

Hemington, Hardington & Foxcote Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Held on Wednesday 13th March 2019 at 19:30 in Faulkland Village Hall

Present: Councillors J Blake, M Corney (Chairman), V Curtis, F Green, F Hayward and A Hucker (Vice Chairman).

In attendance: J Swift (Clerk) and 8 members of the public.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

It was reported that the company that did the work on the trees on the Green, carried out the work in a professional manner and did an excellent job.

A question was asked how the small extension on the house, next to the pond, will be finished - it is to be rendered.

Planning consultants from Arena Global Management Ltd, Bath were present representing the application – Land South of Oldfield Barn Bungalow, Faulkland. Background information in respect of the application was given and the amendments that have been made to it. The Chairman reported that there is not a revised application available presently. An immediate neighbour spoke about all the issues in the area and a member of public spoke about their concerns also.

The District Council read out a statement to the Parish Council and reported that there had been a breach of planning control.

Keepers Cottage – the pothole has still not been filled.

An update on the pub was provided – the new owners are in and decorating. It is hoped that the hand over will be finalised by the end of the month and the pub will open as it was before.

2777 **Apologies**

There was none.

2778 **Interests**

There were none.

2779 **Minutes**

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 13th February 2019 were agreed to be a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

2780 **Reports**

(a) District Councillor's report – as in Purdah, there was no report.

(b) Report/update from the Chairman – none.

- (c) Clerk's report – in addition to the Clerks report previously circulated, Councillors were asked if they knew how to apply if they wanted to be a candidate for the forthcoming elections.

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(a) Planning

2019/0184/VRC	Gallant Hill Barn Green Parlour Road Hemington Radstock BA3 5YB Application to remove condition 6 Sole Holiday Occupation for the Conversion and extension of barn to form holiday let 2009/1796 to Residential Use. Remove condition 6 Conditions(s) Removal: The reuse of an existing holiday let is compliant with planning policy Allow use of holiday let as single dwelling.	RESOLVED to recommend approval.
2019/0164/REM	Chrisbern Lodge Rectory Farm Green Street To Single Hill Foxcote Application for approval of reserved matters following outline approval 2018/0053/OTA for the erection of a rural workers dwelling and associated access. All matters to be determined.	RESOLVED to recommend approval.
2018/3051/FUL	Land South of Oldfield Farm Bungalow, Faulkland To Norton St Philip Road Faulkland Conversion of existing hay barn to a workshop and extension to the north and south elevations, creation of parking spaces, wildlife pond and poly tunnels, retention of existing Keder and composting bays and conversion of an existing poultry house into a water storage enclosure.	RESOLVED to make comments in respect of the changes to the application – the Parish Council still object on the grounds that the application needs a detailed access policy and provisions to avoid adjacent private property.

(b) Resolved – noted.

2782. **Publication of Norton St Philip Neighbourhood Plan**
The Chairman reminded those present of the consultation dates for any representations.
2783. **Highways and Rights of Way**
There has been another accident on Terry Hill crossroads. There has been no improvement since the works and this needs to be communicated to Somerset Highways.

There has been an issue with the waste water drain by the pub, this has been reported.
2784. **Assets of Community Value**
A list been completed on all activities going back 2 years, the application is close to being ready to be sent to all Councillors for comment.
2785. **Annual litter pick**
The 'Great British Clean Up' is happening between 22nd March to 23rd April.

Resolved – the date for the village litter pick will be Sunday 7th April 2019 at 10.00am. Village Hall.

2786. **Grit bins**

Resolved – that purchase of a litter bin to be deferred until late summer.

2787. **Neighbourhood Watch**

Resolved – (i) that Councillor F Hayward will be the Parish Council representative at NW meetings (ii) that the 4 NW signs are put at each road into the village.

2788. **Risk Assessment**

Resolved – that the Risk Assessment, with the amendment, is approved.

2789. **White lines**

Resolved – (i) that Somerset CC is chased for a definite response regarding the double white lines (ii) that Norton St Philip PC is approached to discuss the possibility of joint funding if Somerset CC will not fund.

2790. **Grant**

Several suggestions were given. Councillors were asked to provide suggestions for the next meeting and Councillor Hucker to provide a quote for fencing off part of the play area.

2791. **Finance**

(a) **Resolved** that Months 10 and 11 financial statements were approved.

(b) **Resolved** – that the Clerk will bring the payroll back in house.

(c) **Resolved** – to pay all the payments as detailed in the agenda.

2792. **Information Exchange**

It was requested for the purchase of Auto Speed Watch devices to go on the next agenda.

It was mentioned that everyone has received spam email on their Council emails – Councillor Blake will investigate.

2793. **Future meetings**

The next scheduled Parish Council meeting is to be held on **Wednesday 10th April 2019** 7.30 pm at Faulkland Village Hall.

2794. **Exclusion of press and public**

Resolved – that pursuant to the provision of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business by reason of the confidential nature of business to be transacted – commercial interests.

2795. **Grass Cutting**

Resolved – that the present contractor will be contacted for a 2-year contract.

The Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 8.40 pm