

HEMINGTON, HARDINGTON & FOXCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

MENDIP DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 8 September
at Faulkland Village Hall

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

Absent: Cllrs D. Perkins, R. Skinner

In attendance: County and District Cllr M. Ellis, R. Campbell (clerk), three members of the public

1451 **Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr J. Knight (on holiday).

1452 **Declarations of interest**

None

1453 **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of 11 August were **agreed** to be a true record and were signed by the Chairman

1454 **Finance**

The Clerk's salary for September was **agreed** for payment (proposed Cllr Brombley, 2nd Cllr Drewe) and cheque signed at the end of the meeting.

1455 **Planning**

(i) Application

2010/1774 5 Jubilee Terrace, Hemington BA3 5XU. Erection of two storey side extension. **Parish Council recommendation: refusal.** Councillors considered that the design and materials, fenestration and overall appearance would create an unacceptable extension to a unique group of cottages.

(ii) Updates. 2010/1664 Applethatch, Foxcote BA3 5YD. Alterations to garage, erect single storey extension. Mendip DC decision: approved.

Gallanthill Barn, Foxcote BA3 5XU. Conversion to holiday home. Planning Inspector's decision: appeal allowed

Gasifier plant, Buckland Down. Somerset CC had explained why the application had been withdrawn. A revised application was expected.

(iii) It was **agreed** to hold an additional meeting of the Parish Council, on 20 September, to consider a planning application for 5 Fulwell Close, Faulkland received after the agenda had been published, as Mendip DC could not wait until October for the parish council's recommendation.

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Website

1457 A quotation to upgrade the site had been received from Sally Vince. **Agreed to hold** consideration over until October.

Allotments

1458 An update on availability was awaited.

Highways and Rights of Way

(i) A progress report on promised Somerset Highways items was still awaited.

(ii) Noted that the road had been marked with zigzag lines outside Hemington School.

(iii) A progress report was awaited from Somerset Rights of Way (*see Minute 1438*).

1459 **Playing Field**

- (i) Play area safety surface. A hole borer for the edging posts had been found.
- (ii) Hedge cutting. This was now under way.

1460 **Faulkland Village Green and Pond**

- (i) Cllr Drewe had cut back brambles at the pond. More barley straw to be put into the pond to counter renewed algae.
- (ii) Thanks to be conveyed to Mr Broderick for offering to repair the stocks. **Agreed** he will be employed to repair the parish notice board, plant the commemorative oak sapling grown by a villager, move a guard rail to put round it and help strip the new flagpole when it arrives.
- (iii) Cllr Drewe said that insurance arrangements for the recent Faulkland Fun Day had made him question why the parish council paid the village hall insurance and whether best value was being obtained. To be a future agenda item.

1461 **Correspondence and reports**

- (i) Councillors reviewed the following correspondence received since the last parish council meeting: *Clerks and Councils Direct* September 2010; Cycling Tour of Britain, South West Stages – poster; SALC – updates and AGM details (25 September); Mendip DC – Development Control questionnaire, Parishes Information Bulletin, Statement of Licensing Policy; Somerset CC – Library Consultation, Chairman’s Awards reminder; Community Council for Somerset – Parish Plan survey; Request for updated progress on Parish Plan; Natural England – guidance on assessing land as Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty or National Park; SW Ambulance Service NHS Trust – newsletter summer 2010; Somerset Community Policing awards – nomination forms *Clerks and Councils Direct* August 2010; Somerset CC – community safety consultation
- (ii) Miscellaneous reports:
County Cllr Ellis reported that substantial cuts in Somerset CC’s budget were inevitable but that these might be less evident in rural than urban areas.
A parishioner asked for forceful representations to be made about the lack of progress in opening the Buckland Dinham to Hemington restricted byway.
A parishioner was thanked for offering a donation towards bulb planting at Faulkland Pond.

1462 **Dates of future parish council meetings**

- The following were **agreed**:
- Monday 20 September (planning), 7.30pm, Faulkland Village Hall
 - Wednesday 13 October 2010, 7.30pm Faulkland Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm