

HEMINGTON, HARDINGTON & FOXCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

MENDIP DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 14 November 2012
at Faulkland Village Hall

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

In attendance: R Campbell (Clerk), 13 members of the public

Absent: Cllr D. Perkins

1787 Apologies for absence

RESOLVED to accept the following apology for absence:
Cllr Knight, unwell

1788 Interests

Cllr Drewe declared a pecuniary interest in item minuted 1791 (i) Charlton Farm, as agent.

1789 Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the PC meeting of 10 October 2012 be accepted as a true record. They were signed by the chairman.

1787 County Councillor's report

None

1790 Finance

RESOLVED (proposed Cllr Brombley, 2nd Cllr Roberts) to pay:

Quadron Services Ltd – grass cutting 2012 £1422.00 inc. VAT

Staff salaries November 2012

Cheques were signed subsequent to the meeting by Cllrs Drewe and Brombley.

1791 Planning

Cllr Brombley took the chair. Cllr Drewe left the room

(i) **RESOLVED** to recommend refusal of the following application as out of scale and out of keeping with the area:

2012/1626 Charlton Farm, Hemington, Frome, Somerset BA3 5XS. Conversion and extension of steel framed building into two holiday homes. Full planning permission. Officer James U'Dell.

Cllr Drewe returned and resumed the chair.

(ii) Updates

The following approvals by Mendip DC were noted

2012/1916 Limekiln Farm, Faulkland. Variation of condition 3 on planning permission 100016/010 to allow for use of the development as holiday accommodation and as ancillary residential accommodation to Limekiln Farm, Faulkland.

2012/2040 Hayside Barn, Upper Row Farm, Laverton, BA2 7RB. Variation of condition 5 (occupancy condition) on planning permission 110479/003 to allow more flexible occupation of the holiday unit throughout the year to meet the needs of the occupant.

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.

1793 Allotments

- The water supply had been connected but the water trough had been stolen
- Seven plots had been paid for but only four were being worked. The weather had been atrocious
- Cllr Drewe will erect a sign on the site advertising plots to let
- Ads to be placed in the magazines of neighbouring parishes advertising allotment plots of 15 to 16 m² to let at £30 p.a.
- When the grass had been cut, the fence to the A366 will be put back and a locked 12' gate provided

1794 Highways and rights of way

- (i) Somerset Highways Area Superintendent to be asked to make a site visit to see the flooding of Browns Lane and other outstanding highways problems.
- (ii) New batteries are needed for both speed indicator devices in Faulkland. A resident kindly agreed to obtain prices for supplying them, to compare with the price obtained of £49 per battery (four needed).
- (iii) A letter to be sent to the general manager of Radstock Co-op about the lack of progress in establishing the Burnt Lane by-way (as agreed at public enquiries) where it crosses their land

1795 Playing Field

- (i) Quotations for grass cutting in 2013 were in hand
- (ii) Local lads had asked if the PC could allow installation of a skateboarding ramp on the concrete base where the pavilion had been. Faulkland Your Group had offered funding. To be a December agenda item.
- (iii) A contractor to install the safety surface had been found.

1796 Councillors

Mendip say that if the parish wishes to vary the number of councillors, the first contact should be with the Chief Executive. He could decide to send the matter to full council, who have the power to alter the number if the reason is good.

1797 Correspondence and reports

- (i) Councillors noted the following correspondence received since the last meeting.
 - Mendip District Council (MDC) – Parishes Information Bulletin Nov. 2012 – available online at <http://www.mendip.gov.uk/Article.asp?id= SX9452-A7805520&cat=94>
 - *Clerks and Councils Direct* November 2012
 - Information on standing for the NALC smaller councils' committee
 - Mendip DC – information on rough sleeper reporting line
 - Mendip DC – precept form 2012/13
 - SALC East Area agenda – Glastonbury 3/12/12
 - SALC – minutes of all-areas meeting Somerton 29/9/12
 - Mark Corney – copy of letter to J. Meeker, Mendip DC re archaeology and SHLAA sites
 - Judith Green – village development survey
 - HMRC – PAYE real time information from 04/13
 - Mendip Community Transport – grant request

(ii) Reports

District Councillor's report. Cllr Drewe said that Mendip's full council had endorsed the Draft Local Plan, which would be subject to eight weeks public consultation. The parish council would receive a copy.

Cllr Green asked what the plan statement was about. Cllr Drewe said only the major towns were being addressed at this stage. At a later stage inset maps would be produced showing the proposals for villages.

Cllr Green asked why the PC could not write now to Mendip's Planning Policy Officer saying that there should be no new development outside the current development limit, which was the wish of villagers.

Cllr Drewe said that a Faulkland resident's survey of village views was not objective because not everyone had been surveyed.

The chairman allowed public participation, which included the following:

- Disagreement with the chairman's statement about the villager's survey
- Why had the PC not carried out its own survey of Faulkland villagers' views on future housing development and the development limit?
- The PC had been complacent. It shouldn't need to be asked but should show initiative
- Residents had seen surveyors working in the village and were worried.
- People were confused and not given graphic statements of proposals. A large-scale map should be provided.
- There were insufficient facilities and infrastructure for more houses

Public participation on the matter ended. Cllr Drewe will produce an enlargement of the existing plan for December's meeting.

A proposal to be put on December's agenda to the effect that the parish council does not wish to see any extension of the black line – i.e. that none of the 15 houses in the quota for the local plan period shall be outside the current development limit.

Note: a vote was subsequently taken on the above matter, which was invalid as the matter had not been tabled on the agenda.

Miscellaneous reports and information (including public participation)

- Could there be a Christmas tree on Faulkland Green? This will be investigated. A parishioner offered to look into providing lights
- A local car up on jacks was a danger to children
- Private signs on the road to Tynning Hill should be removed
- There would be a quiz night on 24 November
- Cllr Drewe was thanked for organising new heaters for the village hall
- Ramblers' cars had been parked all over the Green. Action was needed
- The Highways authority should be emailed again about the absence of the village sign
- The new PCSO should be asked to address the PC on safety and security

1798 Future meetings

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

Wednesday 12 December 2012 7.30pm, Faulkland Village Hall

Wednesday 9 January 2012 (budget), 7.30pm, Faulkland Village Hall

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.32 pm