

# Hemington, Hardington & Foxcote Parish Council

MENDIP DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING**  
held on Wednesday 20 May 2015 at Faulkland Village Hall at 8.05pm

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

**Present:** Councillors Tony Hucker (Chairman), Vince Curtis (Vice-Chairman)  
Francis Green, Wendy Haworth, , Mark Corney (from Minute 2164)

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

2158 **Election of Chair**

Chairman of the preceding Council, Andy Hall, presided for this item. He asked for nominations for Chair of Hemington Parish Council (HPC) for the coming year.

Cllr Green proposed Cllr Hucker, who declared his willingness to stand.

**RESOLVED** (2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Curtis, unanimous) that Cllr Hucker be Chairman of Hemington Parish council for the coming year.

Cllr Hucker took the Chair and signed the declaration of acceptance of office

2159 **Chairman's Announcements**

(i) Cllr Hucker welcomed the new Council

(ii) All Councillors present signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office

2160 **Apologies**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Laura Piper

2161 **Interests and dispensations**

There were no declarations of interests

2162 **Vice-Chair**

Cllr Green proposed Cllr Curtis, who declared his willingness to stand

**RESOLVED** (2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Hucker, unanimous) that Cllr Curtis be Vice-Chairman of Hemington Parish Council for the coming year.

2163 **Co-option**

Mr Mark Corney was willing to be co-opted.

**RESOLVED** (2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Hucker, unanimous) that Mark Corney be co-opted onto Hemington Parish Council.

Mr Corney signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and joined the Council.

**PUBLIC  
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PATION**

The Chairman adjourned the HPC meeting and opened participation to members of the public, whose contributions are in *italic*.

- *Kate Dando said there was limited play equipment at Faulkland Playing Field and none was suitable for young children. There were 21 local children at Hemington Primary School, with a further 11 at Hornbeams Pre-School. The school had said it would visit the playing field if the equipment was*

*improved.*

The Chairman said that HPC had tried, unsuccessfully, to get a grant for equipment for younger children. Some funding might be available from the money left over when the youth club closed. To be a June agenda item. Cllr Howarth will liaise.

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- *Jade Deverill said that they had identified four possible grant sources. HPC would have to apply. £10K does not go far when buying play equipment.*
- *Lynda LeRay said that the deep pothole in Knoll Lane (as it is now known, rather than Browns Lane) had been fenced off three months earlier. No action had been taken to repair the hole and the signs were now overgrown.*

The Clerk to chase Highways.

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The Chairman thanked the speakers, closed public participation and reconvened the PC meeting.

2164 **Minutes**

The minutes of HPC meeting of 8 April 2015 were agreed to be a true record. They were signed by the Chairman.

The minutes of HPC meeting of 5 May 2015 were agreed to be a true record. They were signed by the Chairman.

2165 **Clerk's report**

None. The items were on the agenda

2166 **Lead areas of responsibility**

The following were agreed:

Cllr Tony Hucker *Chairman, Highways, Finance, Village Hall*

Cllr Vince Curtis *Vice-Chair*

Cllr Mark Corney *Planning, Rights of Way*

Cllr Francis Green *Faulkland Green and Pond*

Cllr Wendy Haworth *Playing Field, Allotments*

Cllr Laura Piper *Speedwatch*

Mrs Heather Golland to be asked if she will continue to attend PCSO meetings.

2167 **Planning**

(i) Applications There were none to consider

(ii) Updates

There was no information on the matters reserved by condition at Heywood Farm BA3 5UF.

(iii) Phone box. This was available to purchase for £1 and an application had been made, which could take up to 90 days

2168 **Highways and rights of way**

(i) Updates

- The village cleaning day had been successful. From the floor, Ann Gatley commended Mendip on the swift removal of the rubbish.
- It appeared that Highways had accepted that Richard Clifford's boundary at Fulwell Lane/A366 was as stated by Mr Clifford. The white lines making the splay had been erased.
- There was nothing to report on parking at Hemington School, Faulkland village gateway, duck crossing sign, uprooted milestone or Speedwatch.

All would be on the June agenda.

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- Cllr Green had not put up a duck net as the birds were flying.
- The abandoned Vauxhall car was still at Fulwell Close. Mendip were being chased again.

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(ii) There was nothing to report on rights of way

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**Allotments**

- Cllr Haworth had arranged for leaflets to be produced, which she would collect at the end of the week. Sites to display them were discussed.
- Andy Hall had passed over details of the water supply account, which Mr Jim McLay of the former Allotments Association had just closed.

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**RESOLVED** (proposed Cllr Hucker, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Corney, unanimous) that HPC meet the cost of the water supply for the coming year. It was hoped that this would be covered by residual funds which the Allotment Association would hand over.

The Clerk will contact Bristol Water to take over the supply. It was agreed that the supply should be turned off in October to avoid a burst pipe.

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**Finance**

(i) The internally audited accounts for the year ended 31 March 2015 were approved

(ii) The Annual Governance Statement was held over to 20 June for completion

(iii) The current financial statement was noted

(iv) A review of the Asset Register was held over to June.

(v) Cheque signatories: Councillors Green and Curtis to be added as signatories. Cllr Piper to be asked in June.

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(vi) Payments **RESOLVED** (FG/MC unanimous) to pay:

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| Somerset Association of Local Councils – affiliation fees 2015/6     | £236.71 |
| Zurich Municipal (year 2 of 3-year agreement) – PC insurance 2015/16 | £384.62 |
| Clerk's salary May 2015 (postdated)                                  | £221.70 |

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**Correspondence and reports**

(i) Correspondence since the last meeting was noted; no actions were identified

(ii) Reports

- Cllr Green said that he had only just learned that former councillor Jim Knight had died about a month earlier. Members expressed their sadness and their regret that they had not known of the funeral, which several would have wished to attend.

The Clerk will write to Jim's widow, Jill Knight, expressing the Council's sympathy.

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- Dennis Perkins, another former councillor is a resident of Pondsmead Nursing Home, Oakhill.

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**Next meeting**

The date of the next Parish Council meeting was confirmed as 10 June, 7.30pm in Faulkland Village Hall. All welcome.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting, at 9.07pm.