

# HEMINGTON, HARDINGTON & FOXCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

## MENDIP DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET

### MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 3 July 2013

at Faulkland Village Hall

**Present:** Councillors M. Brombley (Meeting Chairman), F. Green, T. Hucker, P. Roberts, A. Hall

**In attendance:** R Campbell (Clerk), 5 members of the public

#### 1886 Apologies

Cllr Drewe, who was attending a meeting at Mendip, had sent his apologies.

#### 1887 Interests

There were no declarations of interest

#### 1888 Minutes

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Parish Council (PC) meeting of 12 June 2013 be accepted as a true record, with the following amendment: 1877 Planning (i) 2013/0914 *after 'refusal' insert 'by majority vote (Cllr Brombley was in favour of the proposal'.* The minutes were signed by the chairman. The Clerk was asked to make the minutes available more quickly after meetings.

The following amendments were made to the notes of the Public Forum:

- *after 'asked questions and made points' delete 'among which were' and insert full stop. Then add 'These are not part of the minutes.'*
- *no text to remain between the end of bullet point four 'Mendip's general pot' and bullet point starting 'There would be too much pressure'.*
- *On page 2 after 'allow this to happen.' Add 'Applause'*

#### 1889 Standing orders

**RESOLVED** (proposed Cllr Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Hucker) that Standing Order 1(m) be deleted, as the Secretary of State (DCLG) had said there should be no bar to videoing, tweeting or otherwise reproducing the proceedings of a parish council meeting.

#### 1890 Planning

(i) There were no applications or updates.

(ii) Councillors discussed the plot of land between The Cottage and Oaklea, Faulkland High Street. Cllr Hall said this green space should remain part of the visual identity of the village. Cllr Brombley said that the PC (before Cllr Hall was a member) had chosen to make no comment on a pre-planning consultation for a house on the plot, but to await an eventual application. To be an August agenda item.

(iii) The rules governing S106 benefits to be researched.

#### 1891 Finance

(i) **RESOLVED** (proposed Cllr Hucker, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Hall) to pay the following: Staff salaries for July.

#### 1892 Updates

(i) Faulkland Playing Field:

- Cllr Hucker reported that tread was missing from the rope bridge on the children's play equipment and that a rope had been burned through. These should be put right before the safety inspection is done, if it has not been done.
- The wooden table and seats to be bought. Cllr Green will collect. How to secure them while allowing mowing to be decided subsequently.

(ii) Highways

- County Cllr Harvey Siggs to be contacted about progress in adopting the bottom of Bishop Street
- The Highways maintenance manager to be contacted about work still to be done following his visit to Faulkland
- The replacement village sign to be chased
- The sign on the corner of Lansdown View needs attention
- Highways to be advised that visibility splays need to be cut regularly

(iii) Rights of Way: a report had been received from the new rights of way manager at Somerset. The badger sett on the restricted byway to Buckland Dinham would shortly be reassessed but there seemed little prospect of quick action in getting the path fully open.

(iv) Allotments: Savills to be asked for a decision on planting fruit trees

**1893 Correspondence and reports**

(i) No correspondence had been received since the last meeting. The following information was available:

Mendip District Council (MDC) – Parishes Information Bulletin July 2013

(ii) Miscellaneous reports

- The concrete 'feet' of the old swings should be removed from the playing field: to be an August agenda item
- Cllr Hall said Hemington School has no objection to a PC noticeboard being put on the school wall
- The PC website should include a parish information bulletin
- Best wishes for a quick recovery from his accident were extended to Mr Gatley
- Highways should be asked to improve the difficult access onto the A366 from the side road next to The Old Chapel.

**1894 Next meeting**

The date of the next parish council meeting is:

Wednesday 14 August 2013, 7.30pm, Faulkland Village Hall

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50 pm