

HEMINGTON, HARDINGTON & FOXCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

MENDIP DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET

MINUTES OF THE MEETING held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 09 June at Faulkland Village Hall

Present: Councillors M. Brombley, E. Drewe (chairman), J. Knight, D. Perkins

In attendance: R. Campbell (clerk), one member of the public

Apologies for absence: Councillor G. Ellison; County and District Councillor M. Ellis

Absent: Councillor R. Skinner

1417 **Declarations of Interest**

None

1418 **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of 12 May were **agreed** to be a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

1419 **Planning**

(i) **Application**

2010/0273 The Old Piggeries, Laverton. Erection of agricultural worker's dwelling – outline planning permission. **Parish Council recommendation: refusal** (by three votes to one). The application does not meet PPG7 in terms of functional need or financial requirement.

(ii) **Updates**

Mendip DC had notified the following decision:

2010/0555 Hardington Farm – erection of signs. Approved for 5 years

(iii) **Buildings at Risk Register**

No additional Listed Buildings were identified for inclusion on the Register.

1420 **Playing Field**

(i) **Hedge** A risk assessment had been conducted and recorded by Cllr Drewe on terms agreed with Natural England. One nest from which the birds had flown had been found. Natural England had agreed that the hedge fronting the road could now be reduced to a height of four feet. A possible contractor was identified, who is also to be asked to cut the hedge in front of the flashing speed sign at the top of the village, on safety grounds, to ensure that the sign is able to work properly.

(ii) **Play equipment.** Timberline are due to repair the further damage on 14 or 15 July. A tractor-mounted drill to install safety edging posts can be sourced once the play equipment repairs have been made.

1421 **Finance**

Bills for payment The following were **agreed** (proposed Cllr Brombley) and cheques signed: R. Campbell, reimburse payment of parish council insurance renewal premium £599.99; Clerk's salary for June.

1422 **Footpaths**

Councillors noted Somerset CC's decision to erect gates on footpaths FR6/13 and FR6/14.

1423 **Parish Plan**

The Parish Plan Group were due to meet the following day to consider the edited

Village Design Statement.

1424 **New Model Standing Orders**

Consideration was postponed until July.

1425 **Correspondence**

The following correspondence, received since the previous meeting, was reviewed by councillors: Avon & Somerset Police – Strategic Policing Plan 2010-13; Mendip DC – Parishes Information Bulletin June; Somerset CC – note of dates of verge cutting 2010

1426 **Miscellaneous reports and information**

(i) The wording of a commemorative plaque to go on the restored bench on Faulkland Green was discussed.

(ii) A car which had broken down at Faulkland Green would be removed by police on the expiry of a 7-day notice, if not previously removed by the owner.

(iii) Mendip would be told about rubbish in two local lay-bys.

(iv) The parishioner who had offered to sort out planting at Faulkland Pond would do so after the village plant sale.

(v) Cllr Ellison will be asked to walk the Buckland Dinham to Hardington track.

(vi) Cllr Brombley will place a bale of barley straw in Faulkland Pond to deter algae, fixing the bale to the pond side.

(vi) Renewed concern was expressed about the collapsed culvert at Brown's Lane. Somerset Highways will be asked to mend it as a matter of urgency.

1427 **Dates of future parish council meetings**

The following were agreed:

Wednesday 9 June 2010, 7.30pm Faulkland Village Hall.

Wednesday 14 July 2010, 7.30pm Faulkland Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm