

CHILTON FOLIAT PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 10 MAY 2016 at 7.30 pm

Present: Nic Coome (Chairman), Jim Hynes, Paul Outridge, Lynne Quinton, Sian Stokoe, Rachel Sutton, Graham Francis (Clerk) and 1 member of the public.

1 Apologies: There were none

2 Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of 19 May 2015

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

3 Matters arising from the minutes:

There were no matters arising.

4 Chairman's Report:

The Chairman commented that this was his 13th report and it seemed that the Wheatsheaf pub was mentioned every time. However, the pub, now under new ownership was doing an excellent job and that most of the alterations and additions had been undertaken with the exception of the removal of the first floor ceiling. Nic Coome wished the owners every success in their venture.

He mentioned that most of the village now has access to high-speed Broadband which had arrived six months earlier than expected.

The future plans for the Recreation Ground had still not materialised although planning consent had been granted over a year ago. The Chairman believed that any events that the Council plan for the Recreation Ground should still go ahead.

Nic Coome welcomed Claire Perry back after the elections as our MP and was grateful for her help in securing the future of the pub.

He welcomed Rachel Sutton and thanked her for agreeing to be co-opted on to the Council. He also thanked the other Councillors for their support and hard work throughout the year and to James Sheppard for his attendance and help.

He noted with sincere regret the untimely passing of ex Councillor Nick Fritz whose cremation would take place on 26 May at Thatcham.

Finally, he thanked the Clerk for his consistent good work, his commitment to the Parish Council and his valuable contribution to keeping the Council in good order.

5 Financial Report:

The Clerk spoke to the unaudited statements of accounts circulated showing that the sum of £2571.53 had been carried forward at March 31st placing the Council in a healthy position for the commencement of the new financial year.

Income from the Precept, Bank Interest and VAT recovery amounted to £7,456.75 and payments were £6,852.52.

A refund of £378.21 had been reclaimed in respect of VAT for the year 2015/2016.

6 Reports from Village Organisations:**Chilton WI**

Liz Outridge reported that the WI had seen an increase in Membership and that the President, Ellie Skehan reported 25 ladies in the group most of whom were local to the village and actively involved with either the Hall, the school or the church.

There were still five meetings to come this year with a different topic and speaker. The garden party will be in July and in December the Christmas Dinner in the Wheatsheaf would be hosted by the WI.

The WI now hosts two events a year bringing in substantial funds that allows enough money to offer a £100 bursary to any member attending a course at Denman College

Village Hall Management Committee

Lynne Quinton reported that Nick Davis was now Chairman of the Village Hall Committee and was doing a good job. Income relied very much on the various Quiz nights and that over 50 people attended the Club nights.

7 Public Forum:

Liz Outridge thanked the Parish Council for their hard work and time commitment. She complimented the Council on the great improvement to the Bus Shelter with its new thatch and Notice Board.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 19.55