

Hemington, Hardington & Foxcote Parish Council

MENDIP DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held on Wednesday 13 April 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), six members of the public.

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PATION**

- *Lynda Le Ray drew attention to the condition of Brown's Lane, which was potholed and worn away at the edges*

Action was agreed as shown in 2325 below

- *Richard Golland asked if there was any information on the developments at West Farm and on land Between Faulkland Farm And 'Oaklea'.*

In relation to West Farm Cllr Green provided information on revised proposals for drainage into a surge tank rather than the pond.

Cllr Corney said he understood that contractors' plant would all enter through West Farm, as the Fulwell Lane entrance from the High Street was unsatisfactory.

- *Judith Green asked what was happening about the Fulwell Lane/A366junction*

See minute 2325 Highways, below

Angela Leslie enquired about a digger in the field behind her house.

The Chairman thanked the speakers and closed Public Participation

2320 **Apologies** None. All Councillors were present.

2321 **Interests and dispensations**

Cllr Green declared a pecuniary interest in item 2324, application by Somerset Lavender for a Premises Licence (PRL 0706), as co-owner.

2322 **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of 9 March 2016 were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

The minutes of the meeting of 23 March 2016 were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

2323 **Reports**

Clerk's report:

- Savills had been notified about noise from the blue 'tent' in the plantation near Faulkland Playing Field

- Jeremy Hunter will give a price to repair the PC notice board

2324 **Planning and Licensing**

(i) Applications There were no planning applications

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

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

Proposal: New vehicular access and turning area. Mendip decision: **refusal**

2015/1260/APP Fulwell Lane, Faulkland BA3 5UH Details reserved by conditions

6 (external lighting) and 7 (Ecological Mitigation) on planning application

2013/0914. Mendip decision: **approval**

(iii) Licence application

Cllr Green took no part in this item.

Judith Green, the applicant was asked to provide information. She had done a course before applying for the premises licence, which customers had asked for.

The business had to up its game because of the new housing development

The licensing hours sought were 10:am to 5:pm Wednesday to Sunday and Bank Holidays

Cllr Corney said that in its submission to the Mendip's Local Plan the Parish

Council had voiced encouragement for local business

RESOLVED (proposed Cllr Hucker, 2nd Cllr Corney, unanimous) to support the application

2325 **Highways and transport**

Fulwell Lane Cllr Cllr Corney will draft a letter to Highways voicing the PC's continuing concern about the unsuitability, due to the narrowness of its junction with the A366, of Fulwell Lane as access to the West Farm Development.

Milestone Cllr Hucker had reported the milestone near Pond Farm stolen (ref 5216077881). Cllr Corney will check with the Somerset Historic Environment Record whether it is a listed structure. Further theft reports will then be made as necessary.

LEDs It was noted that Somerset Highways Lighting always fit LEDs on renewal. They are 66% cheaper to run. Highways currently offer no alternative to white LEDs. Shields can be fitted if requested.

Bishop Street Potholes had again been reported.

Brown's Lane Photographs of the condition to be taken and sent to Highways, with a chaser about similar problems previously reported in Fulwell Lane.

2326 **Rights of Way**

Byway behind Faulkland Green: Savills say the Estate will rebuild the collapsed section of wall and remove ivy when the weather is drier.

Buckland Dinham byway There was still no response from Somerset PROW. The Co-op will be contacted direct.

2327 **Waste and cleansing**

(i) Two litter bins and two dog waste bins had been ordered but not yet

delivered. Cllrs Green and Curtis offered to install.

(ii) The next litter-picking day to be in April 2017, unless the amount of litter dropped requires an earlier clean-up.

(iii) The Clerk had found no sign of a fly-tipped mattress near Highchurch Farm reported by Cllr Green, who will check that it has been removed.

2328 **The Queen's 90th birthday celebration**

The Village Hall Committee was meeting to consider this.

2329 **The Exchange**

(i) The sign maker suggested in March is not available. The Clerk will measure and contact a firm in Westfield.

(ii) Cllr Green offered to deal with the vegetation growing over the kiosk.

(iii) The Clerk to obtain the correct red paint.

2330 **Finance**

(i) Accounts Unaudited accounts for the year ended 31.3.16 were noted

(ii) Payments

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

985 Clerk's salary March 2016 (dated 21/4)	177.36
986 HMRC	44.34

2331 **Correspondence and reports**

(i) Correspondence received since the last meeting and not elsewhere on the agenda, was noted. No actions were identified.

(ii) Reports

- Cllr Curtis reported that the water stop valve in Fulwell Lane at the junction of Fulwell Close had sunk into the road surface. Bristol Water to be contacted.
- It was noted that planning applications at Meadowside and Foxcote considered by the Parrish Council in late 2015 had still not been decided. Mendip to be chased.

2332 **Future meetings**

(i) Forthcoming events None noted

(ii) Meetings were confirmed as follows:

Annual Parish Meeting (Annual Meeting of Electors) Wednesday 11 May 2016, Faulkland Village Hall, 7.30pm

Annual Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 11 May 2016, Faulkland Village Hall, starting at approximately 8.00pm, following the Annual Parish Meeting.

Apologies for both meetings were given by Cllrs Hucker and Curtis. In their absence it was agreed that Cllr Corney would chair the meetings.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.25pm.