

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 July 2018 at 19:30 in Faulkland Village Hall

Present: Councillors M. Corney, F. Green, A. Hucker

In attendance: R. Campbell (Clerk), one member of the public

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION No member of the public wished to speak

2673 **Apologies**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs J. Blake and V. Curtis.
Cllr F. Hayward was absent.

2674 **Interests**

There were no declarations of interests.

2675 **Minutes** The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 13 June 2018 were agreed to be a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

2676 **Reports**

(a) There was no District Councillor's report.

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

2677 **Planning**

(a) The following application was considered.

2018/1454/HSE Hillside Southfield Hill Hemington BA3 5XU	New single storey kitchen, entrance hall and garden room extension to replace existing conservatory.	Resolved (proposed Cllr Corney, 2 nd Cllr Hucker, unanimous) to recommend approval . It was noted that the footprint had hardly changed and the materials were like for like.
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(b) Planning decisions None

(c) Enforcement Rose Cottage to be chased

2678 **Highways and rights of way**

Somerset Highways to be chased over promised white lines on A366 between Faulkland and Norton St Philip. The centre white line had been reinstated on Faulkland High Street. Cllr Hucker said that traffic speed had increased as a result.

(b) Speedwatch No update

(c) Fingerposts Cllr Hucker was still trying to obtain a price for fibreglass replacement arms.

(d) Rights of way Lynda Le Ray reported that the Hemington – Buckland Dinham byway was 'top of the pile' at Somerset ROW.

2679 **Maintenance**

Play equipment maintenance

- Cllr Hucker was thanked for fitting steel straps round the posts to protect them from strimming, and for making repairs to the tower. He said that the whole of the play equipment was past its best. A concerted effort should be made to obtain a grant towards new equipment.
- An equipment inspection had been booked. The waiting time was 6 – 8 weeks.
- Rob Watts had advised that the cost of oak posts for the gate at Faulkland pond was £250 each. Councillors thanked their Chairman and Martin Hanley for each offering to sponsor a post.

(b) Tree work An estimate had been received from Ashley Lewis for tree work at Faulkland Green, as follows. Reduce and reshape 2 x chestnuts @ £600 per tree (total £1,200). Crown lift oak and sycamore at same time: no charge. To be considered in August

2680 **Part-time post office**

The Clerk had agreed with Mike Phipers of Mells Post Office that the service at Faulkland Village Hall would cease at the end of July, subject to Post Office consultation.

2681 **Staff**

- (a) New Clerk No applications had been received. A round robin to be sent to local clerks
- (b) Parish maintenance person No applications so far.

2682 **Finance**

(a) The Month 3 financial statement was APPROVED

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

Clerk's salary July (now 20 hours per month; also includes arrears from 2% increase in April)	220.42
HMRC July	52.00
Id Verde – grass cutting June	235.72
SALC – subscription 2018-19 (based on electoral role 517)	168.33
A. Hucker – refund cost of triprail straps & nails for play equipment	62.27

2683 **Items of Information**

(a) Correspondence received since the last meeting was noted. The following actions were identified.

- Midsomer Norton Football Club U9s, who were searching for a pitch to be told that that HPC would be interested in discussing the use of Faulkland Playing Field
- Frome Rural North Neighbourhood Crime statistics: advice to shut ground floor windows at night to be put in *Parish News*
- Fly the Red Ensign for Merchant Navy Day (3 September): Cllr Corney will look for a flag.

(b) Miscellaneous reports None

2684 **Next meeting**

8 August 19:30	Parish Council meeting	Faulkland Village Hall
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Faulkland Village Hall lease to be on the agenda.

The Chairman, who made his apologies for the August meeting, thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 20:00.