

# CHILTON FOLIAT PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 19 MAY 2015 at 7.30 pm

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

**1 Apologies:** Gary Crumpler who also tendered his resignation

**2 Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of 13 May 2014**

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting were corrected by Peter Canfield who said that the figures under item 6 needed amendment. The cost of the church's running expenses should read £84 and the churchyard maintenance cost £1,400. With these amendments the minutes were signed as a true record, approved 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 12th report and that the Wiltshire Core Strategy which sets out Planning requirements for the County had now been adopted. One of the changes to Planning regulations was that Wind Farms now needed local approval for erection.

The Public House (The Wheatsheaf) was up for sale although a moratorium until mid-August was now in force. Planning approval for the Recreation Ground housing has been approved with a considerable number of conditions.

The village came second in the Best Kept Village competition and thanks are due to Sian Stokoe for her efforts. The village has re-entered the competition this year.

The Chairman paid tribute to the late Peter Fisher who died earlier this year and who had given Nic considerable assistance when he joined the Council.

The Chairman extended sincere thanks to all the Councillors for their hard work and commitment and especially thanked Councillor Crumpler for his contribution to the work of the Council during his term in Office. He mentioned with gratitude the work and assistance given to the Council by the many volunteers during the year. Finally he thanked Graham Francis, the Clerk, for his support and commitment to the Parish Council.

**5 Financial Report:**

The Clerk spoke to the unaudited statements of accounts circulated showing that the sum of £1967.30 had been carried forward at March 31<sup>st</sup> considerably more than last year, partly due to an increase in the Precept which placed the Council in a much healthier position than last year. .

Income from the Precept, Bank Interest and VAT recovery amounted to £7,564.53 and payments were £6,552.36.

A refund of £459.39 had been reclaimed in respect of VAT for the year 2013/2014.

**6 Reports from Village Organisations:**

**Church**

Peter Camfield gave a report on work at the church which included development of a disabled access and a grass maintenance scheme. A new Notice Board for community information has been purchased and the organ now needs servicing. To meet these needs a professional fund raiser has been employed.

**Village Hall Management Committee**

Rita Colclough reported that the 100 Club now has 103 contributors. The last two years has shown a depreciation of cash by approximately £500 each year but funds have now stabilized largely due to some successful fund raising events and donations including a Cheese and Wine evening and two Quiz nights. Hall hirings have fluctuated with only the Chilton Chicks taking a regular booking.

The Committee are still looking for people to join and have recently found two members who are interested in helping.

**Chilton WI**

Liz Outridge reported that the WI had seen a revival in the past year and that it now has 17 full members. The twice annual 'Pudding Club' has been the salvation of the WI giving a healthy Bank balance in four figures for the first time ever. The WI now offers two bursaries to any member taking a course at Denman College of £100 each. Chilton Foliat continues to attend the Membury Fort Group meetings with Ramsbury and Aldbourne twice a year and in May welcomed the Minal WI to the group. In June one of our members will attend the NFWI centenary Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace.

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**Public Forum:**

Peter Camfield drew attention to the state of the flooring around the Playground area.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 19.55