

# Hemington, Hardington & Foxcote Parish Council

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## MENDIP DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET

### MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 13 July 2016 in Faulkland Village Hall at 7.30pm

**Present:** Councillors M. Corney (Chairman), V. Curtis, F. Green, F. Hayward, A. Hucker. B. Seviour

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

#### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Ruth Gilbertson expressed thanks to the organisers of the Queen's 90th birthday celebrations
- Liz Morris referred to comments she had made to the planning authority about the proposed use of inappropriate materials in application 2016/1132/FUL, land adjacent to Oaklea and The Cottage.

2370 **Apologies** None. All Councillors were present

2371 **Interests** There were no declarations of interests

2372 **Minutes**

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 8 June 2016 were agreed to be a true record. They were signed by the Chairman.

2373 **Clerk's report** A report on actions outstanding from previous meetings was distributed to members. Details appear in the relevant minute below.

2374 **Planning**

(a) Application

**2016/1132/FUL** Land adjacent to Oaklea and The Cottage, Faulkland BA3 5XA

Proposal: Erection of 2-storey, 4-bedroom dwelling, including parking and amenity.

**RESOLVED** (proposed Cllr Green, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Curtis, unanimous) to recommend **refusal**.

Councillors considered that

- The wooden fence should be replaced with a stone wall in darker limestone, which would blend in better with existing properties
- Roofing The bright red roof tiles should be replaced with darker, more sympathetic roofing material
- Stone The proposed material is too bright and may not weather. It is suggested that locally available Forest Marble be used, as was required by Mendip planners for extensions to the adjacent property
- Rendering on the side walls will blacken; a more sympathetic material, in keeping with the surroundings, should be used.

(b)The following application, for which the Parish Council is not a consultee, was noted:

**2016/1506/NMA** The Batch Row Lane Laverton BA2 7RA. Non material amendment to 2015/1984/HSE to omit bathroom roof lights, addition of two windows and roof window to master bedroom.

(c) The following decisions by Mendip DC were noted and, in the last item, action agreed:

**2016/1125/CLE Top House** Chickwell Lane Hemington Radstock BA3 5XT.

Certificate of Lawful Use Existing for residential garden land.

Decision: the proposal is **lawful**

**2016/1186/PAA** West Farm High Street Faulkland BA3 5UX

Notification for Prior Approval for change of use from agricultural buildings to two dwelling houses (class C3) and associated building operations necessary to convert the buildings.

Prior approval **refused**. Reason: the development involves the change of use of agricultural buildings with proposed curtilages larger than the area of land occupied by the relevant buildings.

**2016/0199/HSE** 2 Pond Cottages, Bishop Street, Faulkland BA3 5XB. An appeal had been made against refusal of planning permission for new vehicular access and turning area.

Councillors agreed to make a submission to the appeal inspector about the effect of the proposal on the setting of listed buildings. They delegated the details to the Chairman and Clerk.

(d) Mendip had been told that the visibility splay from West Farm was useless when cars were parked on Faulkland High Street.

## 2375 **Highways**

(a) Report (ref minute 2368)

- The lighting column at West Farm was now operating normally
- Highways had been asked to cut the hedge at the Greenway Lane side of the roadstone dump (ref 333599)
- Highways had been asked not to deliver to the roadstone dump at unsociable hours
- Bristol Water had been told they had marked the wrong stopcock in Fulwell Lane

(b) Speedwatch Cllr Seviour had received and checked the equipment. The Clerk would check the current training procedure with Norton St Philip Speedwatch. Cllr Seviour had been contacted about cars delivering children to Hemington School travelling too fast. The School were due to send out a letter to parents.

2376 **Rights of way** Somerset PROW would be asked to provide an update on the proposed diversion to the Hardington-Buckland Dinham restricted byway.

2377 **Faulkland Green** Councillors considered a suggestion from two members of the public that a permanent fence be erected along the A366 border of Faulkland Village Green. The Chairman said that

- fencing the Green would mean that people would have to cross the A366 at the top and bottom; to do so at the bottom, close to a blind bend, was particularly dangerous

- a permanent boundary could jeopardize Open Areas of significance (Faulk 001 and 002)
- The Green has historically been an open space, shown as such in the 1841 Tythe Map and again in 1885 and 1906. A photograph of 1910 shows simple uprights with rope between; a 1940 photograph shows no boundary
- the cost of purchase and maintenance should be considered
- the setting of listed buildings could be affected

Cllr Green said children should use the play area at Faulkland Playing Field

Whilst thanking the public for their suggestion, councillors decided to take no further action.

2378 **Waste and cleansing** The Clerk was asked to chase Highways for agreement to put a litter bin in the layby at the E entrance to Faulkland and to ask again that litter and dog bins, including the one of Faulkland Green, be emptied regularly.

2379 **The Exchange** Cllr Hucker supplied the Clerk with an existing 'telephone' sign to use as a template when ordering the new signs (minute 2366).

2380 **Finance**

(a) A Month 3 financial statement was distributed

(b) Amendments to Financial Regulations to be considered in August

2381 **Correspondence and reports**

(a) Correspondence to note: none

(b) Miscellaneous reports:

- The Chairman echoed the thanks to the organisers of the Queen's birthday celebration tea and barbecue. It was noted that attendance had been relatively light
- Cllr Seviour had met a vehicle enforcement officer operating in Faulkland.
- Cllr Green said the wall surrounding the pond at Faulkland was overgrown. The owner will be contacted. Taking ownership of the pond to be considered at the next meeting.
- Who would pay the bill for a valuation of Faulkland Village Hall for insurance purposes to be considered at the next meeting.

2382 **Future meetings**

(a) No forthcoming meetings or events were noted.

(b) The date of the next Parish Council Meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 10 August in Faulkland Village Hall, starting at 7:30pm.

The Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 8.10pm