

# 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 October 2013  
at Faulkland Village Hall

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

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

*Actions – marked **A** – are on the Clerk and on any Councillor whose initials appear at right →*

1919. **Apologies** Councillors M. Brombley (family reasons), E. Drewe (holiday)
1920. **Interests** There were no declarations of interests
- Minutes**
1921. **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the PC meeting of 11 September 2013 as a true record, with the following amendment. Minute 1916 (1893ii) after 'worded as a request' delete 'This was agreed.' The minutes were signed by the Chairman.
1922. **Matters arising**  
The question of a restricted parking sign at Faulkland Green to be put on November's agenda.
1923. **Planning**  
Mendip had approved the following application:  
2013/1322 (full planning permission) Land adjacent to 'The Cottage' and 'Oaklea' Faulkland Somerset BA3 5XA. Development of 3 bedroom cottage, associated parking and landscaping.  
Mendip to be asked why they had disagreed with the Parish Council's recommendation. **A**
1924. **Finance**  
(i) Completion of the external audit for year ended 21/3/13 was noted.  
(ii) The request for funding for the allotment gates and fencing had been submitted to Mendip.  
(iii) **RESOLVED** (TH/AH) to pay the following:  
Grant Thornton – audit fee year ended 31 March 2013, £120 including VAT  
Staff salaries October 2013
1925. **Faulkland Playing Field**  
Cllr Hucker had inspected the field and identified a concrete block to be kept to anchor the chain for the new the table and seats; the rest to be disposed of.  
He considered that the play equipment post bases reported as starting to rot had in fact simply been knocked by the strimmer; it was only possible to insert a screwdriver between the layers of laminate.  
Mr Watts to be asked to nudge the bent goalpost upright when he clears the **A TH**

concrete.

**RESOLVED** (AH/PR) to purchase a padlock and chain (est. £14).

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1926. **Highways**

(i) The bus company had said they would turn at Faulkland Green and stop at the pond bus stop, rather than at the Faulkland Inn, but this did not appear to be happening. The matter to be pursued once the extent of Highways land at the Faulkland Inn, if any, had been established.

(ii) Resurfacing of the dangerously smooth surface on the A366 between Faulkland and Tuckers Grave again to be chased with Highways. A blocked gully at Faulkland Green to be reported.

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There was no information on the new village sign.

1927. **Rebecca Well**

Before considering a suggestion received on behalf of Lord Hylton that the PC take over maintenance of the recently repaired Rebecca Well, information on its historical significance to be sought. Lady Hylton offered to do this and was thanked.

1928. **Rights of Way**

A check to be made to see if the foot board on a stile at West Farm had been put in.

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1929. **Allotments**

Cllr Hall reported that a community orchard on this site could be problematical. They were usually on council land or required a long lease, as an orchard was a long-term commitment. It would be open to all.

The possibility of an orchard restricted to allotment holders to be investigated. Allotment take-up to be reviewed in November.

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1930. **Correspondence and reports**

Councillors noted the following correspondence received since the last meeting. No actions were identified.

- Mendip District Council (MDC) – Parishes Information Bulletin October 2013
- Mendip Community Transport – details of charity's work in past year and request for financial assistance

Miscellaneous reports

- Cllrs Hucker and Hall wished to attend training at Somerton on 6/11/13
- The hope was expressed that the village shop would find new tenants and the community was urged to use it or risk losing it. A letter to all parishioners was recommended. To be a November agenda item.
- Highways to be asked to put in road markings at the junction of Faulkland Green and the A366.

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1931. **Date of Next meeting**

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 13 November 2013 at 7.30pm in Faulkland Village Hall.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.25pm