

# HEMINGTON, HARDINGTON & FOXCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

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MENDIP DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
held at 7.35pm on Wednesday 15 January 2014  
at Faulkland Village Hall

**Present:** Councillors E. Drewe (chairman), P. Roberts, A. Hall, T. Hucker, F. Green  
**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 →*

The meeting was preceded by a brief public forum. A resident of Fulwell Close, Faulkland reported that her car door handle had been wrenched off and that another resident had found what looked like a failed petrol bomb on the ground, for no known reason. The PCSO dealing with the parish to be notified. **A**

1963. **Apologies** Apologies were accepted from Cllr Brombley.

1964. **Interests** There were no declarations of interests **A**

1965. **Minutes**

**RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the PC meeting of 11 December 2013 as a true record. The minutes were signed by the meeting Chairman.

1966. **Matters arising/Clerk's report** None

1967. **Planning**

(i) **RESOLVED** to make the following recommendations to Mendip DC.

**2013/2551/OTS** Land at Townsend, Faulkland, Radstock, Somerset BA3 5XD. Outline application for the erection of 3 dwellings and garages served off private access at Lower Farm and replacement of agricultural access. **Refusal** (proposed AH/ 2<sup>nd</sup> FG; ED & TH abstained). Reasons: on a greenfield site outside the development limit. This application would lengthen the village (make it more linear). The Parish Plan says any development should be inside the limit and make the village wider, not longer. **A**

**2013/2309/LBC** Park Farm House Hardington Frome BA11 2RE. Replacement of existing doors/windows (south elevation). **Approval**

(ii) Noted that Mendip DC had granted the following application: 2013/2023 The Beeches, Grove Lane, Faulkland, Somerset BA3 5UU. Erection of garage.

(iii) Savills to be sent a map of the exact area of land behind Oaklea, High Street, Faulkland which the PC thinks might be possible for parking. **A**

1968. **Finance**

(i) **RESOLVED** (ED/PR) to set expenditure for 2014/15 at £7,950. The excess of £547 over income will be met from reserves. A copy of the agreed budget is attached to these minutes.

(ii) **RESOLVED** (ED/PR) to set the precept for 2014/15 at £6,750 (six thousand seven hundred and fifty pounds), the same as for 2013/14. **A**

(ii) **RESOLVED** (FG/TH) to pay the following:

Landscape Group – grass cutting 2013 £1,440.00 inc. VAT (within budget)  
Staff salaries January 2014

1969. **Faulkland Green**

(i) Advanced Tree Surgeons had given a verbal quote of £540 for work to two horse chestnuts on Faulkland Green. The tree surgeon was waiting for Mendip DC to confirm if there was a tree preservation order on the upper tree, which needed to have a split bough removed, before producing a written quotation. **A**

**RESOLVED** to proceed with tree pruning subject to confirmation of price.

(ii) **RESOLVED** to pay for two 'parking only for hall users' signs for Faulkland Green, once the wording had been agreed with the village hall committee. **A ED**

1970. **Rebecca Well**

**RESOLVED** not to take ownership of, or maintenance responsibility for Rebecca Well, no evidence of historical importance being known. Savills to be advised. **A**

1971. **Village shop and post office**

**RESOLVED** to support efforts by the Post Office to run a temporary service two half days a week in Faulkland Village Hall, following the sad closure of the Faulkland branch and village shop. No rent would be paid but a contribution would be made towards heat and light. The Post Office to be advised to approach the village hall committee. **A ED**

1972. **Faulkland Playing Field**

CLlr Hucker reported that it had been too wet and muddy to progress matters.

1973. **Highways and rights of way**

(i) The following were noted:

- The A366 at Faulkland had been marked for patching, which was due in the following 2 weeks.
- Photos of the 'no white line' sign at Faulkland Green and damaged fingerpost at Lansdown View had been sent to Highways with a further request for action
- The traffic engineer had been asked for progress on the replacement village sign at the top of Faulkland village sign; a reply was awaited.

(ii) There is interest in reviving Speedwatch at Faulkland. There are three safe locations. **A**

(iii) Highways to be advised that the road surface opposite the barn conversion in Browns Lane has been washed away.

(iii) ) Nothing to report on rights of way

1974. **Allotments**

CLlr Hall said that it was hoped to have a meeting with interested parties about allotment orchards before the end of January. **A AH**

1975. **Correspondence and reports**

(i) Councillors noted correspondence received since the last meeting. No actions were identified:

- Somerset CC – consultation on proposed changes to parking policy
- Somerset Waste Partnership – information on proposed closure of Coleford recycling centre. CLlr Drewe said there was a general view at Mendip that

the centre centre should remain open until the potential effect of closure was fully known

- Somerset Highways – information on delay in placing a temporary speed indicator device at Faulkland

**A**

(ii) Miscellaneous reports

- Cllr Drewe said that he had ordered a new grit bin. Meanwhile the bin on private land at Lower Farm Close had been moved to halfway down Tying Hill. Highways to be asked to fill it with grit
- A proper survey of land in the parish prone to flooding was needed. There had been flooding in the Pond cottages area of Faulkland.

1976.

**Date of Next meeting**

Wednesday February 12 2014 at 7.30pm in Faulkland Village Hall

The meeting Chairman closed the meeting at 8.56pm