

# CHILTON FOLIAT PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2017

**Present:** Cllrs Nic Coome (Chairman), Paul Outridge, Steve Campbell, James Hynes, Lynne Quinton, Sian Stokoe, Rachel Sutton and 2 members of public

**1 Apologies:** There were none

**2 Minutes of the Meeting held on 12 September 2017**

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 September 2017 having been circulated were taken as a true record approved and signed by the Chairman.

**3 Declarations of Interest:** NC to discuss, when the meeting got to planning.

**4 Outstanding Matters:**

Clerk vacancy, both councillors Paul Outridge and Jim Hynes are yet to have discussions with a hopeful candidate, however NC advised the Froxfield Clerk maybe willing and the advantage was Graham Francis had already spoken regarding handover.

Village hall Wifi, counsellor Lynne Quinton has been in discussion with the village hall committee who are of the opinion that this was a good idea for the village, however NC recommended parish council would pay initial costs (hardware) and the village hall committee would pay the on-going costs. Both costs to be voted by both parties.

**5 Planning for Village:** Member of public and owner of The Wheatsheaf pub, Ollie Hunter, discussed forthcoming planning for the Wheatsheaf, work commencing spring 2018 with a view to be up and running by October 2018. He expects planning to be in two parts, the first comprising provision of a new building for accommodation (bed and breakfast) to the rear of the garage and the second a food waste Anaerobic Digester to produce electricity and gas to run the pub itself and to be supplied back to the village. Questions raised by councillors regarded noise, gases and size of vehicles delivering the waste. These will need to be fully resolved during the planning process. Council was broadly supportive and look forward to the planning applications.

**6 Planning:** Chairman advised that, in theory at least, everyone in the village including all councillors could be said to have an interest under the Code of Conduct.  
Recreation ground and school planning. NC briefed councillors of the revised planning, explaining that the old application expires on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2018. He advised that the new planning is not dependent on the other and that the original planning could start at the recreation ground as a stand alone and the development could, in theory at least, never commence. Councillor Sian Stokoe expressed concerns that the sports pavilion and games areas are now not included. Councillor Jim Hynes raised the question as whether conditions for facilities if a football team was started could apply, the answer being that this would only apply if the football pitch was to be used by a team in a local league. Councillor Steve Campbell questioned whether a meeting would be beneficial to the villagers. It was decided that a note outlining the proposals and the Council's position be published on the website seeking comments regarding the requirement for such a meeting. Council decided unanimously to support the revised proposal with the same caveats as last time. NC

**7 Parish Steward:** Councillor Steve Campbell advised that he'd held 3 meetings with the Parish Steward, at which the following had been agreed:  
Clear under growth around railings on the bridge and re paint railing and posts in the spring. The Parish Steward requested volunteers to assist.  
Collapsed stockade fence around the church tree: council will carry out the work if parish council will provide the materials costing around £200.00.  
Pot hole on the B4192 belonging to BT, this has been referred to BT for rectification.  
Weight restriction sign at junction with West Soley: As the weight restriction crosses the county boundary, the question arose over whether Wiltshire Council are liable to replace the sign. Council's view is that this position was ludicrous and agreed to clean and refurbish the sign from its own resources if necessary.  
Sunken manhole at junction with Leverton Lane: council steward referred to Thames Water. Councillor Steve Campbell written to Thames Water to raise the level to the road. TW will review.  
Sunken trench in Littlecote Lane resolved.  
Village gates discussed with local Community Co-ordinator Rebecca Busby (RB), provide a quote for fitting of the gates, to be taken in consideration with the budget.  
Bend at junction between the B4192 and Littlecote Lane. SC and RB to see if more signage can be provided.

Councillor LQ raised concerns about the “men at work” sign left at the layby and road frame in the village. These should be removed for recycling. **SC**

**8 Finance:** Approval given to pay one Scofell invoice to cover the October grass cut. Proposed PO seconded SC all in favour.

**9 Precept for 2018/19**

A draft budget for 2018/19 was tabled at the meeting. It was agreed that the Council should budget for 50% of the cost (£3,300) of a speed indicator similar to those in Ramsbury, and would seek to persuade the school to fund the remainder. NC agreed to discuss the matter with the Chair of School Governors. **NC.**

After discussion and some amendments to the draft, a suggested precept of £7,000 was proposed by NC, seconded by SC and agreed nem con. The budget and the precept will be confirmed at the meeting in January.  
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**12 Correspondence, matters of parochial interest and items for next agenda.:**

Chairman informed the meeting that Wilshire Council’s Governance Support Officer has received a complaint against him. Details have yet to be received.

**13 Dates of next meetings:**

The next meetings of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday 9 January 2018, Tuesday 13 March 2018 all at 8.00 pm and Tuesday 8 May 2018 at 7.30 pm (Annual Parish Meeting) and 8.00pm (annual General Meeting).

Meeting was closed at 21.25 hours.

**Note: All initials in Bold Type require Action**

Signed.....Chairman

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