

CHILTON FOLIAT PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CHILTON FOLIAT PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2013

- PRESENT** Nic Coome (Chairman), Gary Crumpler, Jim Hynes, Paul Outridge, Sian Stokoe, Graham Francis (Clerk) and 5 members of the public
- 1 **Apologies:** Victoria Waters (illness)
- 2 **Minutes of the meeting of 10 September 2013**
The minutes of the meeting held on 10 September having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman
- 3 **Declarations of Interest:**
Nic Coome, item 6 Planning; Paul Outridge, item 7 Recreation Ground
- 4 **Outstanding Matters** from previous minutes:
4 Village Gates – Jim Hynes had obtained quotation for posts at £15 each. Council gave approval for this purchase.
4 River Kennet sign (eastern end) This would be erected once the gates are installed.
4 Youth Club Funds - Peter Waite was contacted at the recent Exhibition and promised a cheque.
9 New Parish Notice Board – Nic Coome has not found a suitable board at present
- 5 **Correspondence:**
Request from BPP Grounds & Gardens to tender for the grasscutting contract – Clerk to send details for a quotation. **GF**
Letter to riparian owners of streams to ensure that the waterways are not blocked. Nic Coome agreed to contact **NC**
- 6 **Planning:**
Planning applications received from Wiltshire Council:
13/4851/TEL Installation of three replacement antennas at Sewage Treatment works at Hungerford Road Chilton Foliat = support
13/5087/FUL Relocate and replace existing shed and increase fence height at Holly Cottage, Chilton Foliat – **object:**
Rain water dispersal could affect neighbour's property.
Weight of shed in close proximity to retaining wall of neighbour.
Fire risk assessment necessary for timber shed and timber fencing.

- 7 Feedback on the Recreation Ground Exhibition and questionnaire:**
 The Chairman reported that the recent exhibition of the plans for the Recreation Ground was attended by 90 persons. The Architects/Developers had looked at the responses and made changes to the original plans. Since the amount of land was less than originally thought a second exhibition was held at the school when revised plans showed changes to the School site where the proposed village orchard had been removed.
 The new questionnaire responses were e-mailed to the Chairman.
 A total of 39 returned questionnaires were received but the Chairman was of the opinion that these did not necessarily represent the views of the whole parish and he felt it necessary therefore to **orchestrate a Public Forum** without the developers being present when full and frank views could be aired. This proposal was seconded by Jim Hynes and agreed nem con.
 To the question 'Are the revised plans acceptable?' Jim Hynes wanted written assurances that the village would get what it is actually offered – he felt that this was a prerequisite to the agreement.
 Nic Coome then proposed **that the Parish Council accept the plans**, seconded by Gary Crumpler and agreed nem con.
- 8 List problems:**
 Only the Chilton Foliat sign on Leverton road was still outstanding.
- 9 Coal Fund:**
 Nic Coome proposed that the distribution of monies for the elderly at Christmas should be £30 as last year. A total of 15 parishioners would be eligible making a total of £450
- 10 Flood avoidance:**
 See Correspondence item 5ii
- 11 Budget & Precept:**
 The Chairman explained that new Government regulations would have a direct impact on the Base Rate for setting Council taxes and that it could be that the Precept could be capped. The Clerk explained that three years of prudence by the Council by not increasing the Precept has resulted in a very small reserve being carried forward to 2014/2015, hence his recommendation for a larger Precept.
 However, the Chairman felt that since the future plans were far from clear this item should be held over until the January meeting.
- 12 Finance:**
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| a) Present financial position: | Parish Account | £337.89 |
| | BMM Account | £2494.13 |
| | Charity Account | £3082.38 |
| b) Payments | Scofell Landscapes (Sept cut) | £204.36 (VAT £34.06) |
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| c) Receipts | BMM Account interest | £0.36p |
- The payments at 12(b) were proposed by Nic Coome, seconded by Jim Hynes and approved nem con.
- 13 Matters for report:** There were none

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Dates of next meetings:

The next meetings of the Parish Council will be on **Tuesday 14 January 2014** and Tuesday 11 March 2014 both at 8.00 pm.

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

There being no further business Chairman closed the meeting at 21.00

Signed.....Chairmandate