

Hemington, Hardington & Foxcote Parish Council

MENDIP DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL (HPC)

Held on Wednesday 11 April 2018 at 19:30 in Faulkland Village Hall

Present: Councillors J. Blake (from minute 2635), M. Corney (Chairman), F. Green, F. Hayward, A. Hucker (Vice-Chairman)

In attendance: R. Campbell (Clerk), 12 members of the public

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Anne Gatley said there was a blocked drain by The Exchange. She mentioned road signage left by the Faulkland Inn skittle alley.
She had concerns about building work at Rose Cottage, High Street, Faulkland
- Richard Hill said he had dug out the ditches at Knoll Lane. Both sides of the road required the urgent attention of Highways
- Nigel Salmon, planning consultant, spoke in support of the application for holiday lets at Tuckers Grave
- Edward Drewe queried a skip hire business beyond Charltons on the A362.

2633 **Apologies** Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr. V. Curtis (family reasons).

2634 Council

(a) There were no declarations of interests.

(b) Jon Blake introduced himself. He has lived in the area for 10 years and in Faulkland for six. He has two children and has been a local school governor and chair of governors. He was interested in joining HPC.

RESOLVED to co-opt Mr Blake onto the Parish Council (proposed Cllr Corney, 2nd Cllr Hucker, unanimous). Mr Blake signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

2635 Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 14 March 2018 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

2636 Reports

(a) District Councillor's report

- A meeting would be arranged with local parishes, the County and District Councillors and the Head of Somerset Highways, to try to co-ordinate speed limits in the area. Buckland Dinham was to the fore in promoting a 40mph limit.
- Cllr Drewe encouraged HPC participation at the next Planning Board, when the application for workers' caravans at Haywood Farm would be considered.

(b) Clerk's report Actions are reported under the relevant minute.

2637 Planning

(a) To CONSIDER the following applications:

2018/0437/FUL Tuckers Grave Inn Knoll Lane Faulkland Frome BA3 5XF	Convert livestock shed into three holiday lets. Officer: Anna Clark	RESOLVED to recommend approval (proposed Cllr Green, 2 nd Cllr Corney, unanimous). HPC supported rural business. The materials were sympathetic.
2018/0489/HSE Chapel Farm Barn Knoll Lane Faulkland BA3 5GD	Single storey lean-to extension Officer: Jennifer Alvis	RESOLVED to recommend approval (proposed Cllr Hucker, 2nd Cllr Green, unanimous). The extension was not considered obtrusive

(b) There were no planning decisions.

(c) Enforcement Concerns about development at Rose Cottage, Faulkland and a skip hire business beyond Charltons on the A362 (if in the parish) to be reported to Mendip DC.

(d) There was no update on the registration of Faulkland Green.

2638 Highways and rights of way

(a) Updates

- The Chairman will attend the proposed speed limit meeting and will also raise the matter of Terry Hill crossroads.
- A lorry delivering to building contractors had ripped up a corner of Faulkland Green. The lorry owners will level off and replace topsoil. Roger Gatley was thanked for arranging this.
- The centre white line in Faulkland High Street had been replaced.
- A letter on the Faulkland sign to be repainted black.

(b) Fingerposts The Clerk to send a copy of the Somerset Highways fingerpost manual for Councillors to review before the May meeting. The possibility of replacing the missing arm on the Tuckers Grave fingerpost to be investigated.

(c) Rights of way No update

2639 Environment and maintenance

(a) It was AGREED that the grass cutting contract should remain with Id Verde. They had offered the same price (£1375 ex VAT) as last year and will in addition remove the cut grass from Faulkland Green at no extra cost.

(b) Exploratory work has shown that the drock (drainage channel) under Faulkland Green has collapsed in parts. A further section will be dug out. Robert Watts was thanked for his work.

(c) Parish litter pick This had been well attended and 'appalling' amounts of litter collected. Cllr Green was thanked for removing it for collection by Id Verde. Fly tipping beyond the parish boundary at Knoll Lane to be reported,

(d) Parish maintenance person _No applicants

2640 Part-time post office

Post Office in Faulkland Village Hall This was not currently operating. The Clerk to contact Mike Phipers at Mells about its future.

2641 Risk assessment

(a) Internal record keeping had been found to be satisfactory during the internal audit.

(b) As a parish with a turnover under £25K, HPC no longer has to send accounts for external audit, though the reporting and publication requirements remain the same.

Mr Nick Brown was thanked for carrying out the internal audit once again. He had advised there were no matters of concern.

2642 Finance

- (a) Accounts for the year ended 31.3.18 were noted
- (b) The reconciled bank statement for March 2018 was signed by Cllr Hucker at the end of the meeting.
- (c) **RESOLVED** (proposed Cllr Corney, 2nd Cllr Hucker, unanimous) to pay

R. Campbell – refund share of SLCC subscription 2018/19	35.63
Clerk's salary April	183.56
HMRC April	42.60

2643 Items of Information

- (a) Correspondence received was noted. No actions were identified.
- (b) Miscellaneous reports
 - Cllr Hucker will attend to minor maintenance matters on the play equipment at Faulkland Playing Field.
He said he was keen to see further items of play equipment but considered that the first call on finance was to fence off the play area from the rest of the field.

2644 Future meetings

Date and time	Event	Location
9 May 19:30	Annual Parish Meeting	Faulkland Village Hall
9 May 20:00 approximately	Annual Parish Council meeting	Faulkland Village Hall

The Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 20:50