CHARNEY BASSETT PARISH COUNCIL
AIMS AND OBJECTIVES (2027)

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.

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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 Complete the transfer of the Village website from www.charneybassett.org.uk to www.charneybassett-pc.gov.uk and ensure that Parish Councillors conduct Parish Council business that involves email solely via a Council .gov.uk email address.

C2 Complete the change of the village website www.charneybassett.org.uk to an historic records site allowing access to archived Parish Council records, Village History and providing CHAFT with the ability to edit that section of the website that provides information on its own affairs.

C3 Encourage resident involvement in the forthcoming Parish Council elections (May 2027) with a view to ensuring that Charney Bassett continues to be represented by five Parish Councillors.

C4 Actively pursue the creation of a circular walk that connects bridleway BR6 (Buckland Road to Pusey) with footpath FP1 (Buckland Road to Cherbury Camp) through discussion with landowners or application (if necessary) to Oxfordshire County Council for the reinstatement of the lost footpath from Cherbury Camp to Bushy Cottages.

C5 Continue to maintain resources for installation of display boards at/near Cherbury Camp and on Buckland Road (where joined by FP 158/1) to provide information on the history of the Camp.

C6 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;
- provide the means to deploy a movable vehicle activated sign on Buckland Road.

C7 Develop options for the future use and maintenance of Charney Mill, including seeking legal advice if necessary, to 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.

C8 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.

C9 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 establishing responsibility for maintenance of existing trees and boundary walling.

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C10 Undertake a safety audit of trees on land under the Parish Council's control and ensure that any recommended remedial work is undertaken.

C11 Review material relating to the Parish Council held in the Berkshire County Archive and add to this as necessary (e.g. the Bill Clarke video archive) with a view to relocating the archive to the Oxfordshire County Archive.

C12 Explore the possibility of establishing a community pond for the village.

C13 Explore the possibility of registering in the name of the Parish Council land behind the bus shelter at the junction of Orchard Close/Main Street that is maintained by the Parish Council.

C14 Establish and agree with Oxfordshire County Council (as Footpaths Authority) an agreed width for bridleway 5 (Charney to Stanford-in-the-Vale) and an agreement on responsibility for maintaining the bridleway at that width.

C15 Consider the feasibility of a Character Study for the Charney Conservation Area and, if feasible, prepare a draft for discussion/agreement with Vale of White Horse District Council.

Approved by the Parish Council at its meeting on 11th November 2026 (minute CBPC/26/??)

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