

Hemington, Hardington & Foxcote Parish Council

MENDIP DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 8 February 2017 in Faulkland Village Hall at 19:30

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

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Lynda LeRay reported potholes near Keepers Cottage, on the road to the Knoll. To be reported to Highways
- Edward Drewe reported a continuing problem with non-draining surface water on the road from Tuckers Grave towards Charlton Farm
To be reported to Highways.
Mr Drewe asked when the fencing at the junction of the A366 and Fulwell Lane would be removed.
He said Kilmersdon now had a 20mph speed limit.
- Cllr Hucker said certain conditions (eg a school, lack of a pavement) were needed for a 20mph limit. Whether to apply for one to be a March agenda item.

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

2466 **Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr B. Seviour (on holiday)

2467 **Interests**

There were no declarations of interests

2468 **Minutes**

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 11 January 2017 were agreed to be a true record. They were signed by the Chairman.

2469 **Reports**

(a) District Councillor Cllr Drewe reported that

- there would be a full meeting of Mendip District Council on 20 February
- the Government was reducing the 'New Homes Bonus' it paid to planning authorities and as a result Mendip was not now likely to pass on any of what it received to parish councils. The Government was slowly eroding grants to District Councils
- where before Mendip's intention had been to hold the rate of Council Tax, it was now likely to increase it by 1.99% for 2017/18

- as mentioned previously, Mendip had increased its borrowing powers and intended to buy property which could yield a good return. The Council was having to think of itself more like a business
- Capita (which he said had a mixed record) had taken over some work, including property searches

The Chairman thanked Cllr Drewe for his report.

(b) The Clerk reported on actions from previous meetings. Details are under the relevant minute heading.

2470 **Planning**

(a) Application Councillors considered the following:

Application number, validation date	Address	Description
2017/0205/FUL 25/01/2017	Land at Wheelbrook Cottage Cherry Garden Lane Laverton BA2 7RA	Erection of agricultural implements and feed store.

Cllr Corney noted that the PC had recommended approval of the same application (minute 1537, 23/9/11), albeit of a version which did not specify the materials to be used.

RESOLVED (proposed Cllr Corney, 2nd Cllr Hucker, one abstention) to recommend **approval**

(b) Planning decision The following was noted:

2016/2897/HSE 4 Churchway, Faulkland, Radstock BA3 5US	Demolition of existing single storey extension and construction of L-shaped single storey extension.	PC: recommend approval Mendip: approval 18/01/17
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c) Enforcement It was noted that the Pond Cottages wall is not listed and that the new entrance from the A366 is for pedestrians. The Parish Council was still waiting to hear from Mendip enforcement about the matter.

It was noted that water entering Faulkland Pond had that day become thick and yellowish-green, as if it had run through clay and concrete slurry.

The Chairman had contacted the Environment Agency.

2471 **Highways**

(a) Speedwatch To be considered in March

(b) Parish Litter Pick It was agreed to hold a parish litter pick on Sunday 5 March, meeting at Faulkland Village hall at 11am. 10 sets of equipment to be ordered from Idverde for delivery to Cllr Green, who was thanked for offering to take it in.

(c) Somerset Highways

(d) Fly tipping Tipping at the Ammerdown entrance at Terry Hill and tipping at the Faulkland E. layby had been cleared. However, there was new tipping in the lay-by. To be reported.

2472 **Rights of way**

No update

2473 Defibrillator

The Chairman reported that the owner of the Faulkland Inn was happy to have a defibrillator on his barn wall.

District Cllr Drewe had spoken to Mendip about the possibility of a grant. They had said that grants for defibrillators had previously been made to larger centres of population but that they would review the matter.

2474 Finance

(a) The Month 10 financial statement was noted.

(b) The option of having the payroll run by Payman to be considered in March.

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

Idverde Ltd – grass cutting dated Jan 2017	231.43
Faulkland Village Hall Committee – hall rental and insurance	746.01

2475 Correspondence and reports

(a) Correspondence The following had been received

Keep Britain Tidy	Return of the Tidyman – poster
Avon & Somerset Police	PCSO report Frome Rural North 12/16
Mendip DC	Great British Spring Clean 3-5 March

(b) Miscellaneous reports and information

- The dog waste bin at Faulkland Playing Field was again overflowing.
To be reported
- A village bake-off had raised £120 for charity.
- Cllr Corney had complained to Scottish and Southern Electricity about the language used by its employees in Faulkland
- Cllr Curtis said there were problems with car parking at the entrance to Churchway.

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The following was confirmed:

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The Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 20:24