

HEMINGTON, HARDINGTON & FOXCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

MENDIP DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 13 November 2013
at Faulkland Village Hall

Present: Councillors M. Brombley, E. Drewe (Chairman), F. Green, 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 →*

1948. **Apologies** None
1949. **Interests** There were no declarations of interests
1950. **Minutes**
RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the PC meeting of 9 October 2013 as a true record. The minutes were signed by the Chairman.
1951. **Matters arising** None
1952. **Planning**
(i) Consideration of 2013/2023 The Beeches Grove Lane Faulkland BA3 5UU, erection of garage was postponed, as details had not yet been received from Mendip DC.
(ii) The reasons for Mendip's approval of application 2013/1322 for a three bedroom house on land adjacent to 'The Cottage' and 'Oaklea', Faulkland were given. Cllr Drewe said he had been on holiday at the time of the officer's recommendation to approve and his work had been dealt with by a fellow district councillor.
1953. **Finance**
RESOLVED (MB/TH) to pay the following:
R. Campbell – refund office expenses including Councillor training £50
Staff salaries November 2013
1954. **Faulkland Green**
(i) **RESOLVED** (ED/MB) to erect two 'parking for hall users only' notices, one at either end of the Green boundary facing the village hall for a trial period of 12 months, then review if this has improved matters without causing annoyance.
(ii) A tree surgeon to trim the bottoms of the trees in this section of the Green and provide a quotation for any further tree work needed.
1955. **Rebecca Well**
Consideration of whether to take over maintenance was postponed till December, pending information on the significance of the well.
1956. **Village shop**

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- (i) The Post Office to be encouraged in writing to assist the landlord in finding a new tenant for the shop and post office branch. **A**
- (ii) If/when a tenant is found, a parish mailing encouraging residents to use the facility to be carried out.
1957. **Faulkland Playing Field** **A TH**
Cllr Hucker is sourcing a hot-dip galvanised chain to secure the new seat
1958. **Highways** **A FG**
(i) Land in front of the Faulkland Inn up to the highway is owned by the landlord. Cllr Green to ask him how pedestrian safety might be improved there. **A**
(ii) Somerset Highways had advised that the A366 between Faulkland and Tuckers Grave is scheduled for repair, but gave no date. To be chased, as are blocked drains outside Faulkland Village Hall and near the phone box and the lack of a white line at the junction of the A366 and road between Faulkland Green and the Village Hall. **A**
Cllr Drewe is buying three grit bins, for Hemington and Tynning Hill, with his District Councillor's fund. **A ED**
1959. **Rights of Way** A footboard had been put on the stile at West Farm.
1960. **Allotments** **A ED**
The allotment association would meet in the following two weeks. Notices advertising allotments to rent are ready to go up when the field is ploughed.
Cllr Hall will research community orchards
1961. **Councillor training**
Cllrs Hall and Hucker had attended training and found it beneficial.
Cllr Hucker said a councillor should: ensure the right things are done for the people of the parish, whether you want them or not, but not do them yourself. Cllr Hall said the appeal of the Annual Parish Meeting should be broadened if possible.
1962. **Correspondence and reports** **A**
(i) Councillors noted the following correspondence received since the last meeting. No actions were identified.
 - Somerset Highways – winter service information
 - Somerset Highways – information on service levels public can expect; information on schemes to involve PCs in running highway services
 - War Memorials Trust – bulletin November 2013
 - Avon and Somerset Police – Newsletter October 2013
(ii) Miscellaneous reports
 - Cllr Drewe will bring a parish map to the next meeting
 - The bus company will again be asked to stop by Faulkland pond
 - Councillors will look at the piece of land behind Oaklea; Lord Hylton had been asked in the past if it could be parked on. To be a December agenda item.
1963. **Date of Next meeting**
Wednesday 11 December 2013 at 7.30pm in Faulkland Village Hall
The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.55pm