

HEMINGTON, HARDINGTON & FOXCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

MENDIP DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET

MINUTES OF THE MEETING held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 14 July at Faulkland Village Hall

Present: Councillors M. Brombley, E. Drewe (chairman), G. Ellison, D. Perkins

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

Apologies for absence: County and District Councillor M. Ellis

Absent: Councillors J. Knight, R. Skinner

1428 **Declarations of Interest**

None

1429 **Minutes**

Reference to the meeting of 9 June under 'Dates of future parish council meetings' was deleted. The minutes of the meeting of 9 June were then **agreed** to be a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

1430 **Rebecca Well**

Cllr Ellison said that the original volunteers were still willing to work on restoring the site at weekends, time permitting. Savills to be asked whether Lord Hylton will supply the necessary materials.

1431 **Finance**

The following were agreed for payment (proposed Cllr Perkins, 2nd Cllr Ellison) and cheques signed: Clerk's salary for July; Clerk's allowance for space, heat, light and computer depreciation 2009/10 – £245.

1432 **Website**

Cllr Brombley reported difficulty in maintaining the website due to computer problems. The Clerk to establish if he is able to take over the job.

1433 **New Model Standing Orders**

After detailed consideration including choosing options, the parish council **adopted** the new standing orders **unanimously**.

1434 **Parish Plan**

Cllr Drewe said that The Parish Plan Group are finalising the wording and illustration of the Village Design Statement. It was hoped the statement can be brought to the parish council in August for it to consider the standard recommendations.

1435 **Planning**

Somerset CC had notified the following:

Buckland Down Sawmills, application for gasifier plant – withdrawn.

Somerset to be asked if they had been minded to refuse the application. Noted that local parish councils had recommended approval

1436 Playing Field

(i) **Hedge** A contractor willing to cut the hedge had been found and the work would be done shortly subject to satisfactory quotation.

(ii) **Play equipment.** Timberline had postponed the date of their repair and a new date was being sought urgently.

1437 Correspondence

The following correspondence, received since the previous meeting, was reviewed by councillors: *Clerks and Councils Direct* July 2010, *Your Mendip* Summer 2010; *The Clerk* July 2010; *Parishes Information Bulletin* July 2010; J. Parker wholesale bulbs catalogue; Somerset CC Learning Directory September – December 2010; Mendip DC – information on blue green algae in ponds

1438 Miscellaneous reports and information

(i) Cllr Drewe is finding out how much it will cost for the parish council to claim and register Faulkland Pond. Following the placing of barley straw in the pond, the algae have largely gone.

(ii) Somerset CC Rights of Way are being asked for action on opening the Buckland Dinham to Hardington restricted by-way, on unblocking the path from Chickwell Farm to Charlton Farm and on repairing Hollowpit Lane

(iii) Cllr Ellison expressed concern that there was no speed limit at Hemington.

(iv) With no heavy lorries to slow it down, traffic through Faulkland is becoming faster.

1439 Dates of future parish council meetings

The following were **agreed**:

Wednesday 11 August 2010, 7.30pm Faulkland Village Hall.

Wednesday 8 September 2010, 7.30pm Faulkland Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.52pm