

# 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 12 July 2017 in Faulkland Village Hall at 19:30

**Present:** Councillors M. Corney (Chairman), T. Hucker (Vice-chairman), B. Seviour

**In attendance:** R. Campbell (Clerk), 10 members of the public

#### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Lynda Le Ray said that following the closure of the Faulkland Inn it was hoped to have a pop-up pub on the last Friday of every month in Faulkland Village Hall, starting in August. A temporary event licence (restricted to 15 per year) would be needed. A name could only appear on the licence five times in a year. All staff would be volunteers. It would be a social, not a fundraising event and could include a quiz. Someone would be needed to take charge of money and purchasing. The pop-up pub would need to be advertised and initial money for stock would be required. Faulkland Village Hall Committee might be prepared to advance money to kick-start the venture. The committee would meet on 24/7 to discuss the matter.
- This was generally thought to be a good idea. Cllr Hucker offered to collect stock.
- Patrick Nishio said there were no double white lines between Norton St Philip and Faulkland. They were needed at Tuckers Grave and the Hassage Crossroads.

#### 2534 **Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs F. Hayward (on holiday), V. Curtis (working) and F. Green (working). District Councillor E. Drewe was attending another meeting and sent his apologies.

#### 2535 **Interests** There were no declarations of interests.

#### 2536 **Minutes** The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 14/6/17 were agreed to be a true record. They were signed by the Chairman.

#### 2537 **Clerk's Report** Reports appears under the relevant agenda item.

#### 2538 **Planning**

(a) There were no applications

(b) The following planning decision was noted

2017/1241/HSE 09.05.2017	16 Lansdown View Tynning Hill To Faulkland BA3 5UT	<b>Approval with conditions</b> 15.06.2017
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(c) The following enforcement update was noted

ENF/2017/0208	Rose Cottage Faulkland BA3	Road is classified Class 1 and
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16.06.17	5UH	permission should have been requested. Further news awaited.
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Cllr Hucker confirmed that enforcement action, including removal of septic tank, had been carried out at land south of Oldfield Farm.

(d) Pop-up pub It was agreed to support this proposal. The PC to ascertain if it had the power to support the venture financially if necessary. To be considered in July.

## 2539 **Highways**

(a) Yellow lines consultation The Chairman said comments received to date were 75:25 against installing yellow lines in the centre of Faulkland. He scotched rumours that the proposal was designed to target one or more individuals. This suggestion was offensive to members of the PC. The council had waited over a year for a wide-ranging meeting with the Highways Engineer and this was one subject discussed. A three-month consultation with the parish had been agreed, ending on 31 July. He urged people to continue responding until then.

It was noted that buses were now turning in

(b) The Clerk had distributed a report on his meeting with Highways Superintendent Graham Gibson.

- The dip at the junction of Fulwell Lane and the A366 will be patched
- Road planings will be used to fill potholes in the layby at the eastern entrance to Faulkland but the layby will not be tarmacked.
- The roadway at Green Lane outside the back of the roadstone dump will be taken back to the verge. If ownership of the site is confirmed to rest with Highways they will cut the trees back after August. Otherwise they will ask the landowner to do so.
- The point at which water is lying on the road from Tuckers Grave towards Charlton Farm has been marked for clearance and insertion of a concrete grip at either side.
- An additional post marking the ditch will be installed on the road to Single Hill, beyond Applethatch, Foxcote

From the floor Hugh Williams said buses were now turning into Bishop Street.

The Ammerdown Estate to be contacted about a deep pothole in the road between Oaklea and The Cottage, where buses used to turn.

(c) No further Highways updates

(d) White lines at Tuckers Grave. The PC Mr Nishio's suggestion (Public Participation) that double white lines were needed on the A366 at Tucker's Grave. Rex Eastment of Norton St Philip Traffic Action Group to be consulted initially, then Highways Engineer Chris Betty

It was also agreed that white lines were needed at the junction of Brown's Lane and the A366.

Road naming in the parish and a possible sign for Bishop Street to be considered in July

2540 **Community assets**

The Chairman had completed and distributed to members an application to have the Faulkland Inn designated as an Asset of Community Value. There was no information from the Official Receiver about the disposal of the pub. There was already a two-year waiting period before change of use could be applied for. The ACV registration would increase the protection on the building. The chairman said he understood there was some interest in the building, including its possible use as a microbrewery. There was no limit on the number of ACV applications that could be made. An application by an unincorporated body required the signatures of 21 electors.

2541 **Public Space Protection Order**

It was agreed to support Mendip DC's proposed Public Space Protection Order.

2542 **Finance**

- (a) The Month 3 financial statement was received and noted.  
(b) **RESOLVED** to pay the following (proposed Cllr Corney, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Hucker, unanimous):

1023	Idverde – grass cutting June, inc. VAT	235.72
1024	Clerk's salary June	179.12
1025	HMRC	44.80

2543 **Items of Information**

(a) Rights of Way A request had been made for the Parish Council to take action to ensure that the bridleway at Grove Lane was not involved in the builder's proposed access to the eight-house development on Land north of Faulkland High Street. Cllr Hucker said that at the junction of the bridleway and Grove Lane there was 15-20 metres of hedge with access into the field in question and that the bridleway would not be touched. Clarification to be requested from the developer as to the exact proposed access and confirmation that the bridleway would not be impinged upon.

Somerset Highways had been asked to provide a key to the Burn Hill Lane map.

(b) The Exchange Progress expected for July.

(c) Dog bin emptying No report

(d) Grass cutting

- Idverde had been instructed: NOT to cut round Faulkland Pond until further notice, but to ensure that this instruction did not affect the continued normal cutting of any other part of the contract, including Faulkland Green and the area in front of the Village Hall.
- It was agreed the PC will monitor the contract carefully and seek comparative quotes for 2018.

Cllr Hucker said the grass had been cut too short.

2544 **Correspondence and reports**

(a) Correspondence received since the last meeting was noted. No actions were identified

(b) Reports

- Ammerdown to be advised that people are again meeting and playing music on their land into the small hours.
- Cllr Hucker said the grass at Faulkland Green had been over-cut.

2545 **Future meetings**

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as:

9 August 19:30	Parish Council meeting	Faulkland Village Hall
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The Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 21.05