

HEMINGTON, HARDINGTON & FOXCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

MENDIP DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 11 December 2013
at Faulkland Village Hall

Present: Councillors M. Brombley (meeting chairman), E. Drewe (from minute 1958 iii), T. Hucker, P. Roberts, A. Hall

In attendance: R. Campbell (Clerk), 6 members of the public

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

1948. **Apologies** Apologies were accepted from Cllrs Drewe (who was at Mendip Planning Board) and Green (working)
1949. **Interests** There were no declarations of interests
1950. **Minutes RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the PC meeting of 13 November 2013 as a true record. The minutes were signed by the meeting Chairman.
- Matters arising/Clerk's report**
1951. (i) The Ammerdown Estate had kindly provided a 16ft Christmas Tree, which would be delivered to Faulkland Green the following day.
(ii) The website would be reinstated with up-to-date information **A**
1952. **Planning**
(i) 2013/2023 The Beeches Grove Lane Faulkland BA3 5UU:
RESOLVED to recommend approval for a single garage; an apparent additional structure shown on the drawings to be queried. **A**
(ii) There were no planning updates
(iii) **RESOLVED** to ask Savills if land behind Oaklea, Faulkland, might be used for parking.
1953. **Finance**
(i) A financial statement and draft budget for 2014/15 to be sent to councillors prior to the January meeting **A**
(ii) **RESOLVED** (PR/AH) to pay the following: staff salaries December 2013
1954. **Faulkland Green**
(i) The Clerk would meet Mr Shirley of Advanced Tree Surgeons (who had previously pruned the trees) the following day to consider what work was needed on the horse chestnuts at the bottom of Faulkland Green. Mr Shirely to be asked how to deal with ground elder getting onto the pavement at the pond. **A**
(ii) The Clerk passed on a report that 'parking for hall users only' notices were ready to be attached to the horse chestnuts, but this was queried by members who were on the village hall committee. The cost of providing notices to be a January item.
1955. **Rebecca Well** Savills and the residents of Ammerdown Terrace to be asked if they had any knowledge of the history of the well; records and minutes to be consulted. **A**

1956. **Village shop and post office** The Post Office had advised that the Faulkland branch would close at the end of January 2014.
1957. **Faulkland Playing Field** Cllr Hucker had purchased a padlock and chain for the new table and seating and would attend to this in the New Year. **A TH**
1958. **Highways**
(i) The A366 had been resurfaced at Tuckers Grave crossroads. The rest of the worn-smooth section to Faulkland would be resurfaced in financial year 2014/15. Channels have been dug at the roadside to aid water run-off.
(i) Nothing to report on pedestrian safety at the Faulkland Inn
Cllr Drewe joined the meeting
(ii) The police to be asked if a mobile camera can be used at Faulkland to combat excessive speed. **A**
1959. **Rights of Way** No update
1960. **Allotments**
(i) Cllr Hall reported that there were a number of allotment orchards, especially on Bristol City Council land, helped by the Forest of Avon trust, via whom trees could be obtained at a discount. There is a scheme at Haydon and one associated with Radstock Football Club. Given the enthusiasm, trees could be planted by allotments holders or the association, or by a separate group.
(ii) Cllr Drewe said there was a lack of interest in the allotments. He suggested mowing the top half of the land and planting it with fruit trees. Cllr Brombley thought this a good use of the land. Cllr Drewe will ask the allotment committee to organise the trees. Cllr Hucker offered to attend a meeting. **A ED**
Mr H. Rich to be reminded about ploughing and rotavating the allotments.
1961. **Correspondence and reports**
(i) Councillors noted correspondence received since the last meeting. No actions were identified:
 - Council tax benefit support grant information
 - Mendip Parishes Information bulletin December 2013.
(ii) Miscellaneous reports
 - Cllr Drewe noted that there was opposition to and signs up against a possible wind turbine at Laverton, for which no proposal had yet been received. The turbine would be likely to be widely visible, as it was proposed for high ground; and likely to be within 50 yards of a bridleway. Permission for a large wind turbine at Shepton Mallet had been refused. **A**
 - 37 acres of solar panels had been refused at Kilmersdon
 - Drains at Faulkland Green were still blocked
1962. **Date of Next meeting**
Wednesday 8 January 2013 at 7.30pm in Faulkland Village Hall
The meeting Chairman closed the meeting at 8.32pm