

HEMINGTON, HARDINGTON & FOXCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 11th March 2020 at 19:30 in Faulkland Village Hall

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: Councillors, M Corney (Chairman), F Green, F Hayward and A Hucker.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: J Howell, (Clerk).

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

- Traffic Management consultation – whether it had reached all residents.
- Size of the sign at the new development.
- Speeding in the village – ongoing problem.
- Mendip District Local Plan.
- Potholes outside Keepers Cottage (reported to Somerset County Council).
- Parish news/minutes and details of items raised during public participation.

The Clerk advised that minutes were a legal record of resolutions made during the Parish Council meeting (technically public participation falls outside of the official meeting). The Clerk will always provide a flavor of items raised for information, but items may not be always listed individually. Items that requires a council decision/resolution can be raised as dedicated agenda item at a future meeting.

- A resident enquired whether there had been any progress with the Police acting on the speeding data collected in the village. *A request has been made to Avon and Somerset Police.*

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2936 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND WELCOME**

Apologies were received from Councillor V Curtis and accepted. District Cllr Councillor A Barkshire (Mendip DC) also gave apologies.

2937 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

2938 **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Resolved – That the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 12th February 2020 were agreed to be a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

2939 **COUNCIL VACANCY**

Members noted the Parish Council vacancy which may now be filled by co-option. One expression of interest has been received and will be considered at the April meeting.

2940 **REPORTS**

(a) District Councillor's report

- Apologies sent – no updates.

(b) Chairman's report.

- Cllrs were invited to attend a meeting in Kilmersdon. The Chairman and Cllr Green attended. Schools was raised. Bulk of main properties close to BANES boundary.
- Other items will be covered under dedicated agenda items.

(c) Clerk's report

- The report was previously circulated with updates on actions.
- The Clerk also raised: speed of laptop (impacting ability to work efficiently). SALC advice / NALC advice on coronavirus and potential impact to Parish Council meetings, report of damaged sign from resident and responsibility for repair (since reported to Somerset County Council). Handover of website administration from outgoing Cllr. Grass cutting renewal for 2020/21. There were no questions arising from the report.

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PLANNING

Members noted the response supplied to Mendip DC in line with Standing Orders:

2020/0296/HSE	The Old Chapel, Steps Lane to Old School, Laverton Erection of two-story rear extension with glazed link to converted. Application type: Householder Application.	RESPONSE Made on 9 th March 2020: NO OBJECTION
2020/0297/LBC	The Old Chapel, Steps Lane to Old School, Laverton Erection of two-story rear extension with glazed link to converted. Application type: Listed Building Consent	

(d) Members noted the following planning decisions and information:

2020/0020/PAH	Finlandia, Faulkland To Norton St Philip Rd The erection of a single storey rear extension, which would extend beyond the rear wall of the original house by 3.8 metres, with a maximum height of 3.8 metres and an eaves height of 2.8 metres.	DECISION Prior approval is NOT required.
2019/2754/FUL	Manor Farm, Pillar Lane, Hardington Construct an earth banked slurry lagoon.	DECISION Approval with conditions.

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FINANCE

(a) The council received the financial statement for Month 11 (February).

(b) **Resolved** That the Parish Council approved payments for March 2020:

Cheque	Paid to	Amount
001153	J Howell - pay and expenses	£225.19
001154	Ideverde - Historic invoice GM772347 dated 31/10/19.	£294.24
001155	Village Hall (£110.00)	£791.39
	Village Hall (£681.39)	
001156	Faulkland Playing Field - 25/03/2020 to 24/03/2021	£125.00
Approved: Total for March 2020		£1,435.82

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HEMINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL - TRO FOR SCHOOL KEEP CLEAR MARKING

Resolved: That the Parish Council support a request from Hemington Primary School to apply to Somerset County Council for a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to make it an enforceable offence to park

on the zig zag yellow lines outside the school. This follows concerns over safety and creation of a school Transport and Parking Policy.

A Cllr queried a detail from the Hemington School Traffic and Parking Policy relating to the trial of a one way system in and out of the village – (parents are being encouraged to come into the village from the Faulkland, turn and drive out of the village towards the Frome road). The Clerk will query as concerns were raised as to whether children would be getting out of the car into the road.

Cllr Hayward arrived at 7.58pm

2944 **SPRING LITTER PICK**

Cllr Hucker introduced plans for the Spring Litter Pick. It was agreed that the litter pick would go ahead on Sunday 5th April 2020 – volunteers are to meet at the Village Hall at 11am. Cllrs will arrange litter picking tools and bags. Clerk to circulate details through the parish news.

The Spring Litter Pick has been cancelled due to the Coronavirus.

2945 **KILMERSDON PARISH COUNCIL - Proposal for 40mph from Norton St Philip to the White Post**

The Chairman summarised the response from Mendip DC following the request to reconsider lowering the speed limit and double white lines. Main points included:

- Somerset County Council do work closely with the Police and our recorded collision data is provided to our Safety Team by them.
- Traffic Engineer is already looking at the possibility of installing double white lines and currently awaiting some additional information from our Safety Team to ascertain whether this would be the most appropriate treatment for the problems the Community are experiencing along this stretch of the A366.
- Regarding the request for a 40-mph limit between Norton St Philip and Faulkland, Traffic Engineer has agreed to look at this further and see what can be done.
- Traffic Engineer currently working with Norton St Philip regarding the reduction of their 20 mph and 30 mph extents.

The Chairman will continue to coordinate with Norton St Phillip.

2946 **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

The Chairman outlined his intention to circulate an updated Neighbourhood Plan in April in draft form.

2947 **TREE PLANTING INITIATIVE**

A letter had been sent to the agent of the landowner reference the interest to undertake a tree planting initiative. A meeting was due to take place earlier in the week. Awaiting a response.

Cllr Hayward added that The Woodland Trust have confirmed that tree planting period finishes in March and therefore the Parish Council will be in a good position to plan / apply for support for any planting to take place in the Autumn.

2948 **PARISH COUNCIL POLICY**

The Clerk recommended that the council introduce a simple grant policy and application form (in line with best practice). Members were supportive and the Clerk will bring a simple policy/form to the April meeting for members to consider.

2949 **ONE SOMERSET COUNCIL – UNITARY DISCUSSION**

Members noted the press release: One Somerset – Council Leader kick starts drive for ‘One Somerset – a Unitary Council for Somerset.

The Chairman will attend a Q&A session with the leader of Somerset County Council, David Fothergill from 6.30 to 8pm on Thursday 19th March at Frome Town Council Chamber, Town Hall, Christchurch Street West, Frome.

2950 **MENDIP DISTRICT COUNCIL CORPORATE PLAN**

Members noted that Mendip District Council adopted the new Corporate Plan 2020-2023 at Full Council on 24 February 2020.

2951 **INFORMATION EXCHANGE / ITEMS TO RAISE FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING**

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

- *The Chairman shared details of a major consultation on the future of the health service including potential closure of current A&E sites. The Chairman added that this could have quite an impact on people in this area. The consultation is live and can be found online: <https://www.fitformyfuture.org.uk/> Residents are encouraged to respond.*
- *A Cllr provided an update on the Climate Emergency Wells and Frome meeting. Modelling suggested impact on the area could be significant.*

2952 **FUTURE MEETING**

The date of the next Parish Council meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 8th April 2020 at 7.30pm, Faulkland Village Hall. ***The April 2020 Parish Council Meeting has been cancelled due to the Coronavirus.***

Further updates will be published on the Parish Website.

There being no further business, at 8.20pm the Chairman closed the meeting.

IMPORTANT PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

The Parish Council is monitoring advice given by central and local government during the emergency. Information and links will be published on the Parish Website. Please visit:

<http://www.hemington-pc.org.uk/>

These minutes were approved by the Parish Council on 8th July 2020. Minutes are available on the Parish Council Website.