

CHILTON FOLIAT PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CHILTON FOLIAT PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 8 JANUARY 2013

- PRESENT** Nic Coome (Chairman), Gary Crumpler, Jim Hynes, Paul Outridge, Sian Stokoe, Victoria Waters, Chris Humphries and Graham Francis (Clerk)
- 1 Apologies:** There were none
- 2 Minutes of the meeting of 13 November 2012**
The minutes of the meeting held on 13 November having been circulated were signed by the Chairman and accepted as a true record.
- 3 Declarations of Interest: None**
- 4 Matters arising from the minutes:**
5 Community teams – Jim Hynes confirmed as Parish liaison Councillor
The Chairman was most concerned about the new arrangements for the Community Teams as they did not seem to have attended Chilton as per their schedule. None of the work on the email he sent appeared to have been carried out and he had received no response from the team. Councillor Humphries asked for a copy of the email and agreed to speak to the Chief Engineer when he had the facts. **CH**
- 5 Correspondence:**
No paper correspondence. All communications circulated by e-mail
The Clerk advised Councillors that a SID (Speed Indicator device) would be placed on Stag Hill
- 6 Planning:**
Plans received by Wiltshire Council
E/2012/1548/TCA Work to Trees in a Conservation Area at The Tanyard – no objection
- 7 Outstanding Problems:**
The Chairman advised that the matter of replacement posts for the Kennet River sign were on the list sent to the Community Team (see item 5 above). Chairman agreed to circulate the list to Councillors. **NC**
- 8 Village Gates:**
The Clerk had obtained one estimate of £60 per pair from local sawmills. It was agreed that this would be an agenda item for the next meeting when decisions about sourcing, number of gates required and the placement of the gates would be decided. **GF**
- 9 Clerk's salary arrangements:**
The Clerk outlined the present arrangements wherein the clerk would be paid his net salary from Parish funds and the PAYE element and fees would be paid to Douglas Tonks. The payslip should be due on January 14th. Paul Outridge was prepared to take on this responsibility if the external company failed in its obligations.

10 Wheatsheaf Public House:

It was pleasing to note that the pub has reopened with a new landlord. The Chairman related that he had held a lengthy conversation with the Area Manager of Admiral Taverns during which he had expressed his anxiety that there appeared to be an agenda by the owning company to run the business down thereby allowing its closure. After debate Nic Coome suggested that he send a letter to the Managing Director of Admiral Taverns putting this point directly and seeking a substantive response. In addition, he stated that he had been in contact with Wiltshire Council over the possibility of registering the pub under the Localism Act as an Asset of Community Value. It was suggested that this be investigated in detail. Further, Gary Crumpler suggested that a draft of a village plan be drawn up and a questionnaire posted to all villagers asking for their feelings about the future of this village amenity. These actions were proposed by Nic Coome, seconded by Paul Outridge and agreed nem con. **NC & GC**

11 Localism Bill:

The clerk advised Councillors of the implications of changes in the Base Rate proposed by the Government which could affect Parish Precepts should legislation be approved.

10 Finance

a)	Present financial position:	Parish Account	£542.95
		BMM Account	£2712.54
		Charity Account	£2481.97
b)	Payments	G Francis ½ year salary	£1003.47
		G Francis ½ year expenses	£74.23
		Host Papa (Darren Outridge)	£71.28 (replacement cheque)
c)	Receipts	HSBC Interest	£0.11p

Payments at 10 (b) were proposed by Nic Coome seconded by Gary Crumpler and agreed nem con

13 Matters for report:

Nic Coome reported that he had visited 15 single pensioners with their £30 Coal Fund Christmas gift amounting to £450 from the Chilton Charities Account.

He also stated that when the invoice from Tonks arrived for the PAYE element of the Clerk's salary the fee portion should be withheld.

Paul Outridge asked if the VAT element of the Jubilee Mugs could be returned from HMRC.

14 Dates of next meetings:

The next meetings of the Parish Council will be on **Tuesday 12 March 2013** and **Tuesday 14 May 2013** (APM at 7.30 and AGM at 8.00pm) **after local elections**

Items with initials in **bold type** require action.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.00

Signed.....Chairmandate