

Hemington, Hardington & Foxcote Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Held on Wednesday 10th July 2019 at 19:30 in Faulkland Village Hall

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

In attendance: J Swift (Clerk), 4 members of the public.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The issues on Hollowpit lane were mentioned and the comment was made that if there is no way of preventing 4x4's etc then there is no point in resurfacing the track. The Clerk reported the latest update from Mendip DC - following a visit, it was felt that the damage caused by possible illegal vehicle use is not extensive and the problems are caused more by fly tippers which should be reported to the police if offenders are observed. To stop the fly tipping and any other illegal usage Mendip DC are willing to install Kent barriers at both ends of the lane. This is subject to agreement by landowners with rights of access along the track.

A letter from a resident has been received and was read out. Concerns were expressed at the continued unsightly building site to the right of the pub. The response to this was that planning is still on going with Mendip District Council and until this has been finalised the barriers cannot be removed due to the open trenches hence why the barriers are in place, to protect members of the public.

2844 **Apologies**

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor M Corney.

2845 **Interests**

There were none.

2846 **Minutes**

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 12th June 2019, with the amendment, were agreed to be a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

2847 **Reports**

(a) **District Councillor's report** – The Clerk received an email from Councillor Barkshire saying that she had requested for the Daisy Farm planning application be considered by the Planning Board, however the Planning Board Chair and Vice Chair reviewed it and felt this was unnecessary and that the decision is final. The Officer's report is available to read in full on the planning website. With regard to the work undertaken prior to approval the comment was as follows:

"The growing of flowers on the site is a horticultural use not requiring planning permission itself and the creation of a small wildlife pond on the lower level of the land raises no significant concerns and as a fall-back for the applicant could be considered as permitted development."

- (b) Report/update from the Chairman – there was none.
- (c) Clerks report – the report was previously circulated; updates were given on the outstanding tasks. In respect of the dog fouling problems, it was mentioned that the dog bin in the play area is inaccessible due to overgrown vegetation. This will be reported to Mendip DC.

2848 **Planning**

- (a) There were no planning applications.
- (b) **Resolved** – that the decisions were noted.

2849 **Finance**

- (a) **Resolved** that Month 3 (June) financial statement was approved.
- (b) **Resolved** – to pay all the payments as detailed in the agenda, including the following:

Chq no.	Paid to:	Amount
1127	Glasdon – replacement bin	£201.75
1128	Idverde Ltd – grass cutting May and June	£588.48
1129	SALC – Planning training for Cllr Blake	£30.00
1130	Autospeed Watch Ltd – 2 x signs	£48.00

2850 **AutoSpeedWatch programme**

The scheme has been operating for 4 weeks and produced the following data:
284 Speeders in total @ 38mph or above
29 of those between 50 and 59mph
7 between 60 and 69mph
And 1 at 70mph

The data to be provided in the letter to Highways.

Resolved – that approval is given to purchase 2 signs at a cost of £24 each.

2851 **Diversion of footpath FR6/19**

Resolved – that the following response to the diversion is given:

That the diversion is to run from E, F, G, H, I, B to join FR3/35 and that the same route is used for the bridal path and the footpath.

The entrance at J is difficult to access as sharp steep bend, difficult route to maintain.

2852 **Duck signage**

Resolved – that the Clerk will bring some options and prices to the next meeting.

2853 **Information Exchange**

Councillor J Blake gave an update on the 2 courses he had recently attended - Councillor Training and Planning. The courses were very useful and explained what a Parish Council can and cannot do. The planning presentation has been circulated and the Councillor training will be circulated also.

A letter in the Journal about Terry Hills crossroads was mentioned. The Clerk will respond with the correct information.

2854 **Future meetings**

The next scheduled Parish Council meeting is to be held on Wednesday 14th August at 7.30pm

The Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 8.14pm