

Hemington, Hardington & Foxcote Parish Council

MENDIP DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 11 January 2017 in Faulkland Village Hall at 19:30

Present: Councillors M. Corney (Chairman), V. Curtis, F. Green,
F. Hayward, T. Hucker

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Richard Golland said that now the verges had been cut, litter had come to the fore.
A Parish litter pick to be a February agenda item.
- Edward Drewe said that the proposal to site caravans at Haywood Farm had been withdrawn on a legal matter. A new application would be made.

The Chairman closed Public Participation and opened the Parish Council meeting.

2455 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr B. Seviour, who was unwell.

2456 Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

2457 Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 14.12.16 were agreed to be a true record. They were signed by the Chairman.

2458 Reports

(a) District Councillor Drewe said that Mendip DC had not met since the last PC meeting.

(b) The Clerk reported on actions from previous meetings, including:

2449(d)	Painting phone box	Nick Hayward thanked
2449(b)	Parking in Faulkland	Chris Betty off sick. Andrew Tranter, covering till March, asked for a meeting.
2449(a)	Fly tipping E. layby Faulkland; Ammerdown: burger van site	Reported E. layby ref 280622 Reported Ammerdown ref 280620
2447	Mud on road to Stony Littleton	Cllr Corney has asked farmer to keep clear of mud
2447	Mud on road at Haywood Farm	Stuart Perkins asked to keep road clear of mud

2459 **Planning**

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

Application number, address	Description	Parish Council recommendation
2016/2897/HSE 4 Churchway, Faulkland, Radstock BA3 5US	Demolition of existing single storey extension and construction of L-shaped single storey extension.	RESOLVED (prop. Cllr Curtis, 2nd Cllr Green, unanimous) to recommend approval
2016/2913/FUL Charlton Farm Hammer Lane Hemington BA3 5XS	Conversion of steel framed building into a single dwelling.	RESOLVED (prop. Cllr Corney, 2nd Cllr Hucker, unanimous) to recommend approval

(b) Planning and Enforcement updates

2016/2883/CLE Land At Haywood Farm Terry Hill To Green Street Hemington BA3 5UF	Siting of three caravans for residential use (Certificate of Lawfulness)	Application withdrawn
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Cllr Hayward reported that she had, as an individual, emailed Mendip Planning about the height of the houses at the West Farm development, which appeared greater than in the permission. She had received acknowledgment and awaited further reply Cllr Green said that an oil tank had been placed in a different position than that shown in the permitted plans. The Clerk to advise Mendip Enforcement.

(c) Gypsy and Traveller Caravans and Sites Count A nil return to be made to Mendip.

2460 **Highways**

(a) Hasage signpost The Clerk had attended a meeting with Hasage resident and Norton St Philip Councillor Clive Abbot and NSP Councillor Rex Eastment about Hasage signposting.

It was agreed to ask Highways to replace the finger post at Tuckers Grave and to provide a direction sign at the Hasage crossroads.

(b) Bollards It was agreed to ask Highways to place reflective bollards at the junction of the Hemington road (Black Hill) with the A362.

District Cllr Drewe, reporting for County Cllr Ham, said Highways hoped to include a roundabout at Terry Hill in their 2017-18 works schedule. The land had been bought.

It was agreed to write to Highways about the dangerous nature of the crossroads (especially because the lit bollard on the Kilmersdon side only gives a false sense of the crossroad's location) and to asks for confirmation of the roundabout date.

(c) Speedwatch Tim Gibbs was invited to report. He said that the experiment had come to a premature end due to vandalism and then theft of the camera, but not before confirming that a large number of drivers speed through Faulkland – about 950 per week.

There was renewed interest from the police and interest from Norton St Philip. He was working on a new solar-powered system and hoped to report again in a few months.

The Chairman thanked Mr Gibbs very much. The system had been shown to work. Manual Speedwatch would be revived in the interim, when the days lengthened.

(c) Updates The Traffic engineer was again off sick. The Clerk had written to his temporary replacement, requesting a meeting

2461 **Rights of way** No report

2462 **Environment and amenity**

(a) Fencing the road side of Faulkland pond After discussion of netting or a board, Councillors agreed to review the matter when the ducks had hatched.

(b) Provision of a defibrillator

- Cllr Corney said there was a lot to be said for having a defibrillator. He had spoken to the owner of a possible site, who was considering the matter
- District Cllr Drewe will enquire about possible funding
- To be a February agenda item
- The Clerk to circulate costings beforehand

(c) The Exchange Cllrs Corney and Curtis will investigate shelving.

2463 **Finance**

(a) The Month 9 financial statement was received

(b) **RESOLVED** (prop. Cllr Corney, 2nd Cllr Hucker, unanimous) to pay:

Payee and purpose	Amount
Idverde Ltd – grass cutting dated December 2016	231.43
January payroll	179.14
HMRC	44.78

2464 **Correspondence and reports**

(a) Correspondence None

(b) Miscellaneous reports and information

- Cllr Hucker offered to dispose of the Christmas Tree
- There would be a village Bake-off in Faulkland on 28.1.17, with proceeds to various charities
- Asked about grit bins, the Clerk said all were filled except the one on Black Hill, Hemington, which was the subject of an insurance claim, having apparently been destroyed by a hedge-cutter.

2465 **Future meetings**

Date and time	Event	Location
8 Feb 19:30	Parish Council meeting	Faulkland Village Hall

The Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 20:22.