

# 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 14 December 2016 in Faulkland Village Hall at 19:30

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

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

#### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Chairman welcomed everyone and opened Public Participation

- Edward Drewe, speaking as the agent for planning application 2016/2883/CLE, said that an application with the suffix CLE is dealt with by the principal authority's solicitor, not a planning officer, and concerns evidence, in this case as to whether the caravans in the application had been in place (as stated) for 10 years.

As no one else wished to speak the Chairman closed Public Participation and opened the Parish Council meeting

#### 2453 **Correspondence and reports**

part District Councillor's report This item was taken next.

District Cllr Drewe said that in spite of a shortfall in income caused by reduced Government funding, Mendip had resolved not to increase Council Tax for 2017/18. The shortfall was half what it would otherwise have been because other services, including Police and Citizens Advice, now share the Shepton Mallet Hub.

Mendip District Council had increased its borrowing power to £40 million. It could borrow at just over 1% and use the money for various purposes including council house building, making a reasonable return.

The Chairman asked if this housing could be outside the 'red line'. Answer: yes.

In reply to a question from Cllr Hayward he said demand was assessed by a housing needs survey which runs continually.

Some remaining council housing will be designated as long-term council housing.

The Members Advisory Group was working on the Local Plan Part II. A draft for comment was expected in early summer.

There would be some boundary changes for the 2017 County Council elections.

#### 2444 **Apologies**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr T. Hucker (working).

#### 2445 **Interests**

There were no declarations of interests.

2446 **Minutes**

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 09.11.16 were agreed to be a true record. They were signed by the Chairman.

2447 **Clerk's report**

The Clerk presented a report on actions from previous meetings.

2448 **Planning**

(a) Councillors considered the following application:

**2016/2883/CLE** Land at Haywood Farm, Terry Hill to Green Street Hemington BA3 5UF.

Proposal: Siting of three caravans for residential use. Officer: Carlton Langford.

**RESOLVED** (proposed Cllr Seviour, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Green, unanimous) that the council knew of no reason why a Certificate of Lawfulness should not be granted

**2016/2897/HSE** 4 Churchway, Faulkland, Radstock BA3 5US.

Proposal: Demolition of existing single storey extension and construction of L-shaped single storey extension. Officer: Lorna Elstob.

**Agreed** to postpone consideration until January.

(b) The following planning decisions by Mendip District Council were noted:

**2016/2308/FUL** Green Gables Lower Farm Faulkland BA3 5XD. Erection of an 'Orangery' single storey extension to the rear of the residential building. An additional two structures to be sited in the grounds. **Approval** with conditions.

**2016/2082/HSE** Limekiln House Faulkland To Norton St Philip Road Faulkland BA3 5XE. Erection of conservatory and balcony. **Approval** with conditions.

(c) Councillors discussed a caravan inside a barn which had been the subject of Mendip Enforcement visits and on which parishioners were keeping a close watch.

2449 **Highways**

(a) Fingerposts Information from Somerset Highways was noted.

It was agreed that the Parish Council could only take responsibility for fingerposts if maintenance money were provided.

Mendip to be asked to clear waste from where the burger van had stood at the entrance to Ammerdown at Terry Hill Crossroads. The Estate was content to clear litter there.

(c) Parking in Faulkland It was agreed to ask the Highways Traffic Engineer for a meeting in the New Year to discuss parking problems in Faulkland, which it was agreed would worsen with the arrival of the West Farm development.

(d) Updates

- Bishop Street had been resurfaced
- Nick Hayward to be thanked for painting The Hub

2450 **Rights of way**

There were no updates

2451 **Faulkland Green and Pond**

(a) Councillors thanked the Ammerdown Estate for providing a Christmas tree once again. Cllr Hucker had said he would install the lights.

(b) There were no updates.

2452 **Finance**

(a) The Month 8 financial statement was noted.

(b) A draft budget for Financial Year 2017-18, and a note of budgetary considerations had been circulated. The budget was considered line by line.

**RESOLVED** (proposed Cllr Corney, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Curtis, unanimous) to accept the break-even budget as presented. A copy is attached to these minutes.

(c) **RESOLVED** (proposed Cllr Green, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Curtis, unanimous) to sign a precept of £8,400 (eight thousand four hundred pounds for financial year 2017/17).

d) **RESOLVED** (proposed Cllr Curtis, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Green, unanimous) to pay the following:

idverde (formerly The Landscape Group) – grass cutting dated November 2016	231.43
R. Campbell – refund domain name renewal, inc. VAT	8.39

2453 **Correspondence and reports**

balance (a) Correspondence received since the meeting of 9 November was noted.

The Clerk to enrol Hemington Parish Council with the Pension Regulator

(b) Miscellaneous reports and information.

- Cllr Curtis will install the base for the final litter bin
- The Chairman said there had been two confirmed sightings of a kingfisher on Faulkland Pond
- The possibility of providing a defibrillator to be a January agenda item
- The possibility of fencing the road side of Faulkland Pond to be a January item

2454 **Future meetings**

(a) No future events were noted.

(b) The date of the next Parish Council Meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 11 January 2017 in Faulkland Village Hall, starting at 19:30

The Chairman gave his thanks and season's greetings to all present and closed the meeting at 8.40pm