

HEMINGTON, HARDINGTON & FOXCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

MENDIP DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 14 March 2012
at Faulkland Village Hall

Present: Councillors J. Knight (meeting chairman), F. Green, P. Roberts

In attendance: R Campbell (Clerk), six members of the public

Absent: Cllr D. Perkins

Cllr J. Knight was elected chairman of the meeting.

1686 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received and **accepted** from Cllr Brombley (family illness) and Cllr Drewe (attending Mendip's Planning Board in his capacity as a District Council).

1687 Declarations of Interest

None

1688 County and Councillors' report

No County or District report.

1689 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council (PC) held on 8 February 2012 were **approved** and were signed by the chairman.

1690 Finance

(i) **RESOLVED** (proposed Cllr Green, 2nd Cllr Roberts) to pay the following items (cheques were signed subsequent to the meeting due to lack of signatories at it):

Savills (for Trustees Joliffe Settled Estate) – annual rent Faulkland Playing Field £125.00

Chairman's expenses 2011/12 £100.00

Staff salaries March 2012

(ii) **RESOLVED** to accept a quotation of £1200 + VAT from Quadron Services for grass cutting in 2012. This is an increase of 1.2% on the previous year and is within budget.

1691 Risk assessment

RESOLVED to hold this item over until the April meeting.

1692 Planning

(i) Applications were considered and recommendations made as follows:

2011/0172 (Full Planning Permission) Agricultural Land at ST 71790 55403, Foxcote, Radstock. Formation of a concrete bunker to provide storage for agricultural (cattle) slurry as part of existing dairy unit.

Parish Council recommendation: approval.

2012/0132 (Reserved matters approval) The Old Piggeries, Laverton. Erection of agricultural workers dwelling (reserved matters of appearance and landscaping following outline approval 2010/0273).

Parish Council recommendation: approval.

2012/0248 (Full Planning Permission) Gallant Hill Farm, Foxcote, Radstock, BA3 5YB. Installation of one (1 no.) 10 kw micro wind turbine on 30m open lattice mast and

associated underground cables (amended foundation design received 05/03/2012).

Parish Council recommendation: approval.

2012/0389 (Householder Planning Permission) Chapel Farm Barn, Browns Lane, Faulkland BA3 5GD. Increase roof pitch on workshop/car-port to allow first floor home office.

Parish Council recommendation: approval.

(ii) Updates

Mendip DC had advised the following

2011/3058 The Retreat Foxcote Radstock BA3 5YF. Erection of a steel framed agricultural storage building. Approval.

1693 Allotments

(i) **RESOLVED** (proposed Cllr Roberts, 2nd Cllr Green) to accept a quotation of £260.00 from Mr R. Watts to supply and erect a post and rail fence at the bottom of the allotment site.

(ii) **RESOLVED** to apply for a lottery grant to pay for the supply of water, a water trough and the levelling of hardcore in the parking area and to take no action until the outcome is known; and to hold an extra meeting of the Parish Council to consider the allotments, to which prospective allotment holders would be invited

(iii) Noted that the lease had been signed.

1694 Highways and rights of way

(i) Somerset Highways to be asked to attend urgently to a deep pothole opposite Jubilee Terrace, Hemington.

(ii) Mrs Lynda Le Ray was thanked for information that potholes on the road from Tuckers Grave to the Knoll had been filled.

1695 Playing Field

(i) Concrete blocks near the site of the old swings, preventing proper grass cutting, to be disposed of.

(ii) Play equipment repair was due by the end of March.

1696 Faulkland Green and pond

(i) **RESOLVED** to ask Mr Rob Watts to excavate Faulkland Green to the extent that would enable a decision to be reached on work needed to repair the sunken trench while continuing to allow drainage.

(ii) A local supplier to be consulted about the provision of a new gate by the pond.

1697 Correspondence and reports:

(i) Councillors reviewed the following correspondence received since the last meeting

Mendip District Council (MDC) – Parishes Information Bulletin March 2012 – available online at <http://www.mendip.gov.uk/Article.asp?id=5X9452-A7805520&cat=94>

Local Government Boundary Commission – Electoral Review of Somerset Draft Recommendation; proposes 11 wards (was 12) for Mendip. Seven week consultation period.

‘Clerks and Councils Direct’ March 2012

(ii) Miscellaneous reports: none

1698 Future meetings

Agreed the following dates

Wednesday 28 March 2012, 7.30pm, Faulkland Village Hall – allotments meeting

Wednesday 11 April 2012, 7.30pm, Faulkland Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8.42 pm