

Hemington, Hardington & Foxcote Parish Council

MENDIP DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 10 August 2016 in Faulkland Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors F. Hayward (meeting Chair), F. Green, B. Seviour

In attendance: District Councillor E. Drewe, R. Campbell (Clerk), five members of the public.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Linda Le Ray said the waste bin on Faulkland Green was again overflowing. She also noted that Falkland pond 'looked a mess'.

The Clerk will again request bin emptying from Mendip and collect the strimmer from Maggie Brombley. Ownership of the wall at Faulkland pond was discussed.

- District Councillor Drewe asked if the gully blocked where a stream enters the road about 200 metres South of Tuckers Grave towards Charlton Farm had been cleared.

Highways to be chased.

The Chair closed public participation

2392 (b) part **Reports**

The District Councillor's report was taken next.

- Cllr Drewe referred to the slowness by Mendip in determining planning application 2015/2593/OTA Rectory Farm, Foxcote. He said the lack of a farming matters expert had contributed to the delay. He would be taking the matter up and encouraged the council to write.
- No grant aid money was coming through from Central government and so Mendip needed to raise funds. It had offloaded all leisure facilities to an outside company which had done them all up and was making money, with Mendip receiving a share of the profits.
- There was a new Mendip housing department which would build council houses for rent only. He did not believe there was a demand in Faulkland.
- He reminded the meeting there would be no more council tax support grant.
- Several departments were being run by Capita, involving back office amalgamation with other authorities. Saving of £1m per year from other matters including licencing were to be achieved. Legal services were being shared with Sedgmoor District Council. These measures will allow Mendip to peg or raise council tax by only a small amount.

- Cllr Drewe reported slow progress in providing a roundabout at Terry Hill, though the project was listed.
- He had been appointed Mendip's liaison officer for the old Frome-Radstock railway line, which it was intended to revive. The plan was to extend through to Mells Road (the pipeworks planned to use rail), past Kilmerson Halt and take the line into a new depot at Radstock. By 2025 a permanent line to Westbury was planned.
- Lynda Le Ray asked if horses would still be able to use the route alongside the track.

Cllr Drewe left the meeting.

2383 **Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillors M. Corney, A. Hucker and V. Curtis

2384 **Interests** There were no declarations of interests or dispensation requests.

2385 **Minutes**

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 13 July 2016 were agreed to be a true record and were signed by the Chair

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of 11 May 2016 were received and noted.

2386 **Clerk's report**

A report on actions outstanding from previous meetings was distributed to members members.

2387 **Planning**

(a) Councillors considered applications and made recommendations as follows:

2016/1749/FUL Hillside, Southfield Hill, Hemington, Radstock BA3 5XU.

Proposal: Erection of new garage with ancillary storage

RESOLVED (proposed Cllr Green, 2nd Cllr Hayward) to recommend **approval**

2016/0321/FUL Jubilee Cottages Southfield Hill Hemington BA3 5XU

Proposal: Renovation of an existing Victorian coach house that is currently derelict and increasingly structurally unstable. Plans drawn for a 2 bedroom holiday cottage to make best use of the current property to benefit the local area and make the project financially viable, benefiting local tourism.

Councillors considered that the proposals represented an improvement on the current state of the building. The retained parking provided one space. Vehicles should not be permitted to park on the road

RESOLVED (proposed Cllr Hayward, 2nd Cllr Green, unanimous) to recommend **approval**.

(b) The following application was noted:

2016/1873/PAA Buildings At West Farm High Street Faulkland Radstock BA3 5UX.

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

Mendip to be asked to provide details.

(c) The following planning and enforcement decisions and updates were noted:

2016/1163/FUL Manor Farm, Pillar Lane, Hardington, Frome BA11 2RE.

Proposal: Construct a new earth-banked slurry lagoon. Decision: **permit**

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. Decision: **approval**

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.

Decision: **approval with conditions**

2388 **Highways**

(a) Somerset Highways No update

(b) Speedwatch No update.

Mr Tim Gibbs to be asked if he will attend the next meeting

2389 **Rights of way**

Lynda Le Ray said the Bridleways Association would clear the bridleway from Ashgrove Lane up the side of Faulkland Farm.

Somerset Highways to be asked to clear the old County road behind Faulkland Green.

Insurance for a PC working party as an alternative to be checked.

2390 **The Exchange** Signs had been ordered. Cllr Hayward will chase up the painting team.

2391 **Finance**

(a) The Month 4 financial statement was received and noted.

(b) Revised Financial Regulations The Clerk will send the NALC/SLCC 2016 model regulation amendments, largely concerning contracts, to members for consideration at the next meeting.

(c) **RESOLVED** (proposed Cllr Green, 2nd Cllr Hayward) to pay the following:

The Landscape Group – grass cutting August 2016, inc. VAT	231.43
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Correspondence and reports

(a) Correspondence received since the last meeting was noted. It included

- NatWest – Information on account term changes
- SCC – Vulnerable children strategic needs assessment 2016 summary
- Avon & Somerset Police – Newsletter Summer 2016
- Police and Crime Commissioner – Priorities Consultation 2016 (Clerk to complete)
- MDC Built Environment Group Newsletter - July 2016

(b) Miscellaneous reports and information

- Cllr Seviour asked about the dead cherry tree at Fulwell Close, reported previously.

The Clerk will chase Mendip

- He also asked about farm warning signs on the A366 at Haywood Farm

The Clerk will chase Highways

- Brambles round Faulkland Pond needed better strimming

The Clerk will ask the Landscape Group

2393 **Future meetings**

(a) Forthcoming meetings and events: none reported

(b) The date of the next Parish Council Meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 14 September in Faulkland Village Hall, starting at 7:30pm.

The Chair thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 8.52pm