

Hemington, Hardington & Foxcote Parish Council

MENDIP DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held on Wednesday 12 August 2015 in Faulkland Village Hall at 7.30pm

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

Present: Councillors T Hucker (Chairman), V. Curtis (Vice-Chairman), M. Corney, F. Green, Laura Piper, W. Howarth

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION The Chairman opened public participation. He said there would be a separate opportunity for the public to comment on the planning application for Meadowside once he, the applicant, had left the room.

- *A pick-up was reported to have been fly-tipping in Faulkland that day*
- *Judith Green enquired if the Parish Council was going to respond to Mendip's Local Plan Part II.*

District Cllr Drewe said that villages that had exceeded their quota, as Faulkland had, would be 'by-passed' in considering Part II, though if there were a general shortfall of housing to meet quota at the end, then it could be reconsidered. He noted that in tertiary villages like Buckland Dinham, where there was no quota, any infill applications were currently considered as being in open countryside, which was problematical. In response to a question he said that Hemington was not even on the original Plan.

- *Lynda Le Ray said the verge in front of the allotment field needed cutting.* **A**

The Chairman thanked the speakers and closed public participation

2196 **Apologies** *None*

None. All Members were present

2197 **Interests and dispensations**

Cllr Hucker declared a pecuniary interest in 2201 (i) application 2015/1466/FUL Meadowside, as applicant.

2198 **Minutes**

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 7 July were agreed to be a true record, with the following amendment. 2191 (ii) Updates: A36 to read A366. They were signed by the Chairman.

2199 **Clerk's report**

None. Items were covered elsewhere in the agenda.

2200 **Faulkland Playing Field**

(i) Play equipment for younger children

A tractor, climbing wall and fireman's pole had been ordered and would be delivered by the end of August. A baby swing seat would follow in the first week of September.

Cllr Hucker drew attention to Mendip's Local Legacy Fund, which made grants of £1K to £30K. He suggested applying for a grant for a fence for the children's play area. Details can be found online under the Local Plan, Part II. The application closing date is 16 October.

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(ii) Skateboard ramps

In response to Cllr Haworth's enquiry about older children, he suggested two skateboard ramps ('book ends') for use on the former changing room base, could be included.

(iii) Safety inspection

This will take place in early September

2201 **Planning**

(i) Applications

Cllr Hucker left the meeting. Cllr Curtis took the Chair.

No member of the public wished to speak. Councillors considered the following application.

2015/1466/FUL Meadowside, High Street, Faulkland BA3 5UX

Proposal: Erection of 2 x 2 bedroom detached dwellings

RESOLVED (proposed Cllr Curtis, 2nd Cllr Corney, unanimous) to recommend **refusal**.

Comments:

1. Faulkland has already exceeded its quota of new housing in the Mendip Local Plan to 2030.
2. The narrowness of the junction of Fulwell Lane and the A366 (following the discovery that part of the land previously included in the highway splay is in private ownership) should preclude any development which increases the number of vehicle movements there.

It was noted that the plan showing the location of the proposed dwellings on the plot had not been provided with the paper plans.

Cllr Hucker returned to the meeting and resumed the Chair.

(ii) Planning decisions were noted as follows.

2015/0005/LBC Installation of rooflights at Chapel Farm, Faulkland – approved with conditions

2015/0982/APP Fulwell Lane, Faulkland. Details reserved by conditions 9 (archaeological report) and 20 (recycling of waste) on application 2013/0914 – approved.

2015/1327/HSE & 1329/LBC The Old Rectory, Foxcote BA3 5YE. Internal and external alterations including single storey extension, conversion of existing outbuilding to pool room and lowering of wall – approved with conditions

2014/2495/PAA Appeal against refusal of application for prior approval to change use of a building from agriculture to a dwelling house, Charlton Farm, Hammer Lane, Hemington. The PC's original comments will be forwarded to the inspector.

It was agreed that the PC did not wish to make any further comment.

2202 **Highways and rights of way**

(i) Updates

The Clerk reported that he had asked for

- the hedge next to the stone dump at Greenway Lane to be cut
- potholes at either end of Faulkland village to be filled
- Bishop Street to be resurfaced
- White-lining to be carried out on the resurfaced High Street

Cllr Piper reported that she had arranged a meeting with Rob Davey from Highways traffic management the next day to discuss traffic speed, calming and signage (including at Bishop Street). She would ask for 'farm' signs for Haywood Farm.

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(i) Speedwatch Cllr Piper said that an articulated lorry coming from Terry Hill had been turned round that morning.

(iii) Road signage Councillors discussed whether rumble strips or 'narrowing' strips would work better. To be included in the discussion with Mr Davey.

(ii) Rights of Way

Cllr Hucker said the bridleway above Faulkland Green was hard to pass because of overhanging branches. Francis Brothers to be asked to cut back.

2203 **Allotments**

Cllr Haworth said that only two allotments had been rented out this year and the allotment holders had struggled because of the overgrowth on the land. It was not viable to keep the allotments going. In other places people were crying out for allotments, but not here. It was not the best ground. The PC had given the allotments one last go, as requested by Lord Hylton.

It was agreed write to Savills asking for agreement to surrender the lease at the end of 2015.

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2204 **Proposed Co-op store at Norton St Philip**

Cllr Corney said he would welcome a new convenience store at Norton St Philip and this was generally agreed. The PC to write to Melanie Chiswell Brooks, who was conducting a survey for Co-op Food, welcoming the proposal.

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2205 **Data protection**

RESOLVED (proposed Cllr Corney, 2nd Cllr Haworth, unanimous) that the PC should notify the Information Commissioner that it holds and processes data on individuals (Data Protection Act 1998), as it was felt that the exceptions relied on by Parish Councils no longer covered Hemington PC's case.

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2206 **Finance**

(i) The financial statement to 12.08.2015 was received and approved

(ii) **RESOLVED** (MC/WH unanimous) to pay

<i>Cheque</i>	<i>Payee and item</i>	<i>£</i>
953	Active Garden Ltd, play equipment inc. VAT	2026.00
954	Clerk's salary August (postdated) £221.70 expenses £5.00	226.70
955	Information Commissioner's Office	35.00

2207 **Correspondence and reports**

(i) Correspondence since the last meeting was noted. Mendip Community transport to be asked to come to a Parish Council meeting **A**

(ii) Reports

District Cllr Drewe said that

- The one-stop shop at Shepton Mallet, which included the local housing association, was up and running well.
- There was a proposal to license all on-street trading to prevent people setting up for free and having an unfair advantage. On the other hand there was no desire to stop all on-street trading. A happy medium had to be found.
- Due to an increase in alleged enforcement matters two more enforcement officers had been appointed. They had 700 outstanding cases of varying degrees of priority.
- The Government had vastly reduced the money coming into district councils. Mendip was dependent on car parking, etc. for income and was having to share facilities with other authorities. It shared solicitors with two other authorities.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Drewe for his report.

- Councillor Curtis said that there was no continuity in what recycling was taken from one week to the next. Somerset Waste Partnership be contacted and the situation reviewed in September **A**
- Cllr Piper said all the speed signs at Faulkland were hidden by vegetation. Highways to be informed. And the situation reviewed in September. **A**

2208 **Next meeting**

The date of the next Parish Council meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 9 September at 7.30pm in Faulkland Village Hall. All welcome.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.45PM

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