

Hemington, Hardington & Foxcote Parish Council

MENDIP DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held on Wednesday 9 September 2015 at 7.30pm in Faulkland Village Hall

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, L. Piper,

In attendance: PCSO Mike Storey, R. Campbell (Clerk), 7 members of the public.

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The Chairman opened public participation. Comments, which do not form part of the minutes and are shown in *italic*, included

- *A resident had been unable to report to the police an incident of 'tailgating' and dangerous overtaking which he had experienced and photographed, because of a requirement to do so at a police station with a front desk.*

CLlr Piper offered to email the evidence to a Speedwatch police contact.

- *A resident passed on a report of drug taking in the plantation beyond Faulkland Playing Field. Loud music was heard there periodically.*

A letter to be sent to the landowner, Lord Hylton, advising him.

The Chairman thanked the speakers and convened the Parish Council meeting.

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2209 **Apologies** Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors W. Haworth, working and F. Green, unwell

2210 **Interests and dispensations** None

2211 **Minutes** The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 12 August 2015 were agreed to be a true record. They were signed by the Chairman.

2212 **Clerk's report**

- (see Minute 2207 i) Mendip Community Bus M.D. Mike Curtis was unable to visit all 56 parishes in his area. He hoped Hemington PC would be able to attend when he visited the Frome and Village Bus Group and will advise the date of the meeting.
- Other items appear in the agenda

2213 **Faulkland Playing Field**

(i) Installation of new play equipment

The tractor, small climbing wall and pole had been installed and were in use. The Clerk had received the toddler swing and would install it, with CLlr Hucker. CLlr Green to be asked if he will store the old swing.

The Clerk will ask CLlr Haworth if she will complete, with him, an application to

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Mendip's Legacy Fund for a play equipment grant, for approval at the October PC meeting. The application closing date is 16 October. **A**

Cllr Piper had received further reports of dog mess at the Playing Field and Cllr Curtis had noticed dog mess on the footpath past the Lavender Farm. The bin formerly at the playing field entrance was no longer there.

Mendip to be asked if they will supply two bins; if not, prices to be obtained for consideration in October. **A**

(ii) Safety inspection

Confirmation that the inspection had been carried out was still awaited.

Cllr Hucker had repaired the roof of the tower installation.

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The meeting was adjourned for further public participation on the arrival of PCSO Michael Storey, who was introduced by the Chairman. PCSO Storey said he had taken on the beat, which covered 20 villages, in April 2015. He enjoyed working in Frome Rural North. For local information he advised people to go to the Avon & Somerset Police website, click on Your Area and enter their postcode. He could be contacted by email at

Michael.Storey@avonandsomerset.police.uk or via 101 (Collar number 8755).

The tailgating incident and reports of drug taking in the plantation were relayed to PCSO Storey. He asked people to call 101 at the time of a drug-taking incident, if possible.

He said that any matter not for him would be passed on to his beat manager or appropriate police officer.

The Chairman thanked PCSO Storey for coming out at that time of the evening and reconvened the Parish Council meeting.

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Planning

(i) Applications

2015/1984/HSE The Batch, Row Lane, Laverton BA2 7RA.

Proposal: Part demolition of N. wing and proposed 2 storey extension over N. wing.

Cllr Corney said that the property was set back from the lane and the proposal used sympathetic materials.

RESOLVED (proposed Cllr Corney, 2nd Cllr Hucker, unanimous) to recommend **approval** **A**

(ii) Access to West Farm development

SCC Highways had advised Cllr Piper that any appeal against highway advice given should be raised with the Strategic Manager, Traffic & Transport.

Cllr Corney said an appeal should be made. Ownership of the land assumed by Highways to be theirs at the time they advised Mendip Planning over access to the West Farm development was clearly in private hands, as shown on the Land Registry. Given the actual width of Fulwell Lane at its junction with the A366, it was impossible to achieve the required splay distance and visibility height limit requirement.

It was agreed that an appeal would be made. **A MC**

(iii) Mendip Local Plan Part II

Comment could be made at www.mendip.gov.uk/localplanpart2 or in person at a number of venues throughout the District. The nearest was Beckington Village

Hall on Thursday 24 September, from 2pm to 8pm

(iv) Decisions and updates

Application 2015/1131/FUL Land South of Oldfied Farm Bungalow will be considered by the Planning Board on 16 September 2015. A councillor to attend if possible.

(v) Enforcement

The following were noted:

- The Retreat, Foxcote. Appeal under way. Result due end November
- Caravan on land next to Lower Farm, Faulkland. Awaiting enforcement officer's visit.

2215 **Highways and rights of way**

(i) Meeting with Somerset Highways

Cllr Piper reported on a meeting she and the Clerk had had with Rob Davey of Somerset Highways. Mr Davey had said that Highways could provide

- Renewal of the rumble strips at both ends of Faulkland Village
- white lines down both gutters of the A366 through Faulkland (rather than a white line down the centre) to give the illusion of a narrower road width

It was agreed to ask Highways to carry out these two measures as soon as possible.

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Mr Davey had been asked if Highways would provide

- warning signs at Bishop Street
- tractor crossing signs near Haywood Farm
- a further sweep of the A366 at Faulkland to remove gravel

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These measures to be requested at the same time.

Mr Davey had said that the PC could bid for further work under the Small Improvements Scheme and had mentioned 'table tops' to slow traffic down.

Cllr Piper suggested better Faulkland signs as well

Cllr Corney favoured, per the Parish Plan, fewer physical signs and more painted on the road.

Small Improvement bids would now be for the year after next.

Cllr Curtis said buses still turned at Bishop Street. From minibuses again to be asked to pull in at the bottom of Faulkland Green and out at the top.

(ii) Speedwatch

Some double offenders were now being recorded, but Cllr Piper was unconvinced the drivers would receive a police visit.

(iii) Update on requested Highway works

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A list of outstanding requests, with reference numbers, was circulated. The vegetation obscuring speed limit signs had been cut back. Actions not completed to be chased.

(iv) Rights of Way update

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From the floor Lynda Le Ray said that when enquiring about progress on re-routing the Buckland Dinham path, she had received a reply identical to one received elsewhere the end of 2014. Rob Coate, Somerset ROW, to be chased.

2216 **Allotments**

Ben Short of Savills will include the PC's request to surrender the allotment lease at the end of 2015 in his next meeting with Lord Hylton, and report.

2217 **Waste Collection** The link to Somerset Waste Partnership's site showing items which should be collected and the procedure to adopt if they are not, was noted

2218 **Finance**

(i) Financial statement

The statement and bank reconciliation to 31 August 2015 were received and approved

(ii) Unused provision for contested election

RESOLVED (proposed Cllr Corney, 2nd Cllr Hucker, unanimous) to make a virement of the full £2K contested election provision to the Faulkland Playing Field account and to spend up to that amount on play equipment, subject to separate approval of items.

(iii) Payments

RESOLVED (proposed Cllr Curtis, 2nd Cllr Piper unanimous) to pay:

Sally Vince, web site maintenance and hosting	235.00
Clerk's salary September 2015 (postdated) and expenses (£5)	226.70

The ownership of the parish council domain name to be established.

2219 **Correspondence and reports**

(i) Correspondence

Correspondence received since the last meeting was noted. No actions were identified

(ii) Reports

There were none

2220 **Meetings**

(i) Forthcoming meetings and events

The following was noted:

SALC Annual General and All Area General Meetings, Saturday 26 September 2015, The Edgar Hall, Somerton Business Park, 9.30 am.

(ii) Date of next Parish Council meeting

The date was confirmed as:

Wednesday **7 October** at 7.30pm in Faulkland Village Hall. All welcome. Please note: this is the **first Wednesday** of the month.

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