

MINUTES OF CHARLTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 16 APR 26

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Held on Thursday 16 April 2026 at 6pm in the Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Tom Blanden (Chairman), Marion Adkins, Philip Baffour, Jonathan Branton, Liz Garforth-Bles, Hannah Piet, David Rawlings, Philip Thompson; M Bromley Gardner (Clerk); Wilts Cllr Elizabeth Threlfall; 6 members of the public.

1. Apologies. Cllr Lord Suffolk.
2. Public Questions/Points. None.
3. Declarations of Interest. None.
4. Urgent Items at Chair's Discretion. None.
5. Last Minutes. The Minutes of the PC meeting of 5 Mar 26, having been circulated in advance, were approved and signed. Nothing outstanding.
6. Premises Licence Application – Naadagama Festival. Sat 11 Jul, 3-11pm, a Sri Lankan music and cultural event, in Charlton Park. After discussion the PC decided to have no comment on the licence application.
7. Shindig – Premises Licence Review Request. Wilts Council had received a request to review the premises licence of Shindig Festival in Charlton Park, on grounds connected with the presence in the line-up of performers of Bob Vylan. After discussion the PC decided to respond by supporting the case to review the licence, under all 4 of the Licencing Objectives, on grounds of the danger of the event getting out of control and the fact that we have no resources with which to protect our residents.
8. Cllrs Observations/Items for the Next Meeting.
 - The Chairman informed the meeting that Crudwell PC had objected to the new licence application by Existance Festival just over the county boundary in Long Newton parish.
 - Philip Baffour reported potholes on Tetbury Lane (he was encouraged to report them himself direct to My Wilts) and complained about the danger to walkers caused by the car parking on the verge at the southern end of Tetbury Lane (the PC will consider this at a future meeting).
9. Dates of Next Meetings. 7 May, 2 Jul, 3 Sep, 5 Nov.

The meeting closed at 6.45pm.

Chairman