

**CHARNEY BASSETT PARISH COUNCIL
AIMS AND OBJECTIVES (2026)**

The Parish Council provides 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), with the District Council (on facilities for the disposal of litter) and the Parochial Church Council as appropriate.
- 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 including 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 and encourage local groups that benefit the cultural, educational and recreational aspirations of the local community.
- B6 As Custodian Trustee to CHAFT, to hold the title documents to the Village Hall and Charney Field and work with the charity, as appropriate, in the upkeep of the properties for the benefit of local residents.
- B7 Manage communal open areas (in particular through regular grass cutting, tree maintenance etc) and support the Charney Army in looking after the village environment.
- B8 Provide facilities for the general well-being of local residents and visitors, in particular seating areas and allotments.
- B9 Support the work of local voluntary organisations through donations and practical support where possible.

- B10 Respond to consultations on planning applications and policy documents and liaise with the Planning Authorities generally to secure proper planning decisions for Charney Bassett and the surrounding area.
- B11 Manage expenditure effectively, setting a precept that meets objectives that are agreed as reasonable and that are reviewed annually.
- B12 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 Facilitate the transfer of the Village website to a .gov.uk domain, providing Parish Councillors with .gov.uk email addresses and CHAFT with the ability to edit that section of the website that provides information on its own affairs.
- C2 Continue to seek opportunities that improve access to the countryside through new paths or the re-opening of lost paths/bridleways, in particular where it is possible to create a circular walk.
- 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 Maintain an active reserve to help improve road safety in the village and on surrounding roads, and in particular:
- pursue a proposal for a 7.5 tonne weight restriction order to avoid HGV movements through Charney Bassett and bridges over the Ock;
 - secure white gates to mark the village entrance on Buckland Road;
 - provide the means to deploy a movable vehicle activated sign on Buckland Road.
- C5 Develop options for the future use and maintenance of Charney Mill that will allow consideration to be given to whether or not to exercise in 2028 the break clause that is contained in the terms of the lease with Oxfordshire County Council.
- C6 Where appropriate, assist Charney and Lyford Allotment Partnership (CLAP) in the running of the allotment facility adjoining Charney Field, in particular in the provision of a communal shed.
- C7 Develop a Document Retention Policy to facilitate the effective audit of Parish Council records, in particular with a view to consolidating a secure electronic archive and the safe storage of historic paper records in the Oxfordshire County Archive.
- C8 Continue to work with Charney Manor Trustees, as appropriate, in the revision of arrangements for the public use and maintenance of Ock Green and Jubilee Orchard – to include for the re-pointing of sections of existing boundary walling.
- C9 Maintain effective communication with Pusey Estate with a view to facilitating the re-opening of the Chequers PH as a village pub at the earliest possible opportunity.

Approved by the Parish Council at its meeting on 14th January 2026 (minute CBPC/26/09)