

# Hemington, Hardington & Foxcote Parish Council

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## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2019 at 19:30 in Faulkland Village Hall

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

**In attendance:** J Swift (Clerk), 6 members of the public.

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

In respect of the planning application 2019/0453/PAA, it was mentioned that the land at Portway is not in Hemington. This Parish Council were never given the application, it was sent to Coleford Parish Council therefore it was suggested that it should be looked at as a new application.

A question was asked if the letter regarding Highway matters were ever found, the answer was no, however meetings notes are available. A question was asked if the letter has been sent regarding Terry Hills crossroads – a letter has been drafted and will be sent when the information from the second FOI has been received.

The Rubbish in lay by and potholes by Keepers Cottage was reported again.

A resident said she has a lot of very old Parish Council papers; she will pass this over to the Parish Council.

2855 **Apologies**

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors J Blake, F Hayward and A Hucker.

2856 **Interests**

There were none.

2857 **Minutes**

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 10<sup>th</sup> July 2019 were agreed to be a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

2858 **Dog Fouling**

Ian Glover, Enforcement Officer from Mendip District Council, introduced himself and spoke about what he and his colleague are responsible for in their department, Neighbourhood Services – travellers, dangerous dogs, anti-social behaviour, rough sleepers, abandoned vehicles and illegal posters. Ian explained that signs will not stop owners letting their dogs foul. Mendip DC have a Public Space Protection Area; this makes it clear that a dog must be under control and reasonably close to its owner. As soon as a dog fouls the owner must pick up it up immediately. In villages, residents know the dogs and dog owners so if dog fouling is seen then if it is reported to Mendip DC they can be prosecuted. Log car registration numbers and report them. The message was to report it to Mendip DC because action can be taken.

2859 **Reports**

- (a) District Councillor’s report – Clerk read out an email from Councillor Barkshire in respect of the Electric Daisy Flower Farm. The operations statement confirms that the premises will not be open to the public to visit for any purpose. Therefore, please advise residents that if members of the public are engaging in visits to the site to contact Councillor Barkshire or the enforcement team. They would then be able to clarify if the terms of condition 5 are being complied with, and therefore satisfy any concerns members of the public may have.
- (b) Report/update from the Chairman – an update was given on the recent situation that happen on the Village Green. A compound was constructed on the green without permission and a hole dug. The Clerk was able to close the site down. All is back to normal although the stones need to be put back in the correct place and grass seed should have been put where the hole was dug. A draft of the ACV application was submitted to Ian Munday at MDC for comment. Ian Munday advised further details are required. The Chairman is consulting further with MDC.
- (c) Clerks report – the report was previously circulated, in addition the Clerk reported that the suggestions put forward in respect of the Restricted Byways FR 6/51 and FR 3/41 would unfortunately not be taken forward by Somerset County Council.

2860 **Planning**

(a) Appeal:

<p><b>2019/0453/PAA</b>                  Land at Port Way,                  Hemington</p>	<p>Prior approval for a proposed change of use of agriculture building to a dwelling (Class 3) and for associated operational development.</p>	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> – to reply and report that the PC were never initially consulted on the planning application and agree with the Planning Officer to <b>REFUSE</b></p>
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(b) Planning application:

<p><b>2019/1690/FUL</b></p>	<p><b>Ennox Farm Southfield Hill Hemington Frome Radstock</b>                  Proposed conversion and change of use of Ennox Barn to 1 x residential dwelling.</p>	<p><b>RESOLVED to Approve</b></p>
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(b) **Resolved** – that the decisions were noted.

2861 **Grant request**

**Resolved** – that the grant request was approved.

2862 **Finance**

- (a) **Resolved** that Month 4 (July) financial statement was approved.
- (b) **Resolved** – to pay all the payments as detailed in the agenda.

2863 **Kilmersdon Parish Council - Proposal for 40mph from Norton St Philip to the White Post Resolved** – that the Clerk responses to suggest a meeting of the Chairmen of the 3 Parish Councils along with District Councillors to discuss the matter further.

2864 **Duck signage**  
**Resolved** – that this matter will be put back on the agenda for the September meeting.

2865 **October meeting**  
**Resolved** – that the October meeting will be held at Hemington School.

2866 **Information Exchange**  
Thanks to Vince for putting up the new bin.

Councillor Hayward produced a report for the Clerk to read out in respect of the PACT meeting she attended on 6<sup>th</sup> August.

The matters prioritised with the police are speeding, fly tipping and poaching. Even though Somerset is not accepting the Speed Watch scheme (owing to GDPR) they do accept that Faulkland village has a problem with speeding. They are coming to the village at peak times when those repeat offenders are coming through the village. Police will be presence on bikes and in cars.

Poaching is linked to organised crime. Police say there is hare coursing in the area so to be aware, look out for cars late at night, lamps in fields, stealing pheasants and shooting deer. If any of these activities are seen, details need to be reported through crime stoppers.

Fly tipping – there are 38 cameras in rural area. If there is a sign saying under surveillance, there will likely be a camera present There are fixed penalty notices of £400.

Terry Hill – the Police perception is that accidents have decreased. They felt they were not getting called out as much to serious crashes. Crashes along the road to Norton were mentioned and the police response was that it was a 60-mph section.

2867 **Future meetings**  
The next scheduled Parish Council meeting is to be held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm

The Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 8.22pm