

HEMINGTON, HARDINGTON & FOXCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

MENDIP DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held at 7.40pm on Wednesday 10 December 2014 in the rear room of the Faulkland Inn

by kind permission of the management.

Note: Faulkland Village Hall proved not to be available on this occasion.

No other suitable venue was identified.

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

Present: Councillors V. Curtis, F. Green, T. Hucker (meeting Chairman), P. Roberts

In attendance: R. Campbell (Clerk), one member of the public

2097 **Apologies**

The following apologies were received and accepted:

Cllr W. Haworth (unwell), Cllr A. Hall (away)

2098 **Interests and dispensations**

There were no declarations of interests

**PUBLIC
PARTICIP
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The Chairman adjourned the Parish Council (PC) meeting and opened participation to the public. The one member present said that

- *Mendip Bridleways Association may be able to provide notices to discourage infringements by motor vehicle on byways, as Somerset SCC cannot*

The Chairman closed public participation and reconvened the PC meeting.

2099 **Confirmation of Minutes**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the PC meeting of 12 November 2014 be confirmed as a true record. The minutes were signed by the Chairman.

2100 **Matters arising/Clerk's report**

None

2101 **Planning**

Updates

MDC had notified the following decisions:

2014/2068/FUL Faulkland Farm, Grove Lane Faulkland BA3 5UU.

Proposal: Provision of 392 photovoltaic panels on south facing roof slope of existing farm building.

Decision: approval with conditions

2014/0729/FUL Land between Oaklea and The Cottage, Faulkland

Proposal: Erect dwelling (amendment to location)

Decision: approval with Conditions

2014/1876/FUL Wheelbrook Laverton Bath BA2 7RA.

Proposal: Demolition of existing dwelling and the construction of a new dwelling with associated landscaping.

Decision: approval with Conditions

2014/0565/FUL Land Behind Oldfield Farm Faulkland Frome.

Proposal: Siting of temporary agricultural workers dwelling and a poultry house

Decision: refusal

2102 **Highways and rights of Way**

(i) **Highways**

Provision of grit bins

Hassage crossroads Somerset Highways had not responded to the PC's enquiry about the suitability of the site. Highways to be asked again and if they can supply a pile of grit instead of filling a bin. **A**

Fulwell Close/Hemington Hill District Cllr Drewe to be asked about progress in supplying grit bins at Fulwell Close and Hemington Hill from his budget. **A**

Traffic speed

Highways' mobile speed indicator device dates for Faulkland in 2015 to be emailed to Councillors **A**

Speedwatch had held a session the previous Saturday.

PC speed indicator device Mr Gibbs to be asked if he will kindly check the batteries of the sign near Lower Farm Close, as the sign does not seem to be working properly. **A**

Updates

Parking and speed of traffic at Hemington Primary School A response to letters was awaited.

Burger van at Terry Hill crossroads It is understood that the Highways land on which the van operates has a covenant attached precluding this use.

Ammerdown Estate has written to Highways asking them to take action.

Potholes No report

(ii) **Rights of Way**

Old County Road A chaser had been sent to Somerset Rights of Way about clearance of the bridleway behind Faulkland Green.

Footpath maintenance kit Cllr Green offered to store the brushcutter and other items which Mrs M. Brombley currently stores (also the trunk of parish documents). Cllr Green asked if an annual footpath maintenance grant from Mendip DC was still available. The Clerk said it had been discontinued, but will check. **A**

Motor vehicles on bridleways Lynda Le Ray said that Somerset Highways had told her they would not supply notices discouraging this use, but Mendip Bridleways Association had said they might be able to. She was thanked.

2103 **Policies**

RESOLVED (PR/TH unanimous) to adopt the NALC/SLCC policy on the recording of parish council meetings.

2104 **Environment and facilities**

Community assets Councillors discussed which parish assets might be considered for registration as Community Assets. The matter was then held over.

Allotments Ploughing to be chased. **A**

Playing field The grant application made to the County Councillor's health and wellbeing fund for play equipment was noted.

Saturday bus The bus company to be made aware that this is used by three or four parishioners and to be asked not to discontinue it. **A**

Temporary post office Mrs Le Ray had let engineer into the hall for another survey. The PO should be open two half days per week in January. Electrical work is due to be finished in the first week of the year.

2105 **Finance**

(i) The current financial statement was noted.

(ii) The Clerk will prepare a draft budget for consideration at the 14 January PC meeting. In considering possible special projects in the future, Councillors discussed the possibility of a new village hall. To be a January agenda item **A**

(iii) **RESOLVED** not to make a grant to Mendip Community transport in view of the fact that it did not currently operate in the Parish

(iv) **RESOLVED** (PR/FG unanimous) to pay staff salaries, December

2106 **Clerk's salary**

RESOLVED to pay the revised NALC/SLCC salary scale (+ 2.2% from 1/1/2015 to 31/3/2016, last increase 4/2013).

2107 **Correspondence and reports**

(i) **Correspondence**

- No correspondence other than that relating to items minuted above had been received
- Councillors noted information received since the meeting of 12/12/2014. No actions were identified

(ii) **Reports**

No County or District Councillor's report

Miscellaneous reports

- Cllr Curtis said the Somerset Waste Partnership were inconsistent in what they took for recycling. A current list to be obtained **A**
- Cllr Green is storing the Christmas tree kindly supplied by the Ammerdown Estate. Thanks to be sent. The tree would be put up that weekend on Faulkland Green **A TH**
- Mr and Mrs Morris to be thanked for removing turf from the flagstones at Faulkland village pond. Cllr Green was thanked for clearing the path around. **A**

2108 **Next meeting**

Wednesday 14 January 2014, 7.30pm, Faulkland Village Hall.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.49pm.