

# 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 12 February 2014  
at Faulkland Village Hall

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

**In attendance:** R. Campbell (Clerk), 7 members of the public

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

1977. **Apologies**

The Chairman read out a letter from Maggie Brombley, resigning as Councillor. She felt strongly that the Parish Council (PC) no longer represented the whole parish. She regretted that more effort had not been put into upgrading the playing field and felt that this had not set a good example to young people.

A letter to be sent to Mrs Brombley, regretting her departure and thanking her for her service to the council. **A**

A notice of casual vacancy to be posted after consultation with Mendip District Council (MDC).

**RESOLVED** (FG/PR) to wait until the next Annual Parish Council Meeting in May to consider election of a new Vice-chair.

1978. **Interests** There were no declarations of interests

1979. **Minutes**

**RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the PC meeting of 15 January 2014 as a true record. The minutes were signed by the Chairman.

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

1981. **Website**

This was again up and running, thanks to Tim Gibbs and Sally Vince; information had been brought up to date. Robin Clark, Committee Chairman, to be asked what information should go on the requested Faulkland Village Hall section.

1982. **Planning**

(i) The following decisions by MDC were noted.

2013/2309 LBC – replacement windows at Park Farm, Hardington:  
permission granted

2013/1994 LBC retrospective – insert three rooflights at Springfield Barn, Laverton:  
permission refused.

(ii) Cllr Drewe is sending a map to Savills showing the area of land behind Oaklea, Faulkland which the PC considers might be suitable for parking. **A ED**

(iii) Cllr Drewe gave each councillor a large-scale map of the parish.

1983. **Finance**

(i) **RESOLVED** (FG/AH) to pay the following:

Hardington Vale PCC – churchyard grant 2014/13 £300  
Foxcote with Shoscombe PCC – churchyard grant 2013/14 £100  
E. Drewe – £110.32 inc VAT (Chair’s allowance 2013/4 £100.00, map expenses  
£10.32)  
Staff salaries February 2014

1984. **Faulkland Green**

(i) Tree pruning: nothing to report

(ii) The Chairman and Clerk to agree the wording for parking notices on the Green.

A ED

1985. **Temporary post office**

A member of Faulkland Village Hall Committee advised that the committee wished to charge the post office operator £10 per weekly session to use the hall.

Cllr Drewe gave as his opinion that in that case the sessions would not take place. It was noted that the Post Office would contribute towards heat and light.

Cllr Hall suggested that the PC underwrite for a limited period, say 3 months, the charge for the weekly session to be levied by the hall committee, to assess demand for the service.

He accepted Cllr Drewe’s suggestion that the period be 6 months.

**RESOLVED** (AH/TH, unanimous) that the PC will meet the £10 weekly cost of a post office session in Faulkland Village Hall for a maximum period of 6 months and that when the arrangement with the post office is confirmed a note will be delivered to each parishioner urging them to use the service.

The potential operator to be contacted and the hall committee chairman asked to check that this activity is covered by the hall insurance.

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1986. **Faulkland Playing Field**

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

1987. **Highways and rights of way**

(i) The following were noted:

- The damaged fingerpost at Lansdown View is ‘low priority’ for Somerset Highways and they do not know if there will be any budget for this type of work in 2014/15
- The replacement village nameplate should be installed by the beginning of March
- The no-road markings sign at Faulkland Green will be removed. Highways to be asked to ensure that the markings are put back first.

(ii) A map of blocked drains at Faulkland, produced by Cllr Hucker, to be sent to Highways with a request that the drains be cleared. Highways also to be reminded the burnt-out sign at Terry Hill crossroads needs replacing.

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(ii) The revival of speedwatch to await better weather

1988. **Allotments**

It was hoped the meeting about allotment orchards would take place soon.

Cllr Drewe had had to give up his allotment.

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1989. **Correspondence and reports**

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

- Avon and Somerset police – monthly overview of crime in the area. Next

PCSO Steering Group meeting: 27/2/14, 7pm, Frome Police Station.

- MDC– parishes information bulletin February 2014
- The Big Lunch – an Eden |Project idea to bind communities together.
- NALC – imminent repeal of s. 150 (5) of LGA 1972 act; this will permit electronic banking for parish councils

(ii) Miscellaneous reports

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- Highways to be told that water is pouring onto the road 200 yards past New Chickwell Farm and running down the hill past Charlton Farm.  
%There is flooding at Brown's Lane
- Cllr Green said the advice is to hold back water and release it slowly.  
Faulkland pond was full; any new building would make matters worse.
- Savills to be advised that large branches are coming off the fir trees on Tying Hill, outside Kingman's Farm.
- A local farmer had had a valuable chain saw stolen.
- There was rubbish in the layby on the bend between Tuckers Grave and Norton St Philip (in that parish).

1990.

**Date of Next meeting**

Wednesday 12 March at 7.30pm in Faulkland Village Hall

April meeting will be on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup>, at 7.30pm in Faulkland Village Hall

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30pm