

Hemington, Hardington & Foxcote Parish Council

MENDIP DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held on Wednesday 9 March 2016 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, F. Haywood, B. Seviour

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

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The Chairman opened public participation.

- *Anne Gatley offered to litter pick if wanted, as she had been unable to do so on 6 March.*

The Chairman thanked her for her offer. A number of people had been unable to take part because it had been Mothers' Day.

- *Richard Golland expressed regret that replacement street lights were LED, a harsher light which he considered spoilt the atmosphere. Mendip had told him LEDs were cheaper to run. Could LEDs be made to have an orange glow?*

Somerset Highways Lighting to be asked for clarification. **A**

- *Lynda Le Ray asked if the village clean-up could be made more of a social day, with refreshments at the end, as had been done in the past.*

Cllr Corney suggested agreeing a date for a further session a couple of months on, at the April meeting.

- *Mr and Mrs Le Ray had litter-picked the restricted byway off Grove Lane. The byway was being ruined by vehicles.*

The Chairman said a covert wildlife camera, costing about £50 might identify who was doing this, but would anyone take any action?

- *Mrs Hucker reported a complaint from a parishioner woken at night by music and lights coming from a makeshift blue tent erected in the plantation two fields over from the Playing Field.*

The Clerk will write to the police and the landowner. The public are advised to report any recurrence to the police at the time. **A**

2300 **Apologies** None. All Councillors were present.

2301 **Interests and dispensations**

There were no declarations of interests. No requests for dispensation had been received.

2302 **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of 10 February 2016 were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record

2303 **Reports**

Clerk's report:

- The owner of Wellspring in Faulkland High Street had kindly painted the step edge in white
- Hedges at the Playing Field and former allotments had been cut by Tim Candy
- The Parish Council notice board near Faulkland Green needed repair. The names of two possible repairers were suggested,
- Excess surface water on the A366 at Haywood Farm had been reported to Somerset Highways (reference 383764)
- The rubbish collected on the previous Sunday's cleaning day had been removed and the equipment returned

2304 **Planning**

(i) Application Councillors considered the following application:

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

Proposal: New vehicular access and turning area.

Recommendation: **refusal**.

Comments included: sited between the Village Green and the Horse Pond, the proposal would have a detrimental impact on the setting of these important village amenities.

Note: 2016/0432/HSE 11 Lansdown View: not yet to hand; an extension till 14 April to be sought or, if not granted, an additional Parish Council meeting to be called.

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(ii) Update Mendip District Council had notified the following decisions:

2015/2939/FUL Charlton Farm Hammer Lane Hemington BA3 5XS Conversion of existing agricultural building to dwelling curtilage (Revisions to Planning Permissions Ref: 2012/1626 and 2015/1717/VRC)

Decision: **approval with conditions**

2015/1136/REM Land South Of West Farm Fulwell Lane Faulkland BA3 5UH Application for reserved matters approval following outline planning permission 2013/0914. Decision: **approval with conditions**.

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. Decision: **approval with conditions**

2305 **Highways and transport**

Somerset Highways had found the three missing grit bins. Steve Palmer, standing in for Andy Fountain, will make a site visit to agree where they are to be placed and to inspect blocked gullies at Faulkland Green, Fulwell Lane and Grove Lane.

2306 **Rights of Way**

Bridleway behind Faulkland Green:

Savills had been and asked to repair the collapsed section of the wall on the S. side and to remove the ivy. Chris Francis at Faulkland Farm, will look at the ivy on the N. side.

2307 **Waste and cleansing**

(i) Mendip had confirmed that separate bins are required for litter and for dog waste. They will not pay for either, but will empty bins bought by the Parish Council.

(ii) **RESOLVED** (proposed Cllr Corey, 2nd Cllr Hucker) to buy:

2 x Glasdon Topsy Royal Litter Bins @ £152.34 each

2 x Glasdon 25 Dog Waste Bins @ £87 each

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2308 **The Queen's 90th birthday**

The nature of the celebration to be held on 12 June was still being discussed by the Village Hall Committee, who would next meet on April 23rd. To be an April agenda item.

2309 **Telephone kiosk**

(i) Ownership The kiosk is now owned by Hemington Parish Council

(ii) Contract actions It was agreed to display a sign saying the kiosk is the PC's responsibility, that there is no phone service and to replace the 'telephone' signs with ones saying 'The Exchange'. Cllr Seviour will locate a sign maker in Faulkland.

(iii) Uses It was confirmed that the kiosk will be used for the exchange of books and small items, as agreed in minute 2146 (iv). This information to be put in *Parish News*.

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2282 **Finance**

(i) Financial statement This was received and noted.

(ii) Grant request It was agreed not to make a grant to Mendip community Transport.

(iii) Payments

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

976 Savills – Playing Field rent 25/3/16 – 24/3/17	125.00
977 The Landscape Group – grass cutting, dated Feb 2016	259.99
978 R. Campbell – expenses (annual office allowance, mileage re clean-up day, phone box purchase)	236.90
979 Faulkland Village Hall – budgeted grant payment	320.00
980 Friends of Foxcote – grant payment (ref Minute 2296 ii)	100.00
982 Faulkland Village Hall Committee – hall hire charges (£140.00), insurance (£599.39), non-domestic rates (£36.36)	775.75
983 Clerk's salary March 2016 (dated 21/7)	221.70
984 T. Candy – Hedge cutting, inc. VAT	96.00

2311 **Correspondence and reports**

(i) Correspondence received since the last meeting and not elsewhere on the agenda, was noted as follows:

- Tower Mint Ltd – sample commemorative medal and order form for The Queen’s 90th birthday
- Glasdon Catalogue of village gateways (to be filed)
- Avon & Somerset Police – Notice of Frome Rural PACT meeting 6 May, Dalimore Mead Hall, Nunney BA11 4NB, 7.30pm
- Mendip DC – Parish Information Bulletin
- BT – Countersigned contract for purchase of phone kiosk
- Avon & Somerset Police & Crime Commissioner – Newsletter Spring 2016

(ii) Reports

- Cllr Seviour noted that there had been an accident at Christmas and recent near misses at Haywood Farm, due to excess surface water on the A366.

2264 **Next meeting**

The date of the next Parish Council meeting was confirmed as Wednesday April 13th 2016 at 7.30pm in Faulkland Village Hall. All welcome.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.27pm.