

CHARNEY BASSETT PARISH COUNCIL

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The Parish Council is involved in the delivery of some local services (e.g. allotments and grass cutting) and represents the interests of the local community in the delivery of services by other organisations, including the District and County Councils.

Main Aims

- 1 To be a strong voice for the local community, encouraging participation in local affairs from both residents and business interests.
- 2 To work to improve the quality of village life wherever possible, in particular by seeking to preserve the special character of the village and its surroundings.
- 3 To be an open, accountable and effective form of local government.

Objectives

- 1 To understand and represent the views, needs and aspirations of the local community, in particular those of local residents, in the work of relevant statutory and non-government organisations e.g. working with the County Council to provide for safe and convenient local roads and footpaths.
- 2 Encourage active participation in key decisions taken on behalf of the local community, in particular at meetings of the Parish Council.
- 3 Maintain effective communication between the Parish Council and local residents by means of a free and regular local publication that contains information on the business being conducted by the Council and decisions it makes on the community's behalf.
- 4 Set out and maintain a range of specific and relevant policies and proposals for the future development of the village through a Community-Led Plan (or similar document).
- 5 Support local groups and organisations, in particular the Charney Hall and Field Trust and the Village College, in the provision of facilities and opportunities that benefit the cultural, educational and recreational needs of the local community.
- 6 Encourage the effective maintenance of the village environment, including through the cutting of communal grassed areas, various work undertaken voluntarily by the Charney Army and liaison with the District Council on the provision of facilities for the disposal of various litter.

- 7 Facilitate the provision of open amenity areas and seating for the general well-being of local residents and visitors, in particular the village greens, and other community facilities, including allotments, for local residents.
- 8 Support the work of local voluntary organisations through donations and practical support where possible.
- 9 Participate in the effective planning of the area by responding to planning consultations from the District and County Councils, in particular on planning applications and forward planning documents, and seeking appropriate action against development that may not be properly authorised.
- 10 effective managing of expenditure within confines of maintaining an appropriate precept..... ?
- 10 Ensure that Councillors and the Clerk have access to relevant training and development opportunities to ensure that the Parish Council is properly administered and that decisions taken are well considered.
- 11 Seek to provide appropriate uses for Charney Mill that are sympathetic to its status as a building of special architectural and historic and which help to secure its longer-term maintenance.

Approved by the Parish Council
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