

# HEMINGTON, HARDINGTON & FOXCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

MENDIP DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
held at 7.48pm on Wednesday 8 August 2012  
at Faulkland Village Hall

**Present:** Councillors M. Brombley (Vice-chairman), F. Green,

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

**Absent:** Cllr D. Perkins

The start of the meeting was delayed for want of a quorum

**1753 Apologies for absence**

**RESOLVED** to accept the following apologies for absence:

Cllr P. Roberts – attending Olympics

Cllr J. Knight – transport difficulty

**1754 Interests**

There were no declarations of interest.

Noted that four councillors had attended Code of Conduct training, either by SALC or Mendip DC

**1755 Minutes**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the PC meeting of 11 July 2012 be accepted as a true record. They were signed by the chairman.

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Annual Parish meeting of 9 May 2012 be accepted as a true record. They were signed by the chairman.

**1756 Finance**

**RESOLVED** (proposed Cllr Green, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Brombley) to pay:

Savills – allotment rent £150.00

R. Campbell – refund cost of replacement solar panel for speed sign £128.00

R. Campbell – refund office expenses £35.05

Staff salaries August 2012

(ii) In relation to proposals to legalise electronic payments by parish councils, councillors said they wished to keep the two-signature cheque system as long as permissible.

**1757 Planning**

The following decision by Mendip DC was noted.

2011/1538 Haywood Farm, Terry Hill, Radstock BA3 5UF. Erection of a new cattle barn and associated alterations. Full Planning Permission. Approved.

**1758 Mendip Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment**

**RESOLVED** to approve the draft letter explaining the purpose and detail of Mendip's future housing needs document. A number of councillors and members of the public offered to distribute the letter, which is to go to all households in the parish.

**1759 Allotments**

- The allotments had been topped and would be done again in September

- The possibility of lottery funding for a ride-on mower was being investigated
- Concern was expressed that the allotments might be getting funding at the expense of other projects (Cllr Drewe said that grants for two thirds of the cost of new heating for Faulkland Village Hall has been won).
- The trench for the allotment water supply would be dug the next weekend

**1760 Highways and rights of way**

(i) The system for reporting potholes was noted. Highways had repaired a pothole at the top of Bishop Street, but not ones that need doing further down. To be chased.

**1761 Playing Field**

(i) A local timber yard will kindly supply bark for the safety surface.

(ii) The football club which had expressed interest in using the pitch had gone elsewhere.

**1762 Faulkland Green and Pond**

It was hoped to excavate the sinking drock the following weekend

Mr Mowat was thanked for supplying a flag for the pole on Faulkland Green

**1763 Correspondence and reports**

(i) Councillors reviewed the following correspondence received since the last meeting. Mendip District Council (MDC) – Parishes Information Bulletin August 2012 – available online at <http://www.mendip.gov.uk/Article.asp?id= SX9452-A7805520&cat=94>

Speed check Figures from Somerset Highways. These showed an increase, which it was hope would be reversed when the top flashing speed sign was again working.

(ii) Miscellaneous reports:

Cllr Brombley proposed a working party to investigate ‘village gateways’ to slow traffic. There may be some money from Somerset to bid for.

The Clerk to be supplied with a key to Faulkland Village Hall

Loose dogs had twice attacked livestock recently. Attacks should be reported to the Mendip dog warden

**1764 Future meetings**

**Agreed** the dates of the next two parish council meetings as follows

Wednesday 12 September 2012, 7.30pm, Faulkland Village Hall

Wednesday 10 October 2012, 7.30pm, Faulkland Village Hall

The Chairman meeting closed at 8.40 pm