

CHILTON FOLIAT PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CHILTON FOLIAT PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 13 JANUARY 2015

PRESENT Nic Coome (Chairman), Gary Crumpler, Jim Hynes, Paul Outridge, Lynne Quinton, Sian Stokoe, Graham Francis (Clerk) and Jan Bowra with three young persons.

The Chairman began the meeting by reminding Councillors of the forthcoming funeral of past Chairman Peter Fisher and asked that some thought be given to providing a permanent memorial to his memory.

1 **Apologies:** There were none

2 **Minutes of the meeting of 11 November 2014:**
The minutes of the meeting held on 11 November 2014 were accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3 **Declarations of Interest:** There were none.

4 **Outstanding Matters** from previous minutes:
River Kennet sign – in hand
Village Gates – Cllr Hynes reported that they will be painted this week.

Cllr Coome proposed that Standing Orders be suspended to allow Jan Bowra to speak. This was agreed.

Jan Bowra explained the changes in County strategy regarding youth services. With the closure of Youth Centres the emphasis now was to encourage young people to have a say in their needs and to use volunteers to assist in meeting those needs. The idea was to set up a meeting of the young people when their aspirations and needs could be aired. They have already suggested that the Village Hall be used as a venue for films – equipment from the Youth Service is available. Funding from the Area Board is also possible. Jan asked for the Council's support in this venture which was readily given.

Standing Orders were reinstated

5 **Correspondence:**
Grounds Maintenance – the Clerk reported that Scofell Landscapes were prepared to continue their grasscutting schedule at the same cost as last year. Although the future requirements may well change Cllr Coome proposed that we accept the status quo. This was agreed.

6 **Planning:** There were no applications.
The question of the Wiltshire Core Strategy (Local Plan) was raised. Cllr Coome said that once Wiltshire Council had approved the Strategy on 20th January then the Parish Council could consider the production of a Neighbourhood Plan which would build on the local plan.

7 **Recreation Ground:**
Cllr Coome explained that he had spoken with Wiltshire Planners about the allocation of low cost housing and believed that four dwellings were better than having none. The Planners assured him that the views of the Parish Council were important. There was no further update to report at this time.

8 Moving the 30mph sign:

After discussion Cllr Quinton agreed to liaise with Cllr Hynes to put together a justification for a 40mph restriction approaching the village from the West. It was important to give some idea of the costs involved before putting the proposal to CATG.

9 Budget and Precept:

The Clerk circulated an updated budget which included revised figures for his salary and a contingency amount of £200. Cllr Coome proposed that **the Precept for 2015/2016 be set at its present level of £6,600**. This was seconded by Cllr Outridge and approved nem con.

10 Finance:

a) Present financial position:	Parish Account	£3428.59
	Charity Account	£3103.31
b) Payments	G Francis ½ year salary	£930.15
	G Francis ½ year expenses	£120.44
	HMRC PAYE	£310.40
	Unique Executive Services Ltd	£15 (VAT £2.50)
	Nic Coome expenses	£16.30
c) Receipts	Nil	

d) Clerk's Salary:

Cllr Coome proposed that the Clerk's salary be increased from January 1 as per the recommendation from NALC. This was seconded by Cllr Quinton and approved nem con.

The payments at b) were approved by Cllr Hynes, seconded by Cllr Outridge and agreed nem con

Cllr Outridge checked the Bank reconciliation form and signed it off.

11 Matters for report:

Cllr Coome referred to a notice on Skates Corner which suggested that a new fibre optic Broadband cabinet was being considered next to the existing telephone distribution cabinet.

Cllr Coome updated news on the Wheatsheaf Public House where an offer for the property has been made and accepted. It is likely therefore that the pub would close on 20 January.

12 Dates of next meetings:

The next meetings of the Parish Council will be on **Tuesday 10 MARCH 2015 at 8.00** and Tuesday 12 May 2015 at 8.00 pm

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

There being no further business Chairman closed the meeting at 21.10

Signed.....Chairmandate