

Hemington, Hardington & Foxcote Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Held on Wednesday 13th November 2019 at 19:30 in Faulkland Village Hall

Present: Councillors V Curtis, F Green and M Corney (Chairman).

In attendance: J Swift (Clerk) and Councillor A Barkshire (Mendip DC).

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were 6 members of the public present.

A question was asked about the plan Mendip DC has to create a map of routes, does the Parish Council know anything about this? The District Councillor responded and explained the proposal, which is to look at the existing footpaths, bridal paths etc. to look at links to reduce car traffic. There is no money to create new routes, but the plan is to highlight existing routes.

Christmas tree – the Clerk will check with the Ammerdown Estate. It was reported that ‘Carols on the Green’ will be held on 13th December.

A planning application was mentioned and that the building appears to be in breach, it was suggested that the Enforcement Officer is contacted if this is the case.

2891 **Apologies**

Apologies were accepted from Councillors J Blake, F Hayward and A Hucker.

2892 **Interests**

There was none.

2893 **Minutes**

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 9th October 2019 were agreed to be a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

2894 **Reports**

(a) District Councillor’s report – all District Councils in Somerset have declared a climate emergency and are going to prepare a strategy. There will be some consultation with the public, however as now in Purdah consultations cannot be held so it is thought that this will now happen in January or February. Parish Councils can help by planting more trees and putting in charging points for electric cars.

(b) Report/update from the Chairman – a date has been organised with the Chairman and Mendip DC officer (Ian Munday) to discuss the ACV.

(c) Clerks report - the report was previously circulated; the Clerk had no more to add.

2895 **Planning**

(a) Planning applications:

2019/2528/CLE Lane at 376490 Portway, Lavington	Lawful Development Certificate for existing dwelling house (use class C3)	RESOLVED to REFUSE
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(b) **Resolved** – that the decisions were noted.

2896 **Finance**

(a) **Resolved** that Month 7 (October) financial statement was approved.

(b) **Resolved** – to pay all the payments as detailed in the agenda plus an additional one for the annual Office 365 at a cost of £59.99 Chq 001144

2897 **Kilmersdon Parish Council - Proposal for 40mph from Norton St Philip to the White Post**

An update was given on the recent meeting - the County Council officers support a 40mph limit from Norton St Philip to Faulkland and double white lines. The Chairman is presently drafting a letter to support a support a joint submission. It was agreed for the this to be sent. This work will be done in the next financial year 2020/2021.

2898 **Neighbourhood Plan**

It was mentioned that a Parish Plan has been produced which could be updated. It was reported that the Local Plan part 2 has been looked into – too many green spaces have been identified so they all need to be taken out to be reconsidered or the plan needs to be revised. This means green spaces are all at risk especially as the number of houses needed is to be increased in the Mendip area.

The Parish Plan will be revisited. There is funding available to employ an external body to assist.

2899 **Grant**

Put on the agenda for the next meeting to discuss further.

2900 **Double Yellow Lines**

Following a majority agreement for this from residents, the request has to come from a County councillor officer who recommends this to Somerset CC Highways. It will be put on the December agenda when all Councillors are hopefully present. Following a discussion, a consultation can be put in the Parish Magazine.

2901 **Overgrown hedge**

Foxcote, it was reported that the hedge can be taken out, the owner will give permission. The Clerk to write to Lord Hilton on grounds of road safety.

2902 **Speed Indicator Device (SID)**

It was agreed to put this back on the agenda for the December meeting.

2903 **Grit Bins**

The information was noted.

2904 **Clerks resignations**

There has been a good response and the Clerk and Chairman will be holding interviews on Friday 29th November.

2905 **Information Exchange**

There was none.

2906 **Future meetings**

The next scheduled Parish Council meeting is to be held at Faulkland Village Hall on Wednesday 11th December at 7.30pm.

The meeting at 8.10pm

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