

# HISTORY OF CHARNEY BASSETT AND ITS ACTIVITIES.

Notes on an exploratory meeting arranged by Joe Ody and held in the Chequers Inn at 11.00am on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2015.

Present Hugh Brookes, Ruth Gerring, Mike Newman, Mark Ritchie, Joe Ody, David Sibbert (representing Parish Council Communications Group)

Apologies: Clive Dunn and Mr and Mrs Gunn.

## Background

1 Earlier this year, the village communications team which looks after the village email management system, produces Charney Chatter and manages the village website (all on behalf of the Parish Council) agreed to investigate if and whether these communication channels should be utilised to record selected information covering the history of the village and its past activities.

2 It was noted that there are History Societies in Longworth & District, Denchworth and The Hanneys. The Longworth & District History Society also covers KBS, Hinton Waldrist and neighbouring hamlets and has undertaken some research in Charney Bassett (probate and wills).

## Outcomes.

3 The Group will operate on a less formal basis than a Society and be called the Charney Bassett History Group. Subject to confirmation from the Parish Council the communications channels referred to in paragraph 1 above will be used to promote the Group, record appropriate information and act as a signpost to other sources of information.

4 The following subject areas are considered to be worthy of investigation over time:-

Memories of local villagers

Village events

Village Organisations

Newspaper cuttings

Photographs

Books and documents

Village buildings

World War 1 and World War 2

Church records and the Graveyard

Old and historic maps

County of Berkshire records.

Smallholdings

5 It will be necessary to prioritise actions and gain some quick wins. As a starting point it was agreed that initial scoping research should be undertaken in the following areas in preparation for further discussion at the next meeting

Old and historic maps. ACTION Hugh

Smallholdings. ACTION Ruth

Church Graveyard and List of Curates. ACTION Joe and Mike

Books/ Memories of villagers. ACTION Joe

6. It was also agreed that an appeal for old photographs and documents etc. should be made. ACTION Joe

7. The next meeting will be held in late January / February. The agenda will include the appointment of a Chairman, identification of any financial implications and agreement on dates, time and venue of future meetings. ACTION DAVID

8. Community Led planning Group to be briefed ACTION HUGH

9. Parish Council and Communications Group to be briefed. ACTION DAVID

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