

HEMINGTON, HARDINGTON & FOXCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

MENDIP DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 9 January 2013
at Faulkland Village Hall

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

In attendance: R Campbell (Clerk), 3 members of the public

Absent: Cllr D. Perkins

1812 Apologies for absence

RESOLVED to accept the following apologies for absence:

Cllr Knight (ill). Councillors sent their best wishes to Cllr Knight.

Cllr Drewe (District Council Planning Board meeting)

1813 Interests

(i) There were no declarations of interest

(ii) All councillors considering the budget had requested and been granted pecuniary interest dispensations.

1814 Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the PC meeting of 12 December 2012 be accepted as a true record. They were signed by the chairman.

1815 Finance

(i) Councillors considered the draft budget for 2013/14 line by line.

RESOLVED (proposed Cllr Green, 2nd Cllr Roberts) that expenditure for the year to 31 March 2014 be £7,950. The excess (£1,015) over projected income of £6,935 will be taken from general reserves.

(ii) **RESOLVED** (proposed Cllr Roberts, 2nd Cllr Green) that a precept for the year 2013/14 of £6,750 be signed. This takes the precept back to what it was between 2007/8 and 2009/10 (in the last two financial years it was reduced to £6,000).

(iii) **RESOLVED** (proposed Cllr Roberts, 2nd Cllr Green) to pay the following item:

Staff salaries for January

1816 Planning

Nothing to consider or report.

1817 Updates

(i) Allotments

Cllr Drewe had put up a sign advertising the allotments but this had been stolen. He will replace it.

Clerks of neighbouring parishes will be encouraged to advertise the Faulkland allotments to their parishioners.

A full-page advertisement for new allotment tenants will be submitted to *Parish News*

The allotment association will be asked to cut the grass and replace the fence.

(ii) Highways

Flooding at Fulwell Lane will be monitored and Somerset Highways asked to clear blocked drains there and on the A366 between Oldfield Cottage and Tuckers Grave.

(iii) Faulkland Playing Field

Safety surface installation: Mr Brodrick was due to meet Cllr Drewe to take the matter forward.

1818 Correspondence and reports

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

Mendip District Council (MDC) – Parishes Information Bulletin January 2013 – available online at <http://www.mendip.gov.uk/Article.asp?id=5X9452-A7805520&cat=94>

Information that, unlike Principal Authorities, parish council precepts will not be capped for 2013/14

SALC – information on a Flood Resilience Community Pathfinder scheme

(iii) **Miscellaneous reports and information**

A Christmas tree had kindly been supplied by Ammerdown Estate, who had offered a bigger one for next year if the PC came earlier.

Lights, kindly provided by Tony Hucker, had worked when there had been enough sun during the day for the solar panel. It was suggested that next year the tree be put in front of the village hall so that that lights could be plugged into the mains.

1819 Future meetings

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

Wednesday 13 February 2013 7.30pm, Faulkland Village Hall

Wednesday 13 March 2013 7.30pm, Faulkland Village Hall

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.22 pm