

Hemington, Hardington & Foxcote Parish Council

MENDIP DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held on Wednesday 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), M. Corney, F. Green, L. Piper

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION The Chairman opened public participation. District Councillor Drewe spoke on Mendip's Local Plan, Part II. His remarks are shown immediately below. Public participation was closed.

2225 **District Councillor's report** This item was taken next

District Councillor Drewe said that Faulkland's housing quota in the Mendip Local Plan Part II had been fully met and that no further development was proposed in the village. However, the figures in the Plan were, at the direction of the inspector, to be considered as minima and could eventually be 20% higher. This might mean that sites put forward in areas with no remaining quota would be reconsidered towards the end of the plan period.

The site put forward in Faulkland, the remainder of the field owned by Lord Hylton between Faulkland Farm and the High Street, presented a problem. If it were developed in the future, the developer of the first wave (the eight houses for which planning permission has already been given) would have to put in facilities for the whole development, to include larger drains and a widened access road, meaning less room for the single property at the front for which permission has also been given.

Cllr Drewe commented on the Q2 land formed by Faulkland Green, the back gardens of houses in Bishop Street containing sheds, the pond and surrounding land. Theoretically the Q2 area could be amended to exclude the back gardens.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Drewe; he had provided food for thought.

2221 **Apologies and Resignation**

(i) Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor V. Curtis, who was abroad
(ii) Wendy Haworth had resigned from the Parish Council due to pressure of work and the need for family time. Councillors thanked her for her enthusiasm and hard work and wished her well in the future. The requisite vacancy notice had been posted and unless an election was claimed by 10 electors, the Parish Council would be in a position to co-opt at the November meeting.

2222 **Interests and dispensations**

All Councillors present declared a pecuniary interest in relation to planning application 2015/1136/REM, as neighbours. All requested dispensations, which were granted by the Clerk, because otherwise the business referred to could not be transacted.

2223 **Minutes**

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 9 September were agreed to be a true record. They were signed by the Chairman.

2224 **Clerk's report**

The Clerk had spoken to a Frome Minibuses driver in the act of reversing into the land next to Oaklea, who said that this was how he been told to turn, as it was too narrow to go behind Faulkland Green.

This was confirmed by the managing director of the bus company. He had asked drivers not to try and turn in Bishop Street or Fulwell Lane, or go round the Green.

If they start building on the land next to Oaklea, he foresaw a problem and would ask for a site meeting with Somerset to try and find a solution. He had suggested that the road behind the Green could be widened.

2226 **Faulkland Playing Field**

(i) Grant application No replacement for Wendy Haworth to assist in preparing a Mendip Legacy Fund application being available, the Clerk undertook to do this. He will liaise with the Chairman. **A**

(ii) Safety inspection The Play Inspection Company's report noted a number of matters of low or very low risk, which would be kept under review. A moderate risk had been identified in relation to the angle of the goalposts. Cllr Francis will ask Cllr Curtis to help him restore the posts to an upright position. **A**
FG/VC

2227 **Planning**

(i) Applications 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. Amended plans received 15th September 2015.

Cllr Corney said the ecology report was generally fine; he was surprised to read in the engineer's report that only two porosity pits had been dug. The pond at the Lavender Farm was not noted.

Cllr Hucker said the boundary had wrongly been drawn on his side of the wall and five bird boxes were proposed in his tree. He had addressed this as an individual.

RESOLVED (MC/TH unanimous) to highlight the inaccuracies and state that the report was incomplete because drainage issues had not been fully addressed.

District Councillor Drewe said he understood that the houses on Fulwell Lane were to be reversed, so that the backs face the road. Some houses are to have chimneys.

(ii) Highways advice on application 2013/0914 West Farm A response to the Parish Council's appeal was awaited.

(iii) Planning decisions The following decisions by Mendip were noted:

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

Proposal: Erection of 2 x 2 bedroom detached dwellings REFUSAL (noise)

2015/1717/VRC Charlton Farm, Hammer Lane, Hemington BA3 5XS

Proposal: Removal of Conditions 3 & 10 and variation of conditions 4, 5, 9 & 11 of planning permission 2012/1626. APPROVAL WITH CONDITIONS.

2015/1131 FUL Land South of Oldfield Farm Bungalow, Faulkland. Siting of a temporary agricultural worker's dwelling and the siting of a mobile poultry unit. REFUSAL

(iv) Mendip Local Plan Part II It was agreed Councillors would send their observations on the Plan to Cllr Corney by the end of October. He would collate them, answer the questions asked in relation to Faulkland, and pass to the Clerk for transmission to Mendip by the due date at the start of December,

A MC

2228 **Highways and rights of way**

(i) Parking at Hemington School The Kilmersdon Estate had confirmed it might be willing to make available land adjacent to the School for this purpose. A meeting to be arranged with the Estate and Somerset Education Committee to take the matter forward. County Councillor P. Ham to be copied into correspondence and asked to engage the support of the Cabinet Member for Education.

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(ii) Speedwatch Cllr Piper said there was less to report now the nights were drawing in. Quarry lorries were coming through Faulkland. There were fewer artics; most of those still coming were foreign. She will arrange a lorry watch Cllr Drewe said a police motorcyclist had been twice in the recent past.

(iii) Updates Nothing to report

2229 **Rights of Way**

The Clerk reported on a conversation with Rob Coate of Somerset Rights of Way, who was pushing the larger landowner involved to submit a footpath diversion request for the Buckland Dinham path away from the badger sets.

2230 **Allotments**

An answer to the Council's request to surrender the lease was awaited. It was agreed to cut off the water supply.

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2231 **Litter bin**

Mendip are prepared to replace litter bins but not provide new ones. Councillors confirmed that a litter bin at the entrance to Faulkland Playing Field had been in place in Spring 2015. Mendip to be advised

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2232 **Telephone box**

The kiosk is not listed. A contract was expected shortly, which Cllr Corney will review.

A MC

2233 **Audit**

(i) An unqualified external audit report had been received. The auditors had queried an incorrect subtraction on the Accounting Statement. This did not affect their opinion.

(ii) The Conclusion of Audit notice had been displayed.

2234 **Finance**

(i) The financial statement to 30 September was received and approved.

(ii) **RESOLVED** (FG/MC unanimous) to pay the following:

<i>Cheque</i>	<i>Payee and item</i>	<i>*inc. VAT</i>
959	The Landscape Group, grass cutting	£259.99*
960	Bristol Wessex Billing Services, allotment water supply	26.42*
961	Clerk's salary October(postdate) and expenses £5.00	226.70
962	The Play Inspection Company Ltd, re Faulkland play area	120.00*

2235 **Correspondence and reports**

(i) Correspondence All matters had been covered elsewhere in the agenda.

(ii) Reports None

2236 **Next meeting**

The date of the next Parish Council meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 11 November at 7.30pm in Faulkland Village Hall. All are welcome. Cllr Corney made his apologies.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.40pm