

# HEMINGTON, HARDINGTON & FOXCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

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## MENDIP DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 11 August at Faulkland Village Hall

**Present:** Councillors M. Brombley, E. Drewe (chairman), J. Knight, D. Perkins, R. Skinner (from Minute 1448)

**In attendance:** R. Campbell (clerk), two members of the public

1440 **Apologies**

Apologies for absence due to work were accepted from Cllr Ellison. County and District Cllr M. Ellis, who was on holiday, sent his apologies.

1441 **Declarations of interest**

None

1442 **Minutes**

These were **agreed** to be a true record and were signed by the Chairman

**Finance**

1443 (i) The external auditor had completed the audit certificate for 2009/10 and indicated that there were no matters of concern.

(ii) The following were agreed for payment (proposed Cllr Perkins, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Knight) and cheques signed: Moore Stephens – audit fee 2009/10 £158.62 inc VAT; Clerk's salary for August.

1444 **Planning**

(i) Application

2010/1664 Applethatch, Foxcote, Radstock BA3 5YD. Alterations to garage, erect single storey extension. **Parish Council recommendation: approval**

(ii) Updates 2010/0273 the Old Piggeries, Cherry Gardens Lane, Laverton. Erection of agricultural worker's dwelling. Mendip DC decision: approved.

Mendip to be asked for a full report on why the application was approved, against the parish council's recommendation, when it was considered contrary to criteria set out in PPG 7 (Annex 2).

1445 **Highways**

(i) In response to their invitation to comment on their winter service, Somerset Highways to be asked to ensure that salt bins are kept topped up.

(ii) The area traffic engineer to be asked for a progress report on items promised at a site meeting in February:

- a 'Caution Children Playing' sign either side of Faulkland Playing Field
- bollards at the junction of the A362 and the road to Hemington
- new signs to Hemington School at 3 junctions, after consulting the Headteacher
- repair of flood-prone area at junction of A366 and road that leads to Tying Hill

The district superintendent to be asked again to deal with the broken culvert at Browns Lane.

(iii) The farmer of the adjoining land will cut the hedge at the site of the top speed sign on the A366.

- 1446 **Rights of Way**  
Requested updates (*Minute 1438*) had not been received and were to be chased.
- 1447 **Playing Field**  
(i) Play equipment: Timberline had repaired the damage caused by vandalism; a 'fireman's pole' had still to be supplied.  
(ii) After discussing the delay in cutting the hedge, which had been criticised, it was **agreed** to ask Mr Brian Weaver to do so.
- 1448 **Faulkland Village Green and Pond**  
(i) **Agreed** not to pursue the matter of registering the pond  
(ii) Cllr Brombley will purchase suitable plants for the council to plant round the pond.  
(iii) Ammerdown to be asked again kindly to supply a replacement flagpole for the Green.  
(iv) Councillors were content that children play on the Green  
(v) **Accepted** the kind offer by a villager to plant an oak sapling on Faulkland Green in memory of the late Ted Green. It will be protected by a grille which Mr Green had himself supplied.  
(vi) Cllr Drewe will cut back brambles at the pond  
(vii) Mr C. Broderick to be asked to repair the stocks  
(viii) Mr A. Hall to be asked to repair the parish notice board.  
Cllr Skinner joined the meeting, apologising for her late arrival due to work.
- 1449 **Correspondence and reports**  
(i) Councillors reviewed the following correspondence received since the last parish council meeting: *Clerks and Councils Direct* August 2010; Glasdon catalogue of products for local councils; Somerset CC – community safety consultation  
(ii) Miscellaneous reports:  
- The Village Design Statement was still in preparation  
- Sally Vince will be asked to quote for upgrading and maintaining the parish council website  
- Lord Hylton will be asked if a site for allotments is still available and an advertisement will be put in *Parish News*.
- 1450 **Dates of future parish council meetings**  
The following were **agreed**:  
Wednesday 8 September 2010, 7.30pm Faulkland Village Hall.  
Wednesday 13 October 2010, 7.30pm Faulkland Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.42pm