

Hemington, Hardington & Foxcote Parish Council

MENDIP DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held on Wednesday 10 February 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),
F. Green, F. Haywood, M. Corney

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

- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** The Chairman opened public participation. Comments are noted in *italic*; they do not form part of the minutes
Lynda LeRay said there was talk of a caravan site being set up at the start of Faulkland village
No planning application had been received; it was thought that the need for one would depend on size and frequency of use of any site which was established..
The Chairman closed public participation
- 2285 **Apologies** Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor B. Seviour
- 2286 **Councillors** Cllr Seviour's declaration of acceptance of office to be signed at the March meeting
- 2287 **Interests and dispensations**
No declarations of interests. No requests for dispensation had been received.
- 2288 **Minutes**
The minutes of the meeting of 13 January were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record
- 2289 **Clerk's Reports**
- The two grit bins bought by the Parish Council but not delivered could not be found at Highways/Atkins Frome Depot. Highways would replace and deliver if they could not be located. **A**
 - The PC domain name had been renewed, courtesy of Tim Gibbs
- 2290 **Waste and cleansing** **A**
- (i) Mendip DC to be asked if separate dog waste and rubbish bins are required.
To be a March agenda item
- (ii) It was agreed that Faulkland village litter clearing day will be Sunday 6 March. The Clerk will organise high vis jackets, litter pickers and bags for 10-12. **A**

2291 **Faulkland Playing Field**

(i) Hedges at the Playing Field and former allotment field were due to be cut on 24th February.

(ii) An application for a County Councillor's Health and Wellbeing grant had been submitted and circulated to Councillors

(iii) Dog mess Mendip no longer have a dog warden but an Environment Officer will visit when next in the area. No fouling stickers to be distributed

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2292 **Planning**

(i) Application Councillors considered the following application

2015/2938/FUL The Old Rectory, Green Street, Foxcote, Radstock BA3 5YE
Proposal: Demolition of derelict piggery and erection of home office, previously approved app no 2011/2619. **PC Recommendation: approval**

The following application had been published after the agenda was posted; details had not yet received:

2016/0199/HSE Pond Cottages Bishop Street Faulkland Frome BA3 5XB.

Proposal: New vehicular access and turning area.

A request for an extension from 24 February until 10 March for the PC's recommendation would be made. If this was not possible, an extra PC meeting would be arranged. It was not thought the site notice had been posted.

(ii) Decisions Cllr Corney reported that **2015/1136/REM** Land South Of West Farm Fulwell Lane Faulkland BA3 5UH, application for reserved matters for approval following outline planning permission 2013/0914, amended plans received 15th Sept 2015, had been **approved with conditions**. The officer's recommendation had been endorsed by the District Councillor and had not gone to the Planning Board.

It was agreed to write to the Chief Executive of Mendip District Council flagging Hemington Parish Council's dismay that the views of villagers (with at least 72 initial objections) and the Parish Council had been overridden yet again. The concerns raised about the safety of the junction of Fulwell Lane and the A366 had been ignored, the drainage issue had not been resolved and the opportunity for the village to have its say at Committee had been denied.

Land at The Retreat, Foxcote. The **appeals** against an enforcement notice to demolish the structure, remove materials, services and vehicles from the site had been **dismissed** and the notice upheld, with corrections and a variation.

2015/2381/HSE 2 Pond Cottages, Bishop Street, Faulkland BA3 5XB

Proposal: Dormer window on north-facing roof. Decision: **approval**.

Cllr Curtis asked if it could be established who had done the drawings for this application.

2293 **Highways and transport**

Update The following had been reported to Somerset Highways under reference 38263: ripped tarmac at Fulwell Lane/A366 junction; blocked gullies at Fulwell Lane, Grove Lane and at the phone box, Faulkland.

It was agreed to ask Highways Superintendent Andy Fountain to make a site visit to look at blocked gullies in the Faulkland Green area.

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2294 **Rights of Way**

Former County road behind Faulkland Green This is still blocked. Faulkland Farm to be asked to attend to the N. side. If it is not their responsibility, the Bridleways Association to be contacted. Savills for the Kilmersdon Estate to be asked to clear the S. side. **A**

Somerset ROW to be asked to clear the bridleway blocked towards Foxcote. **A**

2295 **Temporary Post Office**

Subject to confirmation by the Post Office, Mike Phipers had agreed that the temporary office at Faulkland Village Hall would in future open from 10am until 12 noon on Mondays and Wednesdays.

2296 **Finance**

(i) Financial statement This was received and noted.

(ii) Mendip Community Transport A grant request had been received. An answer to the question 'Is there a demonstrable need in this area?' to be sought before the matter is discussed at the March PC meeting. **A**

(iii) **RESOLVED** (proposed Cllr Hucker, 2nd Cllr Corney, unanimous) to pay

The Landscape Group, grass cutting (dated February 2016)	259.99
Clerk's salary January 2016 (dated 21/2)	221.70
R. Campbell, expenses	55.99

2297 **The Queen's 90th birthday**

Councillors welcomed that fact that the Village Hall Committee was considering proposals for a barn dance and other celebrations. Cllr Hucker will investigate beer supply. To be a March agenda item **A TH**

2298 **Correspondence and reports**

(i) Correspondence received since the last meeting and not appearing elsewhere on the agenda, was noted.

PondNet had requested permission to survey the Faulkland ponds again. No evidence of Great Crested Newts had been found in 2015. Councillors approved of the larger pond being tested.

The smaller pond is privately owned by residents of Pond Cottages. PondNet to be advised that they should request permission before sampling this pond. **A**

(ii) Reports

A letter to be written to the owner of 2 Pond Cottages asking him not to park a car so as to obstruct emergency vehicles and to make arrangements for contractor parking should permission for a new vehicular access and turning area be granted. **A**

2299 **Next meeting**

The date of the next Parish Council meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 9 March 2016 at 7.30pm in Faulkland Village Hall. All welcome.

An additional meeting may be called before 24 February if required for planning.

The Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 8.50pm.