

# HEMINGTON, HARDINGTON & FOXCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

## MENDIP DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET

### MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 10 October 2012 at Faulkland Village Hall

**Present:** Councillors E. Drewe (Chairman), F. Green, P. Roberts,

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

**Absent:** Cllrs D. Perkins, M. Brombley (note: Cllr Brombley, unwell, sent apologies, before the meeting but they were not received until after it)

**1776 Apologies for absence**

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

Cllr Knight, unwell

**1777 Interests**

None

**1778 Minutes**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the PC meeting of 12 September 2012 be accepted as a true record.

The minutes were signed by the chairman.

**1779 Finance**

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

R. Watts – trough, lagged piping, tap for allotment water supply £558.31 including VAT

R. Campbell – refund of office expenses £25.00

Staff salaries September 2012

Not on agenda (but see minute 1737iii) F. Green – refund cost of purchasing gate £109.48 inc. VAT

Cheques were signed subsequent to the meeting, by Cllrs Drewe and Brombley, due to a lack of signatories at it.

**1780 Planning**

(i) **RESOLVED** to recommend approval of the following application:

**2012/1777** Horseshoe Cottage Limekiln Farm Faulkland Radstock BA3 5XE. Application for lawful existing use for the installation of domestic microgeneration equipment on the roof of a dwellinghouse.

(ii) There were no updates

**1781 Allotments**

(i) No further interest in allotments plots had been shown by parish residents.

**RESOLVED** that unused allotment plots be offered to the residents of Kilmersdon, Buckland Dinham and Chilcompton parishes.

(ii) Cllr Drewe reported that lagged piping, a tap and a trough had been installed and that approval and water connection by Bristol Water were awaited.

**1782 Highways and rights of way**

(i) A pothole in the lane by Mr Barwell's house to be reported; the dip in the road outside West Farm had been filled in but the adjacent manhole still needed attention.

(ii) Mr T. Gibbs to be thanked for installing new cabling to the top speed sign. The batteries were on charge and it was hoped to re-install them the following weekend.

(iii) Rights of way: nothing to report

### **1783 Playing Field**

Quadron Services had advised that they were unable to renew their grass cutting contract due to closure of their base in the area

(i) **RESOLVED** to seek three quotations for grass cutting in 2013, 14 cuts in the year for the playing field, 18 cuts for the other areas (Faulkland Green, pond and smaller area currently cut).

(ii) **RESOLVED** to accept the kind offer of the Faulkland Youth Group (not currently active) to pay for the installation of a safety surface and also for a bench at the playing field.

### **1784 Faulkland Green and Pond**

Cllr Green was thanked for buying and installing a new five-bar gate at Faulkland pond.

### **1785 Correspondence and reports**

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

- Mendip District Council (MDC) – Parishes Information Bulletin October 2012 – available online at <http://www.mendip.gov.uk/Article.asp?id= SX9452-A7805520&cat=94>
- Notice of Police Crime Commissioner Election Question Time (6 November, Taunton)
- Community Council for Somerset – Invitation to AGM 25 October, Oake TA4

(ii) Miscellaneous reports:

The grit bin at Lower Farm Close needs filling.

District Cllr Drewe said the Mendip Core Strategy (likely to be known as the Local Plan) was due to be adopted by Mendip Cabinet at the end of October. After public participation in spring 2014, the hearing of objections and of the inspector's comments, adoption would be possible in late summer 2014.

Planning permissions were likely to be extended for an extra year on top of the current term for implementation.

It was suggested that objection to new housing development in Faulkland should be made now and not wait for schemes to be put forward

Cllr Roberts reported further complaints about car parking at Hemington School during collection and delivery times blocking the road. The governors will be contacted, as will the new PCSO. It was suggested that any new house building would worsen the problem. Rubbish by the side of the lane leading to Hassage needed clearing.

New heaters were due to be installed at the village hall at the end of the month

### **1786 Future meetings**

**RESOLVED** that the dates of the next two parish council meetings be as follows

Wednesday 14 November 2012, 7.30pm, Faulkland Village Hall

Wednesday 12 December 2012, 7.30pm, Faulkland Village Hall

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.48 pm