

Hemington, Hardington & Foxcote Parish Council

MENDIP DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 20 September 2017 in Faulkland Village Hall at 19:30

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

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Lynda Le Ray thanked all those who had supported the first pop-up pub, which had made a profit.
She suggested a parish newsletter to keep people informed of local events (*see minute 2565*)
- District Councillor Drewe said the decision on the detailed application for eight houses N of Faulkland High Street had been held up because the Section 106 agreement had not been finalised. He had seen the report, which is to recommend approval.
Contractors for Faulkland Farm had made no effort to sweep up mud from the A366. (*see minute 2564c*).
He referred to the speed of traffic between Faulkland and Norton St Philip and an accident the previous week. Buckland Dinham Parish are trying to get a 20mph speed limit in their village and will then seek a 40mph limit between Buckland and Faulkland.
- Richard Golland said the Parish should flag up its preference for material for the eight houses N. of Faulkland High Street. The material used on the single house next to The Cottage was too bright.
- Ian Bickerstaff said the material being used to build the single house is completely different from the sample.

2559 **Apologies**

All members were present

2560 **Interests**

There were no declarations of interests.

2561 **Minutes**

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 9 August 2017 were AGREED to be a true record. They were signed by the Chairman

2562 **Clerk's Report**

Actions from previous meetings are noted in the relevant minute below.

2563 **Planning**

(a) The following applications were considered:

2017/2300/HSE RESOLVED to recommend approval (proposed Cllr Corney, 2 nd Cllr Hucker, unanimous)	Pear Tree Cottage Southfield Hill Hemington Frome BA3 5XU	Widen existing opening and add small single storey glazed extension to side of property.
2017/2433/FUL & 2434/LBC. Agreed to consider at the October meeting	Foxcote Mill Foxcote Shoscombe Bath BA2 8NG	Repairs to stonework, floors, windows, alterations, new openings, garage extension & minor demolitions

(b) No planning decisions

(c) Enforcement to be chased re Rose Cottage driveway

2564 **Highways and rights of way**

(a) Double yellow lines in Faulkland Cllr Hucker reported that a site visit had been held on this sensitive issue at 9am on a recent Saturday. He had previously been opposed to yellow lines but following the visit had changed his mind and now supported them in the village centre.

The visit had also provided an opportunity to see where the bus turned. On this occasion it had backed, correctly, into the lower entrance to the Green and stopped at the bus stop

RESOLVED (proposed Cllr Corney, 2nd Cllr Hucker, unanimous) to request double yellow lines in the centre of Faulkland and to seek the support of County Councillor Philip Ham for this measure.

From the floor Edward Drewe said that if six people agree, they have the right to call for a referendum on the issue and the parish council should expect such a request.

(b) Double white lines and/or a 40mph speed limit between Faulkland and the parish boundary with Norton St Philip

Standing orders were suspended.

- Ian Bickerstaff said speed was the main factor in the 30-odd accidents that had taken place on the A366 between Faulkland and Norton St Philip in the previous seven years.
- Tim Gibbs said a large company in Cambridge has expressed interest in the latest version of his automatic speed camera.
- Edward Drewe said that Buckland Dinham Parish was keen to extend the 40mph limit along the A362 and A366 to Faulkland. To be consistent with other parishes the 40mph limit should continue to Norton St Philip.

Standing orders were reinstated.

RESOLVED (proposed Cllr Corney, 2nd Cllr Hucker, unanimous) that double white lines be requested on the A366 between Faulkland and Norton St Philip. The exact stretch of road to be covered is to be decided.

Cllr Seviour was opposed to a 40 mph limit.

There was no support for Cllr Corney's proposal for a 40mph limit.

RESOLVED (proposed Cllr Corney, 2nd Cllr Hucker, unanimous) that Somerset Highways be asked to introduce a speed limit of 50mph on the currently derestricted section of the A366 between Faulkland and Norton St Philip

(c) Highways updates Work requested of the Area Superintendent had now largely been completed.

AGREED to ask Faulkland Farm to ensure that its contractors clear current and future mud from the A366.

(d) AGREED to ask Somerset Highways/Rights of Way to clear the path (Class 3 road) behind Faulkland Green

2565 **Faulkland Pond and Green**

(a) Maintenance at Faulkland Pond Cllr Corney disagreed with the suggestion that Faulkland pond is a disgrace. He considered it a mecca for a diverse range of wildlife including, in the current year, four clutches of ducks, which is why there had been little grass mowing round the pond. The ducks nested on the mound next to the road. The grass now needed cutting. The reeds host all four major species of Southern England dragonflies

It was AGREED that the pond railings should not be painted.

It was AGREED to review in spring 2018 if the walls need to be weeded.

Cllr Corney will trim the holly bush at the far end.

It had been suggested that the parish council should employ a maintenance person for a few hours a month. This would be considered in October.

(b) Grass cutting at Faulkland Green: the 2017 contract to be seen out.

Comparative quotes to be obtained for 2018, including the option of removing arisings from Faulkland Green.

2566 **Signs**

(a) Street names in the parish: Cllr Corney will check the 1880 map before discussion in October.

(b) Faulkland bus stop. AGREED to ask the Frome bus company to ensure that their buses always turn at the lower entrance to Faulkland Green and stop at the official stop by Faulkland Pond.

2567 **Finance**

(a) The Month 5 financial statement (circulated) was approved.

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

Information Commissioner – annual registration fee	35.00
Idverde – grass cutting August, inc. VAT	235.72
Clerk's salary September	180.96
HMRC September	45.20

2568 **Items of Information**

(a) The Exchange Cllrs Corney and Curtis offered to get this up and running for October.

(b) Correspondence A list of correspondence received had been circulated.

(c) Miscellaneous reports

- Street lamp failures were reported as follows: outside 18 Lansdown View – on all the time; outside the Meeting House – not working
- A request was made to refresh the chevrons at Terry Hill crossroads. Cllr Drewe will check if a roundabout or a revised junction is to be installed there.

2569 **Future meetings**

Meeting dates were noted as follows:

Date and time	Event	Location
19 Sept. 19:00 – 20:30	Rural PACT meeting	Mells Tythe Barn, Mells BA11 3PJ
11 Oct 19:30	Parish Council meeting (note venue) To include: parish newsletter; street names in the parish	Hemington Primary School BA3 5XU

The Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 20:38.