

HEMINGTON, HARDINGTON & FOXCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 12th February 2020 at 19:30 in Faulkland Village Hall

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: Councillors V Curtis, M Corney (Chairman), F Green and F Hayward.
ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: J Howell, (Clerk) and Councillor A Barkshire (Mendip DC).

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were 10 members of the public present. Issues raised by residents included:

- Road condition to Keepers Cottage – poor state of repair. A resident said that a gravel edge has been applied but potholes have not been repaired. The Clerk will chase.
- Inadequate public transport. The Chairman advised that the Parish Council intend to raise this as part of a response to the Local Plan Part 2 consultation.
- Closure of the layby. The license to close the layby was originally extended but has now expired and the layby has become a dumping ground for loose tarmac and traffic cones. The Chairman has raised this. Clerk to chase.
- Parish Council Response to Planning Application: Daisy Flower Farm not on the planning portal. The Clerk will query.

2922 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND WELCOME**

Apologies were received from Councillor A Hucker and accepted. The Chairman welcomed new Clerk – Jenny Howell to the meeting.

2923 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

2924 **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Resolved – That the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 11th December 2019 were agreed to be a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

2925 **APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS**

Resolved - That the Parish Council approved the contract for the new Clerk.

Members noted the resignation of Jon Blake. The Chairman gave thanks on behalf of all members for Jon's hard work on Speedwatch and in administering the website. The Clerk will liaise over the administration of the website. A notice of the vacancy has been published and will be posted on the parish noticeboards.

2926 **REPORTS**

(a) District Councillor's report

- Local Plan 2. In summary, the Planning Inspector has outlined that 505 houses must be built in the North East of Mendip. At present majority are edge of MSN however that impacts on BANES. Some will be built in surrounding villages. Residents with strong views are urged to write to the County Councillor.
- 15th February – action day for Climate Change. Open 10-4pm drop in / interactive event.

(b) Chairman's report.

- The Chairman gave thanks to previous Clerk Jo Swift for stepping in to assist the cover and apologised to residents for lack of meeting in January.
- The Parish Council consultation on double yellow lines / mini roundabouts is now live. Views invited.

(c) Clerk's report

- The report was previously circulated with updates on actions. The Clerk has completed the administrative tasks associated with the handover and will become acquainted with local issues.

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PLANNING

Members noted that in the absence of a January Parish Council meeting it was agreed to make the following recommendation to Mendip DC in line with Standing Orders:

2019/3031/FUL	The Old Barn, Green Street, Foxcote Conversion and change of use of agriculture barn to a farm shop and café	RESOLVED to recommend approval.
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(c) Members noted planning decisions and information:

2019/2596/LBC	Lower Row Farm, Cherry Garden Lane, Laverton Proposed installation of through-floor lift.	DECISION Approved with conditions.
2019/2892/HSE	Chickwell New Farm, Chickwell Lane To Row Lane, Hemington New single storey extension and minor alterations to existing window openings.	DECISION Approved with conditions.

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FINANCE

(a) The Council received financial statements for Month 8 (November), 9 (December) and month 10 (January). The Clerk ran through the bank reconciliation for month 10 January.

Resolved - That the financial statement was approved.

(b) Members noted and approved payments made in January (in the absence of a meeting):

c	Paid to	Amount
001148	L Clark – pay and expenses	£220.40
001149	J Swift – pay and refund for HP Ink	£88.18
001150	HMRC – PAYE for months 7,8 and 9	£166.60
001151	Hardington Vale PCC – grant agreed at December PC meeting	£300.00

(c) **Resolved** – To pay payments detailed:

c	Paid to	Amount
001152	J Howell – pay and expenses	£159.38

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KILMERSDON PARISH COUNCIL - Proposal for 40mph from Norton St Philip to the White Post

An update was provided by the Chairman. The Chairman has sent all information together with FOI to support the case.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

At the December meeting it was agreed that the Chairman would do an initial review and report back. The Chairman reported that the following amendments are required – (facilities) no village shop, addition of hairdressers. Also suggested adding that the Village is already overdeveloped given the limited facilities but would benefit from increased public transport links.

2931 **TREE PLANTING INITIATIVE**

Members discussed whether to investigate tree planting initiatives in the parish and considered options and support available. Grants may be available through the Woodland Trust / Tree Council. Discussion included proposals for fruit trees, slow growing native deciduous trees including oak and elms. The southern edge of the Playing Field could provide wind break and screen. Members considered possible sites: Playing Field or small paddock/former allotment site that the Parish Council used to rent (land for both options leased).

Resolved – That the Parish Council write to the landowner for both sites to establish whether permission could be obtained for tree planting initiative to offset carbon.

2932 **GRANT FUNDING**

This item was deferred to the March meeting. Councillor F Hayward and Clerk to liaise.

2933 **MENDIP LOCAL PLAN PART II: SITES AND POLICIES**

Members discussed the plan circulated and considered a Parish Council response to the Consultation on Proposed Main Modifications.

Resolved – That the Parish Council submit a response to the consultation which will include:

- The impact of 500 additional houses in surrounding parishes will have a significant detrimental impact on traffic flow through the village.
- Insufficient public transport infrastructure to service this parish and any new development on East/West axis.
- Environmental impact given lack of provision for public transport.

2934 **INFORMATION EXCHANGE**

This item is for information only. Any matter that requires a decision must be set as an agenda item for the following meeting.

Item of correspondence received after publication of the agenda:

Email received from Hemington Primary School reference creation of Transport and Parking Policy in response to concern over safety and the danger of parents and visitors parking on the zig zag yellow lines outside of school. At present, the yellow zig zag lines are not enforceable without an accompanying Traffic Regulation Order sign and Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to support this. Hemington Primary School are seeking support in order to progress this request through Somerset County Council.

In principle members were supportive of this request, but no vote can be taken until the next meeting. A dedicated agenda item will refer. The Clerk will write to the school.

2935 **FUTURE MEETING**

The next Parish Council meeting is to be held on **Wednesday 11th March 2020 at 7.30pm**, Faulkland Village Hall.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting.

Minutes are available on the Parish Council Website.