

Hemington, Hardington & Foxcote Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Held on Wednesday 12th June 2019 at 19:30 in Faulkland Village Hall

Present: Councillors M Corney, V Curtis, F Green, F Hayward, A Hucker (Vice Chairman).
In attendance: J Swift (Clerk), 7 members of the public and District Councillor A Barkshire.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Disappointment was expressed about the Flower Farm application, the ex-District Councillor expressed concerns which he will pursue. There has been an illegal series of actions and no consideration for neighbours.

The Chairman welcomed the new District Councillor, Alison Barkshire, who spoke about the application and reported that the applicant has now reduced the car parking, consent has been given by Highways. No courses will be run now.

A resident reported that there are still deliveries. Another resident spoke against the application also and said that there had been no public consultation.

It was requested, to the District Councillor, that the application goes to the full planning committee for consideration.

Accidents in the area were mentioned. An officer from Somerset County Council is going to Kilmersdon Parish Council to discuss the matter of accidents in the area and it was suggested that a Councillor from the Parish Council attends also. The Chairman will attend and if not, the Vice Chairman will attend.

It was reported that horses are no longer able to go through the new cul de sacs of the West Farm development. Whilst the Parish Council agreed that it was disappointing that this was no longer allowed, as the land is not adopted, the Parish Council are very restricted in what they can do.

2826 **Apologies**

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor J Blake and F Hayward.

2827 **Interests**

There were none.

2828 **Minutes**

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 13th May 2019 were agreed to be a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

2829 **Reports**

(a) District Councillor's report – there have been a lot of changes in the Council therefore still undergoing training and haven't got down to business yet. There are

financial pressures as the Council is required to save £1million pounds every year for the next 5 years so £5million in total.

(b) Report/update from the Chairman – The Assets of Community Value application will be issued to Councillors soon as now in receipt of land registry information. The Chairman was pleased to report that as of last Wednesday the village pub is now open. The results of the FOI have been received. The results were:

FOI request - The Parish Council request a full list of accidents, over the last 5 years, along the A366 from Norton St Philip to Terry Hill crossroads. Response - We have identified 11 injury related road traffic collisions between 1st January 2014 and 31st December 2018.

A further FOI will be requested for any other accidents that did not involve a personal injury.

(c) Clerks report – updates were given on the outstanding tasks.

2830 **Councillor Vacancy**

Resolved – that Fiona Hayward is co-opted onto the Council.

2831 **(a) Planning**

2019/1163/VRC	Wheelbrook Cottage Cherry Garden Lane Laverton Application to remove condition 3 (occupational restriction) of planning approval 022160/003 (Demolition of existing garage and erection of holiday cottage) to remove The occupational restriction.	RESOLVED to recommend approval
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(b) Resolved – that the decisions were noted.

2832 **Replacement bin**

Resolved – to purchase a green bin at a cost of £174.37.

2833 **Grant update**

The information was noted.

2834 **Audit**

Resolved – that the information was received and noted.

2835 **Exemption Certificate**

Resolved – that the Exemption Certificate for an authority with a turnover of under £25K was approved by the Council and signed by the Clerk and Chairman.

2836 **Annual Governance Statement – Annual Return 2018/19**

Resolved – that the Annual Governance Statement was approved and signed by the Clerk and Chairman.

- 2837 **Accounting Statements – Annual Return 2018/19**
Resolved – that the Accounting Statements were approved and signed by the Clerk and Chairman.
- 2838 **Finance**
(a) **Resolved** that Months 1 (April) and 2 (May) financial statements were approved.
(b) **Resolved** – to pay all the payments as detailed in the agenda, including £28.20 to Councillor J Blake for post and clips etc for the speed devices.
(c) **Resolved** that a printer for the Clerk was approved.
(d) **Resolved** – that the additional bank signatories to be added are Councillor M Corney and F Hayward.
- 2839 **Application for Street naming and numbering**
Resolved – that the name Lavender Close is approved.
- 2840 **Handyman**
Resolved – not to employ a handyman in this financial year however to investigate a campaign to ‘clean up your own area’. It was also suggested that there could be Parish magazine, more than one litter pick.
- 2841 **Playground Risk Management Policy and Weekly Play Inspections of the play area**
(a) **Resolved** – that the Playground Risk Management Policy was approved and adopted.
(b) **Resolved** – it was noted that a weekly visual inspection needs to be done of the play area and a record taken.
(c) **Resolved** – that Councillor A Hucker will carry out the weekly inspections and Councillor J Blake will be the backup inspector.
- 2842 **Noticeboard**
Resolved – that Councillor M Corney will put the notices on the noticeboard within the legal timeframe as advised by the Clerk. The Clerk will cut some more keys cut so that if Councillor M Corney is unavailable other Councillors can step in.
- 2842 **Information Exchange**
Dog fouling is becoming an issue. Signs will be put up warning of the dangers of dogs fouling in fields. The Clerk will try and obtain stickers for bins informing dog owners that they can use regular bins for dog waste.
A resident has emailed to express concerns for the Parish Council to address - the overgrown hedge which is seriously affecting visibility when negotiating from the Foxcote Lane on turning right towards Terry Hill. The Parish Council agreed it was hazardous and would try and resolve the matter.
Some of the Parish Council emails were getting a lot of spam.
- 2843 **Future meetings**
The next scheduled Parish Council meeting is to be held on Wednesday 10th July at 7.30pm

The Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 8.30