

Hemington, Hardington & Foxcote Parish Council

MENDIP DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held on Wednesday 10 June 2015 at Faulkland Village Hall at 8.00pm

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, Laura Piper

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

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The Chairman welcomed everyone and opened the public forum.

- *Andy Hall said the pavement between Wayside and Meadowside was raised and bumpy. Highways to be notified*
- *Mr Hall said the bridleway behind Faulkland Green was very overgrown at the Faulkland Farm side. Francis Brothers to be asked to clear.*
- *The entrances to footpaths needed strimming. Mendip to be asked to clear. The Parish Council brushcutter, stored by Maggie Brombley, to be retrieved.*
- *Lynda LeRay said that though the top of Bishop Street had been resurfaced, the bottom still badly needed doing.*
- *The bus was still turning at Fulwell Lane.*
- *Lots of ideas had been proposed to raise money for young children's play equipment, including a Fun Day (which would also benefit others in the village), pub quiz and car boot sale.*
- *Wooden play equipment had been priced; there were many variations, but three items would cost about £10K. Some money was available from the funds of the former youth club. Four applications which could be made for lottery funding had been identified. The parish council's help would be needed.*

The Chairman thanked the speakers and closed the public forum

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Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Mark Corney (working)

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Interests and dispensations

Cllr Green declared a pecuniary interest in agenda item 2178(i).

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Minutes

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of May 20 were received.

The minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting, also of May 20, were agreed to be a true record. They were signed by the Chairman.

2176 **Clerk's report**

2169	The Parish Council had taken over the account for allotment water supply
2171	A letter of condolence on Jim Knight's death has been written to his widow.
	A 'Beware farm traffic' signs at Haywood Farm had been requested
	Mr Weaver had been asked to cut his hedges at Fulwell Close.
2166	Mrs Golland had been asked if she would continue to attend PACT meetings
	The hazardous puddle near Haywood Farm had been reported
2168	The abandoned car at Fulwell Close had not yet been removed

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Cllr Haworth expressed interest in doing councillor training.

2177 **Play equipment at Faulkland Playing Field**

Cllr Howarth had researched and passed information to the group interested in improving the play equipment for young children. She suggested the Parish Council support the fundraising, which will be kick-started by the residual youth club funds. It was noted that that the PC had in hand the £2K provision for a contested election. A PC contribution to be considered at a future date.

Mendip and Ashford Homes (West farm developers) to be asked about allocation of \$106 money.

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2178 **Planning**

(i) Applications

Cllr Green left the room.

Councillors considered the following application

2015/1136/REM Land South Of West Farm Fulwell Lane Faulkland BA3 5UH.

Proposal: Application for reserved matters approval following outline planning permission 2013/0914.

RESOLVED (VC/LP unanimous) to recommend refusal.

Comments: The area of land is not large enough for the proposed purpose.

The application differs little from the one previously refused.

Cllr Green rejoined the meeting

(ii) Updates

- The Retreat, Foxcote: The owners were appealing against the enforcement notice issued on 31 March
- Heywood Farm: Mendip DC were not consulting on the reserved matters.

2179 **Highways and rights of way**

(i) The PC to make a site visit before July to look at traffic speed and signage.

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(ii) It was agreed to ask Somerset Highways to

- Resurface the bottom of Bishop Street; prune the hedge at Greenway by the gravel depot; cut back the overgrowth at Knoll Lane; put the milestone back in position (Cllr Hucker will take a picture of where it is lying).
- Frome Minibuses and Writhlington School be asked to ensure that all drivers turn at Faulkland Green

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(iii) Speedwatch: Cllr Piper said new enthusiasm was wanted. From the floor, Ruth Gilbertson, a 'lapsed volunteer', suggested fixed time slots people could sign up for. Cllr Piper said that a local resident was working with the police on a digital speedwatch device.

(iv) Rob Coate at Somerset Rights of Way to be asked about the further delay in re-

routing the Buckland Dinham Right of Way.

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2180 **Allotments**

- Cllr Haworth had produced allotment posters. She was reluctant to put in other locations, given that the field was now again overgrown. It was agreed that as an ongoing commitment the Parish Council would offer to prepare the ground for anyone taking a plot.
- Cllr Green said the couch grass covering the field would not be killed by black plastic. His offer to spray the field was accepted. The Parish Council will pay for the materials. Allotment holders would be advised when spraying was to take place. Those present were content.
- The Parish Council has received £56.13 from Mr Jim McLay, being the residual allotment association money.

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2181 **Ponds**

PondNet had been given permission to test the water at Faulkland Pond for the DNA of Great Crested Newts.

2182 **Finance**

- (i) The financial statement to 31.5.2015 was noted
- (ii) The PC's asset register was reviewed
- (iii) The Accounting Statements for 2014/15 were approved and signed by the Chair. The Annual Governance Statement for 2014/15 was completed and signed.
- (iv) **RESOLVED** (TH/VC unanimous) to pay:

Hardington Vale PCC: churchyard grant St, Mary's Hemington	300.00
Foxcote and Shoscombe PCC: churchyard grant St James Foxcote	100.00
R. Campbell: refund playing field rent paid	125.00
Clerk's salary June 2015 (postdated) and expenses (£5)	226.70

2183 **Correspondence and reports**

- (i) Correspondence since the last meeting was noted; no actions were identified
- (ii) Reports
 - Cllr Piper said Highways would shortly be using a radar device to check speed in Faulkland. She noted that the periodic Speed Indicator Device only measures speed in one direction.
The 7.5 tonne weight limit was now in place from Terry Hill to the A36 at Brown Shutters.
 - Cllr Green said that while waiting outside during the planning item he had noticed that ivy on the outside walls of the Village Hall needed attention.
 - Cllr Hucker said there were a number of issues. He would ask the Village Hall Committee, at its meeting on 20 July, to compile a report of work needed, so that the PC could consider the cost implications. There was no provision in this year's budget.

2184 **Next meeting**

The date of the next Parish Council meeting was confirmed as 8 July at 7.30pm in Faulkland Village Hall. All welcome.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting, at 8.55pm