

# 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 9 November 2016 in Faulkland Village Hall at 19:30

**Present:** Councillors T. Hucker (Meeting Chairman), V. Curtis, F. Green, F. Hayward,

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

#### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Tim Gibbs reported the first results of his experimental Speedwatch survey. The week had coincided with the closure of the A366 for drain repair and measured traffic going East only. Nevertheless, there had been 900 speeders, of which 323 were going over 40 and six over 50mph. The system was working well.  
Mr Gibbs asked for volunteers to do verification of the photographs, which was taking him an hour a day.
- As many volunteers as possible to be requested in the next *Parish News*.

2433 **Apologies** Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs M. Corney and B. Seviour, both working.

2434 **Interests** There were no declarations of interests.

#### 2435 **Minutes**

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 12 October were agreed to be a true record. They were signed by the Chairman.

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#### 2436 **Clerk's report**

The Clerk reported on actions from previous meetings. Details appear under the relevant agenda item.

#### 2437 **Planning**

(a) There were no applications.

(b) Planning updates and decisions by Mendip DC were noted as follows:

2016/2108/HSE & 2109/LBC Lower Farm House Faulkland BA3 5XD. Erection of garden room: **approval** with conditions.

2016/2082/HSE Limekiln House Faulkland To Norton St Philip Road Faulkland BA3 5XE. Erection of conservatory and balcony: being considered by the Planning Board that evening.

2016/2041/FUL 14 Fulwell Close Faulkland BA3 5XL. Construction of a PVCU conservatory from the rear elevation: **approval** with conditions.

2016/1659/LBC Lower Farm House Faulkland BA3 5XD. Removal of redundant door and replaced by stonework on elevation facing road: **approval** with conditions.

2016/0321/FUL Jubilee Cottages Southfield Hill Hemington Frome Radstock Somerset BA3 5XU. Renovation of an existing Victorian coach house currently derelict and increasingly structurally unstable. Plans drawn for a 2 bedroom holiday cottage: **approval** with conditions.

2438 **Highways**

- Somerset Highways Speed monitoring figures for October were noted
- Road drains had been repaired on the A366 at Haywood Farm
- Clearance of fly tipping at the roadstone dump by Grenway Lane to be chased
- Cllr Hucker will trim the hedge round the top speed sign radar module. If this does not bring the sign back to life, a new battery to be considered.

2439 **Rights of way**

- Somerset Rights of Way Officer Claire Haskins had advised she would look at the broken stile at the W. end of Lavender Farm 'as soon as possible'.
- The condition of fingerposts in the parish to be considered in December.

2440 **The Exchange**

Dry weather was needed so that the top coat of paint could be applied

2441 **Finance**

- (a) Receipt of the external auditor's certificate and unqualified report was noted
- (b) It was noted that the Notice of Conclusion of Audit had been posted
- (c) A Month 7 financial statement was received and approved
- (d) It was agreed not to make a grant to the Somerset Community Justice Partnership
- (e) **RESOLVED** (proposed Cllr Green, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Curtis) to pay the following

Grant Thornton – audit fee, inc. VAT	120.00
idverde (formerly The Landscape Group) – grass cutting October 2016	231.43
R. Campbell – refund postage	7.68

2442 **Correspondence and reports**

(a) Correspondence received since the meeting of 12 October was noted. No actions were identified.

(b) Miscellaneous reports and information

- The Bishop Street dog bin had now been emptied. The others to be checked
- Cllr Curtis reported that parking on the grass at the entrance to Fulwell Close was making a mess.  
Village parking generally to be a December agenda item
- Cllr Curtis reported that there had been a theft at the West Farm building site.

2443 **Future meetings**

- (a) No forthcoming meetings or events were noted
- (b) The date of the next Parish Council Meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 14 December 2016 in Faulkland Village Hall, starting at 19:30

The Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 20:20