

# Hemington, Hardington & Foxcote Parish Council

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## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 19:30 in Faulkland Village Hall

**Present:** Councillors J Blake, M Corney (Chairman), F Hayward and V Curtis

**In attendance:** J Swift (Clerk) and 13 members of the public

### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

It was mentioned that at the last meeting the Parish Council decided to spend £10K on play equipment, it was suggested a more appropriate location in the centre of the village might be more appropriate. The Clerk replied to say that it wasn't agreed to spend £10,00 but the Council agreed to put £5,000 in ear marked reserves for play equipment to be considered in the future.

A resident spoke about the new site and expressed some concerns regarding the new timber framed buildings.

The condition of the road by Keeper Cottage, getting worse and needs refilling – Clerk to report.

Double white lines – the matter has been taken up with Mendip DC and it will be investigated. It is hoped that an update will be available before the next meeting.

Waste bin – Councillor Curtis will action.

### 2752 **Apologies**

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor F Green and A Hucker.

### 2753 **Interests**

Councillor J Blake declared a Disclosable Pecuniary interest in agenda item 7.

### 2754 **Minutes**

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 12<sup>th</sup> December 2018 were agreed to be a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

### 2755 **Reports**

- (a) District Councillor's report – there is a lack of new planning applications being lodged, this means a loss of income for District Councils. There is no reason for this.

Mendip DC have purchased some land and are selling it off. Large companies, such as M&S are being contacted to see if they want to relocate.

There has been some mention of the possibility of some of the surrounding Councils, such as B&NES Council merging.

(b) Report/update from the Chairman – there was none.

(c) Clerk's report – the report was previously circulated to all Councillors. The Clerk gave a further update on the Land Registry, this has now all been received and is complete.

2756 **Planning**

**(a) To note there were no planning applications**

**(b) Planning decisions**

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

2757 **Highways and Rights of Way**

(a) It was agreed to pursue the matter of having some horse signs in the Tuckers Grave/Harrow Lane area mentioned at the last meeting.

Fix My Street – the two issues reported have now been completed.

(b) Grit bins – the Parish have 3. Councillor J Blake agreed to visit all 3 sites and report back at the next meeting whether they had any grit in them and how much.

2758 **Assets of Community Value**

Councillor Blake left the room.

The Chairman gave an update on what has happened since June 2017. The AVC was originally submitted on 14.09.17, following approval from the Council at the meeting on 13.09.17. The Mendip DC officer confirmed that the application could be submitted even though the property was in receivership. It has been reported that the AVC was never received, therefore it was re-submitted but was immediately rejected on the grounds of not meeting the criteria.

Before the ACV was submitted, on the phone, the Mendip DC had said that the application was strong.

The Chairman will speak to the Mendip DC officer involved to find out what needs to be added and once this has been done it will be distributed to Councillors before it is re-submitted.

2759 **Grant Request**

**Resolved** – that the grant request from Mendip Community Transport is declined

2760 **Budget 2019/2020**

It was agreed to approve the same level of precept and not make any increase.

**Resolved** – that a precept of **£8490** for 2019/20 is approved.

2761 **Finance**

(a) **Resolved** that Months 8 and 9 financial statements were approved.

(b) **Resolved** – to approve the Clerk to be added as a signatory on the bank account.

(c) **Resolved-** to pay all the payments as detailed in the agenda plus the following 2 invoices:

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| 1108 | £86.66 | Lightatouch – for Audit Services                            |
| 1109 | £515   | Wansborough Solicitors – for dealing with the Land Registry |

2762 **Information Exchange**

The gully in front of Rock Cottage blocked and overflows needs to be reported.

2763 **Future meetings**

The next scheduled Parish Council meeting is to be held on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2019** 7.30 pm at Faulkland Village Hall.

The Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 8.05 pm