

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 June 2018 at 19:30 in Faulkland Village Hall

Present: Councillors J. Blake, F. Green, F. Hayward, A. Hucker (Vice-chairman, meeting Chairman), V. Curtis

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Lynda Le Ray asked about ownership of Faulkland Village Hall
Edward Drewe was thanked for providing an explanation of the trustee structure. He will supply a copy of the Deed
- Edward Drewe reported paint on the surface of the A362 when turning left at Terry Hill crossroads

2660 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Corney, who was working

2661 Interests

There were no declarations of interests.

2662 Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 9 May 2018 were approved as a true record with the following amendments:

- delete word Agenda (after Public Participation)
- Minute 2648(b) delete 'Faulkland Playing Field'.

The minutes were signed by the Chairman

2663 Reports

(a) District Cllr Drewe thanked those Councillors who had attended and spoken at a recent Planning Board

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

2664 Planning

(a) The following application was considered.

2018/1261/HSE & 1262/LBC The Old Chapel Steps Lane to Old School Laverton Bath BA2 7QZ	Contemporary rear extension with glazed link to GII listed chapel Resolved (proposed Cllr Blake, 2 nd Cllr Hayward (unan.) to recommend approval Reservations were expressed about the contemporary nature of the design.
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(b) To NOTE planning decisions including:

2017/2241/FUL Haywood Farm, Terry Hill, Radstock	Retrospective application for the stationing and use of two additional caravans for residential purposes.	Approval 21.5.18 (HPC approval)
2017/3034/FUL Foxcote Farm House Green Street Foxcote BA3 5YE	Restoration and conversion of stone barn into a holiday cottage with new front garden, new car port/storage barn, and associated reconfigurations to the driveway and front gate.	Approval with Conditions 24.5.18 (HPC Approval)
2018/0892/HSE Wild Orchard Faulkland BA3 5XJ	First floor extension and associated alterations to dwelling. Replacement of concrete tiles with natural slate. Carlton Langford	Withdrawn

(c) Enforcement Mendip to be chased in relation to Rose Cottage, Faulkland

2665 Highways and rights of way

(a) Speedwatch The Clerk had left a message for Brian Seviour. Cllr Blake to contact him.

(b) Highways update The A362 for a distance of 250 metres towards Kilmersdon from the Terry Hill crossroads will be closed from 2 July for about 12 days for highways improvement and maintenance. There will be a long diversion

(c) Fingerpost at Tuckers Grave Cllr Corney had reported that it seemed beyond repair. Cllr Hucker will investigate fibreglass replacement arms (July agenda item).

(d) Rights of way Burnt Hill Lane: Somerset ROW were believed still to be in negotiation with the Co-op.

2666 Environment and maintenance

(a) Parish maintenance person No response. The Clerk to contact a person possibly interested.

(b) Gatepost at Faulkland Pond Rob Watts had been asked to replace.

(c) Play equipment maintenance Post protection collars were being sourced. The inspection to be booked.

RESOLVED (proposed Cllr Curtis, 2nd Cllr Hucker, unanimous) to spend £40 on post protectors.

(d) Trees on Faulkland Green Ashley Lewis had been asked to inspect and report

2667 Part-time post office

Councillors discussed unreliable opening hours and minimal use. With regret they felt they could no longer support the post office. A terminal in the hairdresser's was suggested as a possible alternative.

RESOLVED (proposed Cllr Hucker, 2nd Cllr Curtis, unanimous) to request Mike Phipers of Mells Post Office to cease the service at the end of July.

2668 GDPR and Data Protection Bill

Cllr Blake and the Clerk will attend a SALC training course on 25 July

RESOLVED (proposed Cllr Hucker, 2nd Cllr Green, unanimous) to spend £50 on training

2669 Clerk

(a) The Clerk to revise the job advertisement for approval by members before publishing it.

(b) **RESOLVED** (proposed Cllr Green, 2nd Cllr Hucker, unanimous) to increase the Clerk's hours from 18 to 20 per month from July. To be included in the job advertisement.

2670 Finance

(a) The month two financial statement was noted. Reconciliation awaited receipt of the bank statement

(b) It was NOTED that HMRC had asked for payments to be made electronically. To be kept under review.

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

1073 Friends of St Mary's Hemington – budgeted churchyard grant	300.00
1074 Foxcote with Shoscombe PCC – budgeted churchyard grant	100.00
1071 Zurich Insurance – insurance 1.6.18 – 31.5.19 (budget 444.00)	435.75
1072 Id Verde grass cutting May, inc. VAT	235.72
1070 Clerk's salary May	183.36
1069 HMRC May	42.80

2671 Items of Information

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

(b) Miscellaneous reports

- The *Parish News* entry for July to include a request to Village News correspondents to express themselves with care, for instance by reporting something as 'suspected' if it is not yet known to be a fact.
- It was confirmed that the Faulkland Inn cannot be registered as a community asset whilst it is in the hands of the Official Receiver. There was reported to be new interest in purchasing it.
- Mendip to be asked to remove a bag containing asbestos, picked up during village cleaning day, from outside Faulkland Village Hall.
- District Cllr Drewe said attempts to get a bus from Norton St Philip to divert via Faulkland on occasion were ongoing.
- Items including glass bottles were being left by recycling collectors. Somerset Waste Partnership will be informed.

2672 Future meetings

11 July 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