

# Hemington, Hardington & Foxcote Parish Council

## MENDIP DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL (HPC)

Held on Wednesday 13 December 2017 at 19:30 in Faulkland Village Hall

**Present:** Councillors M.Corney (Chairman, V. Curtis, A. Hucker (Vice-Chairman), F. Green, F. Hayward

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

### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Richard Golland said Mendip District Council did not provide much support for the Parish Council's recommendations on planning applications

#### 2591 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr B. Seviour (family reasons).

District Cllr E. Drewe, attending a meeting at Mendip DC, sent his apologies.

#### 2592 Interests

Cllrs M. Corney, V. Curtis and F. Green declared non-pecuniary interests in relation to application 2017/3077/FUL, as neighbours.

#### 2593 Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 8 November 2017 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

#### 2594 Clerk's Report

Actions are reported under the relevant minute, below. In addition:

- The PC notice board had been re-erected

#### 2595 Planning

(a) The following applications were considered:

2017/3054/FUL <b>RESOLVED to recommend approval</b> (proposed Cllr Corney, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Cllr Green, unanimous).	Manor Farm Pillar Lane Hardington Frome BA11 2RE <hr/> It was noted that the SCC wildlife officer had produced a rigid set of constraints	Extension to Dairy Unit including demolition of farm buildings, erect new cattle housing buildings and new parlour building, erect new silage clamps. also extend existing internal farm road and the digging of a new balancing pond.
2017/3077/FUL <b>RESOLVED to recommend approval</b>	3 Bishop Street Faulkland Radstock BA3 5XA <u>Observation</u> The depth of the footings should be increased at	Erection of rear single storey extension

(proposed Cllr Curtis, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Cllr Corney, unanimous).	least to the level of the adjacent land by Faulkland pond, in order to relieve any potential stress on the existing retaining wall	
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(b) The following planning updates were noted

2017/2433/FUL & 2434/LBC Foxcote Mill BA2 8NG	Repairs to stonework, floors, windows, alterations, new openings, garage extension & minor demolitions.	Approval with conditions 21/11/17
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(c) Enforcement Rose Cottage driveway is not an enforcement matter

(d) Faulkland Green The document conveying ownership to the Parish Council was inspected. It was agreed to seek registration at the Land Registry.

#### 2596 **Highways and rights of way**

(a) Termination of SCC's free speed indicator device programme in March 2018 was noted. SCC to be asked the cost of continuing as a paying member.

(b) Street names Cllr Corney had inspected maps dating back to 1784 but had found no street names apart from Park Lane. The Clerk to send Cllr Green a map to mark up.

(c) Highways update

- A meeting date with the Traffic Engineer had been chased on 11/12
- Horse signs for Hammer Lane had been requested

(e) Rights of way update

- Ploughing of headlands: Savills will mention this in a letter to their tenants, as well as hedge trimming, securing gateways and being alive to fly tipping

#### 2597 **Parish maintenance**

Part-time parish maintenance person.

The Chairman had circulated a draft job description. It was noted that street sweeping was not included. Payroll processing should be taken into account.

#### 2598 **Finance**

(a) The Month 8 financial statement was approved.

(b) It was noted that PFK Littlejohn LLP had been appointed external auditor for five years. There was exemption from external audit for parish councils with an annual turnover of under £25K.

(c) and (d) Budget and precept 2018/19 Cllrs considered the draft budget line by line and made amendments

**RESOLVED** (proposed Cllr Corney, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Green, unanimous) to set a budget, balanced by carrying forward the VAT surplus received in the current year, and a precept of £8,567 (subject to adjustment of the tax base when confirmed), an increase of 1.99%.

(e) **RESOLVED** (proposed Cllr Green, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Hucker, unanimous) to pay

R. Campbell – refund cost of litter picker, inc. VAT	15.99
Clerk's salary November per budget	

HMRC November	
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2599 **Items of Information**

- (a) The Exchange Shelving was due to go up the following weekend.
  - (c) To NOTE correspondence received (circulated)
  - (d) To RECEIVE miscellaneous reports and information
- FG Francis have cut hedge. Wait till spring to see if battery US  
Update on pubs – hope exchange shortly  
New sign on Tuckers. Tuckers opening 16<sup>th</sup> officially.  
Chair thanks VH vcotte pop up; pub maybe also Jan.

2600 **Future meetings**

To NOTE meeting date:

Date and time	Event	Location
10 Jan 2018 19:30	Parish Council meeting	Faukland Village Hall

The Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 20:40.