

Hemington, Hardington & Foxcote Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Held on Wednesday 13th February 2019 at 19:30 in Faulkland Village Hall

Present: Councillors J Blake, M Corney (Chairman), V Curtis, F Green, F Hayward and A Hucker (Vice Chairman).

In attendance: J Swift (Clerk) and 12 members of the public.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

It was reported that the new waste bin in the lay by, on the right as you leave the village, is full up and has waste all around it. This should be emptied by Mendip DC but appears not to be. Clerk to contact Mendip DC.

In respect of the proposal to put white lines between Faulkland and Norton St Philip it was reported that Kilmersdon Parish Council have paid a sum of money (£2,500) to the County Council to widen the scope of the 30-mph speed limit. The Chairman suggested that the 'white line' matter is revisited following Parish Council approval in 2016/17.

Two planning applications were talked about. Many concerns were raised by members of the public in respect of the application (2018/2308/FUL). No enforcement can take place until the application is progressed.

Hemington Church warden provided an update on the situation in respect of Hemington Church. The church is no longer sustainable, however can it be preserved for the community. The Churches Conservation Trust (CCT) have agreed to take Hemington Church on but not the church yard. However, this will remain an open church yard so burials can take place. Funerals and weddings can take place, although there will be a different procedure. The Reverend added that the CCT only take on 2 churches, nationally each year and credit to go the warden for all his hard work in making this happen.

A resident felt that the look of the village was look run down. The pub site an orange house has contributed to this.

The architect for the Faulkland Inn spoke about the planning application. He explained the reasoning behind the application for the conversion of the redundant barn.

A member of the public asked what was happening with the pub as there were many rumors. Councillor Blake provided an update – there has been a good response since the pub went on the market. An offer has been made which has been accepted. The buyers want to make a long-term commitment to the pub and are keen to get started so may lease it before the sells go through.

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Apologies

There was none.

2765 Interests

Councillor J Blake declared a Disclosable Pecuniary interest in agenda item 5.
 Councillor A Hucker declared an interest in agenda item 5.

2766 Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 9th January 2019 were agreed to be a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

2767 Reports

- (a) District Councillor’s report – there was none.
- (b) Report/update from the Chairman – the Chairman is presently working with the Clerk on producing an asset register. Thanks was given to Councillor V Curits for putting in the bin.
- (c) Clerk’s report – the report was previously circulated to all Councillors. The Clerk reported that the tree works cannot be done now until March. It was requested that the company are pushed for early March and that they commit to this date.

2768 Planning

- (a) The following applications were considered. Councillor Blake left the room when Faulkland Inn was discussed.

2018/3051/FUL	Land South of Oldfield Farm Bungalow, Faulkland To Norton St Philip Rd, Faulkland – Conversion of existing hay barn to a workshop and extension to the north and south elevations, creation of parking spaces, wildlife pond and poly tunnels, retention of existing Keder and composting bays and conversion of an existing poultry house into a water storage enclosure.	RESOLVED to recommend refusal on the following grounds: Scale of works and inappropriate character. Out of keeping/inappropriate to a rural setting Inappropriate type of tree planting and disinformation in the application.
2019/0095/LBC 2019/0094/FUL	Faulkland Inn, Faulkland - Conversion of redundant barn to 2 no. dwellings with associated parking	RESOLVED to recommend approval for both applications.

- (b) **Resolved** – that the planning applications determined by Mendip District Council were received and noted.

2769 Highways and Rights of Way

- (a) There were no further updates.
- (c) Grit bins – an update was provided:

Hemington: Bin in good condition and full. 2 x Extra Bags next to the bin.
 Foxcote: Bin is damaged and needs replacing and is empty.

Hasage (Tuckers Grave): Bin in good condition and half full and has a spade.
Faulkland (Fulwell Lane): Bin in good condition but is empty.
Hardington: No bin visible.

It was agreed to consider replacing the damaged bin. The Clerk to contact Mendip DC to see if one can be provided free of charge. Councillor Blake will provide a quote. Councillor V Curtis to provide 10 bags of grit and will distribute to the bins.

2770 Assets of Community Value

The Chairman is presently re-writing the application to meet all the criteria, it is hoped that it will be completed by the middle of next week. It will be sent to all Councillors for comment.

2771 Internal Audit report

(i) The information in the report from the Internal Auditor and recommendations in the report were noted.

(ii) **Resolved** – that the Reserve and Data Protection Policy were approved and adopted.

2772 Post Office

The Clerk provided an update which was noted. It was suggested that more publicity is needed to get people to use it and to advertise the change in opening hours. An advert to go in the Parish Magazine, website, noticeboards etc to encourage people to use it or the service will be lost.

2773 Draft proposals for closure of the church of St Mary Virgin, Hemington for regular public worship

Following the update from the Church warden and the Reverend the Parish Council passed on their thanks to them both and expressed their support for the CCT to take on Hemington Church.

2774 Finance

- (a) **Resolved** that the information was noted.
- (b) **Resolved** – to pay the payment as detailed in the agenda.

2775 Information Exchange

Has the asbestos dumped in a lay-by gone – yes.
The bin and dog bin by the play area need – this will be checked before reporting.
The road by Perkins farm is covered in mud and dangerous due to the tail back up to the cross roads. It was suggested that the farmer is written to and asked if it is possible to have a track in their side of the field to minimise road usage.
Telephone box – to be publicised more so residents are aware that is up and running.

2776 Future meetings

The next scheduled Parish Council meeting is to be held on **Wednesday 13th March 2019** 7.30 pm at Faulkland Village Hall.

The Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 8.25 pm