

CHILTON FOLIAT PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 9 MAY 2017 at 7.30 pm

Present: Nic Coome (Chairman), Steve Campbell, Jim Hynes, Paul Outridge, Lynne Quinton, Sian Stokoe, Rachel Sutton, Graham Francis (Clerk) and 6 members of the public.

1 Apologies: There were none

2 Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of 10 May 2016

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 14th report and it seemed that the Wheatsheaf pub was mentioned every time. However, now that the alterations and refurbishment have taken place, the pub was doing an excellent job and was proving popular and successful. He mentioned that apart from Soley the village now has access to high-speed Broadband. The future plans for the Recreation Ground had still not materialised and Sir Seton now has until 15 May 2018 before the planning approval lapses.

The heavy traffic on Leverton Road was proving a problem and recently a pillar on that road was demolished by an HGV. Nic Coome has tried to get Stag Hill on the County list for banning heavy vehicles but there are other more worthy requests elsewhere in the County.

He thanked the Councillors for their support and hard work throughout the year and to James Sheppard for his attendance and help. He welcomed Steve Campbell as a new Councillor and thanked all the villagers who get involved in making a contribution to the wellbeing of the village. Finally, he thanked the Clerk, Graham Francis, for his consistent good work, his commitment to the Parish Council and his valuable contribution in keeping the Council in good order. As Graham was retiring after 19 years service and this was his last meeting he wished him a happy retirement – a sentiment echoed by all present.

5 Financial Report:

The Clerk spoke to the unaudited statements of accounts circulated showing that the sum of £1015.30 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 and VAT recovery amounted to £7,012.52 and payments were £8,568.75.

A refund of 412.52 had been reclaimed in respect of VAT for the year 2016/2017.

6 Reports from Village Organisations:

Chilton WI

Nic Coome presented the report on behalf of Ellie Skehan (President)

The year 2016 was the 22nd in the village and the busiest. Membership rose to 28 and it is very gratifying to welcome newcomers to the village and to see them make new friendships.

The diary provides a varied selection of events including an evening out at Denman College, the W.I.'s own education centre.

Our finances are very healthy now after the success of our own fundraiser, the 'Pudding Club' (brainchild of Liz Outridge) which we hold twice a year. The funds raised there have provided us with outings, better speakers and items such as tablecloths which can also be used by the Village Hall. The Institute is developing all the time and one of our evenings, the International Night, is becoming a real community event.

I would like to thank the village for their ongoing support and look forward to another happy and productive year.

Village Hall Management Committee

Nick Davis who is now Chairman of the Village Hall Committee reported on the new members forming the Committee and reported that the finances were in good order. The Chilton Chicks were currently in abeyance in the absence of a leader. He reported that the boiler was causing problems and needed re-pressurising. The window above the entrance would need to be repainted and this would require scaffolding. Lynne Quinton and Vicky have sorted out problems with the defibrillator which is now installed and working.

The Management Committee desperately need a Secretary!

Local Church Council.

L/C Gordon explained the re-organisation and restructuring of the local churches for which the Parochial Church Council was now responsible following a successful visit from the Bishop. St Mary's now has a Local Church Committee of which he is a member. They have started a charitable giving committee and are donating to the Spinal Injuries Trust and a Children's Hospice in Devizes.

There was some concern over the maintenance of certain graves where inappropriate items were being left and it was now considered necessary to evoke churchyard regulations to overcome this problem. Opinion has been expressed about insensitive wordings on notices in the graveyard although these had been carefully drafted by the Committee.

7 Public Forum:

Liz Outridge, on behalf of the village, expressed her thanks to the Parish Council for their hard work and time commitment.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 19.58