

Dr SK Cowlam, Clerk

Four members of the public were in attendance.

13/01 Apologies and Declarations of Interest

Apologies for absence had been sent by County Councillor Melinda Tilley, District Councillor Anthony Hayward, Parish Councillors David Nellist and David Roberts, and Village College Manager Lynn Brookes. There were no declarations of interest.

13/02 To approve the Minutes of the November Meeting and Matters Arising

RESOLVED: the minutes of the November 2012 meeting be approved and signed by the Chairman. Matters arising from the November 2012 meeting were as follows.

- 12/75 RESOLVED. The PC agreed to seek an unchanged precept of £3800, subject to possible revision after further information from VWHDC.
- 12/77 RESOLVED. The Clerk would seek a consultation with ORCC on the next steps for the Neighbourhood/Community Plan.
- 12/80 RESOLVED. David Nellist had circulated his draft Emergency Plan for comment by Councillors.
- 12/83 RESOLVED. The Clerk had written to Mr & Mrs Castle to say that the PC did not wish to sell them any of its land.
- 12/83 RESOLVED. The Clerk had contacted OCC about relocating the 30mph speed limit signs. No response had been received yet.

13/03 County Councillor's News

None reported.

13/04 District Councillor's News

None reported.

13/05 Clerk's Financial Report

The Clerk presented the financial report CBPC/FIN/13/01 (appended to minutes) which had been distributed to councillors. The figures represented the situation at 20 December 2012, and had been approved by the internal auditor. The PC account holds £300 of Jubilee funds on behalf of CHAFT/Jubilee Committee, and £1506.63 remains of the flood grant. The position is satisfactory. RESOLVED: the report was adopted.

13/06 Estimation of the 2013/14 Precept

The draft budget was reported by the Clerk in paper CBPC/FIN/PRE1314 at the November 2012 meeting. Advice received in December from VWHDC on the revised tax base and the council tax support grant changes the parish council tax on a Band D property only by pence. Our calculations show that last year's precept is sufficient. Accordingly, at this time, a precept of £3800 continues to seem appropriate.

RESOLVED: the PC agreed to seek a precept of £3800.

13/07 Flooding/Project CHAFFINCH

Jim Gardiner, David Roberts and the Clerk had visited the Environment Agency's offices in Crowmarsh Gifford on 18 December 2012. Jim gave the presentation to their representatives that he gave at the PC meeting in May 2012. It was well received, and EA were impressed with the quality and detail of the work that had been done. We said that our aim was to seek EA's agreement to three small projects that would reduce flood risk in Charney Bassett. EA said they would consider these and give us their views in the week beginning 7 January 2013. In a further development, VWHDC is offering flood grants of up to £1000. We hope to take advantage of this.

13/08 Neighbourhood/Community Plan Project

The Chairman and the Clerk had met ORCC's expert on this topic at the VWHDC planning forum in November 2012. He offered to visit us to discuss and advise on the course of the project. Our next step is to arrange a meeting with him of the PC and the members of the working party that has carried out the work to date.

RESOLVED: The Clerk would seek a consultation with ORCC on the next steps for the project.

13/09 Jubilee Orchard Project

The project is proceeding well. We have planted twelve trees, costing about £240, including stakes and tree guards. Several fruit bushes had been given by Mike Welham and John Daghish. Work continues on the preparation of a sign for the orchard.

13/10 Village College Report

Lynn Brookes had provided a report as follows.

- Patchwork & Quilting classes are running with morning, afternoon and evening sessions, with 25 students.
- Yoga and pilates classes continue on Fridays.
- Two Saturday "Machine Quilting Fun Days" will take place in January.
- Two Saturday workshops in calligraphy and singing are scheduled for February and March.

13/11 Emergency Plans

David Nellist had drafted the plan. No further comments had been received, and David was asked (in his absence) to finalise it. After that the PC would need to consider how to implement it.

RESOLVED: that David Nellist finalise his draft emergency plan.

13/12 Planning Matters

A number of planning applications had been received from VWHDC.

- Construction of a dwelling adjacent to Llanreath.
- Reroofing outbuildings at Byways.

13/13 Clerk's Correspondence

- The Clerk had received notification of a proposed pharmacy at Southmoor.

13/14 Information Exchange

- The display in the telephone box needs revival. The map of Charney Bassett inside it needs updating. RESOLVED: the Clerk to contact Kay Adamson. RESOLVED: the Chairman to obtain a revised map from John Daghish, and laminate it.
- We should remind and encourage villagers to maintain the village in an attractive and tidy condition. This should include gutters and road edges, projecting hedges and overhanging branches, dog fouling, and angling security lights so that they do not inconvenience neighbours. We should hold the annual village clean-up in the spring. RESOLVED: the Clerk to put an article in Charney Chatter.
- The surface of the green is becoming rutted by vehicle tyres. RESOLVED: the Charney Army to fit additional "No parking" signs on the green.

13/15 Date of next meeting

13 March 2013, at 7:30 pm in the Village Hall.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8:20pm.

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