

HEMINGTON, HARDINGTON & FOXCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

MENDIP DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 12 March 2014
at Faulkland Village Hall

Present: Councillors E. Drewe (Chairman), P. Roberts, A. Hall (from Minute 1996ii), T. Hucker, F. Green

In attendance: R. Campbell (Clerk), 8 members of the public

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

1991. **APOLOGIES**
None
1992. **INTERESTS** There were no declarations of interests
1993. **MINUTES**
Resolved to accept the minutes of the PC meeting of 12 February 2014 as a true record. The minutes were signed by the Chairman.
1994. **MATTERS ARISING/CLERK'S REPORT** None
1995. **PLANNING** Mendip DC were considering reserved matters (joinery details, etc.) on 2014/0138/APP Stockbarn, Laverton.
1996. **FINANCE**
(i) A financial statement for the year ending 31.3.14 will be sent to councillors shortly after the year end.
(ii) **Resolved** to add Cllrs Hucker and Hall to the list of authorised cheque signatories. Maggie Brombley will be removed from the list. **A**
(iii) **Resolved** (PR/TH) to pay the following:
Savills – rent of Faulkland Playing Field 2014/15 125.00
R. Campbell – home as office/computer allowance 2013/14 £150.00
Staff salaries March 2014
1997. **RISK ASSESSMENT**
The annual risk assessment schedule was considered line by line and signed by the chairman as an accurate statement of actions completed, on-going and to be carried out at specific times in the future. **A**
Personal accident insurance cover to be checked.
1998. **ITEMS OF INFORMATION**
Vacancy for a Councillor Mendip had reported no request for an election in the allotted time. The PC is now in a position to co-opt at the 15/4/14 meeting. This information to be posted on the noticeboard and website, **A**
Faulkland Green no report
Temporary Post Office The Post Office (PO) had established that Thursday was a good day for all. The PO will pay for an internet connection. A5 cards advertising the

service to be printed and distributed to parishioners when the start date is known. In the future the PO would again like to be part of a shop on the main road.

Faulkland Playing Field Improved weather will allow agreed actions to move forward

Highways and Rights of Way Multiple potholes in the vicinity of Tuckers Grave to be reported to Highways

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Allotments Cllr Hall had had varied reactions from the three remaining allotment holders to the idea of an allotment orchard. Spare allotment plots to be advertised in the Somerset community food magazine/website.

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1999. **CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS**

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

District Councillors report Cllr Drewe said that

- County Cllr Ham will attend April's PC meeting
- Coleford recycling centre will close on 1/4/14. The Frome site will open 7 days
- Mendip DC report increased income as the Cannards Grave site becomes a hub for other services, including the police and citizens advice bureau
- While some jobs that become vacant are not re-advertised, the number of qualified planners is being increased to deal with a backlog of applications
- No planning application for a wind turbine at Laverton had been received. The Torr quarry works had four turbines in the quarry itself, generating energy for the company. The energy used to restart some stopped turbines makes them uneconomic, especially when rent is paid to a landowner.

Miscellaneous reports

- A parishioner queried the continuing presence of a caravan locally. Cllr Drewe said it had temporary permission to be on site during construction of a barn; the time taken to build it was being monitored.
- The layby on the A366 approaching Norton St Philip from Tuckers Grave still needed cleaning up. This will be reported again.

2000. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday 15 April (3rd Wednesday) at 7.30pm in Faulkland Village Hall

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40pm