

# CHILTON FOLIAT PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 9 January 2018

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

**1 Apologies:** There were none .

**2 Minutes of the Meeting held on 14 November 2017:** The minutes, having been circulated, were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**3 Code of Conduct:** Council unanimously agreed to adopt the Code of Conduct, based on the NALC template and previously circulated.

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

**5 Outstanding Matters:**

- 1 Clerk vacancy: Nic Coome advised that the Froxfield clerk had declined to be considered . Council agreed that Jim Hynes and Paul Outridge should meet with the previously identified potential candidate as soon as possible. Lynn Quinton suggested advertising for the role and it was agreed that advertisements should be posted in local magazines, blogs etc. such as Whitton Ways, Penny Post and others. Sian Stokoe agreed to contact Penny Post and Paul Outridge to contact Whitton Ways. If funding was required, this would be approved by the Chairman under power delegated in accordance with Financial Standing Orders. **SS, PO**
- 2 Village Hall Wifi: to be discussed at the next available meeting of the Village Hall Management Committee **LQ**
- 3 Nic Coome advised that the complaint against him had been investigated by Wiltshire Council who had determined that no action would be taken.

**6 Planning:** Nic Coome confirmed that a post concerning the revised planning application for the recreation ground development had been posted on the village website.

**7 Parish Steward:** Cllr Campbell advised council of the following:

Railings on the bridge: no change, painting still scheduled for the spring.

Fence post around the tree: proposed work scheduled for the spring, Wiltshire Council to under take the work, subject to Parish Council funding of material.

Pot hole on the B4192: county council waiting a reply from BT.

Weight limit sign: Junction of West Soley – the previous sign, restored by Steve Campbell, has now been replaced by Wiltshire Highways. The weight limited has been increased from 3 tons to 7.5 tonnes for unknown reasons and without consultation.

Sunken manhole at junction with Leverton Lane : NC/SC concluded the repair is a temporary fix and still be to completed by Thames Water. **SC** to make contact with Thames Water to get an update.

Stop sign at the bottom junction of Stag Hill requires reposition and cleaning.

Village gates: SC was quoted £2870.00 to install, **SC** to revisit plan B with flower beds idea. **JH** to discuss with local contractor to see if they can install.

Consideration to be given to dropping the curb at the end of the hatched area in front of the Village Hall.in response to a request from a local resident who requires a wheelchair.

Further improvements to the signage at the Junction of the B4192 and Littlecote Road to be raised with Wiltshire Highways.

Fly tipping: mattress and bagged rubbish by Littlecote House reported by Lynn Quinton online at Wiltshire Council website.

Lynn Quinton 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 was sought for the following payments:
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| Graham Francis Interim Expenses                | £250.00 |
| Steve Campbell Expenses for Crooked Soley Sign | £26.70  |
| Graham Francis Final Expenses                  | £50.00  |

Proposed by Paul Outridge, seconded by Steve Campbell, approved nem con.

Nic Coome informed the Council that 13 people were each in receipt of £30 from the Charity Account in respect of the Coal Fund.

**9 Precept for 2018/19**

The draft proposal for the precept for 2018/19 of £7,000 was formally put to the meeting. Approval was proposed by Nic Coome, seconded by Paul Outridge and approved nem con.

Bank statements and the cash spreadsheet were examined by Paul Outridge who approved the financial reconciliation.

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**10 Correspondence, matters of parochial interest and items for next agenda.:**

Lynn Quinton raised a matter concerning the toys etc. belonging to Chilton Chicks which has ended, at least temporarily. It was agreed that the legal position concerning disposal was unclear and that this was not a matter for the Parish Council. The Parish Council could act as temporary custodian of any funds as a last resort. The matter was due to be discussed at the next meeting of the Village Hall Management Committee. **LQ**

Sian Stokoe agreed to contact Sam Wolcough, chair of the school governors, to discuss joint funding of a speed indicator device for traffic entering the village down Stag Hill. **SS**

**11 Dates of next meetings:**

The next meetings of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday 13 March 2018 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 21.02 hours.

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

Signed.....Chairman

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