

HEMINGTON, HARDINGTON & FOXCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

MENDIP DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET

MINUTES OF THE MEETING held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 10 February 2010 at Faulkland Village Hall

Present: Councillors M. Brombley, E. Drewe (chairman), G. Ellison,

In attendance: R. Campbell (clerk), three members of the public

Apologies for absence: Councillors J. Knight, D. Perkins, R. Skinner; County and District Councillor M. Ellis

1371 **Declaration of Interests**

Cllr Drewe declared a personal and prejudicial interest in relation to Finance item 'Chairman's expenses'.

1372 **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of 20 January were **agreed** to be a true record and were signed by the Chairman

1373 **Planning**

(i) **Application**

2009/2123 & 2124 Chapel Farm, Faulkland. Proposed extension to kitchen and utility with covered area. Planning types: Householder Planning Permission (2123); Listed Building Consent (2124)

Parish Council recommendation: approval.

(ii) **Updates**

Mendip DC had notified the following decisions:

Marrowpole House – approved (PC recommendation approval).

Lower Farm, Faulkland – approved (PC recommendation approval).

1374 **Playing Field**

(i) **Youth building** The planning application had been submitted. The Parish Council **agreed** that it would not be responsible for maintenance of the eventual building.

(ii) **Play area** Cllr Drewe to enquire where a tractor-driven hole-borer might be found (for safety edging poles). Cllr Ellison said shale would be encountered at about one metre depth. A response to the claim from the insurer was due by the end of the week.

1375 **Finance**

(i) **Chairman's Expenses** The item could not be proceeded with as the meeting was not quorate without the chairman, who had declared a prejudicial interest.

(ii) **The Clerk's salary** for February was **agreed** for payment (proposed by Cllr Brombley).

1376 **Maintenance, repairs and Renewals**

The Clerk advised that a new flagpole for Faulkland Green was expected to be delivered to the green in the next few days.

1377 **Traffic and Highways**

(i) **Speed sign** The sign had been erected (in very cold weather) and was now working. Thanks were expressed to Mr Tim Gibbs.

(ii) **Somerset Highways Matters** The Clerk was due to meet the Area Traffic Engineer on 24 February to discuss 'Caution Children Playing' signs to go on the road outside Faulkland Playing Field. Mr Bunting also to be asked to install marker poles at the junction of the A362 and the road to Hemington.

1378 **Correspondence**

The following correspondence, received since the last meeting, was reviewed by councillors, who took items of interest: Mendip DC – Parishes Information Bulletin February, letter advising reduction in frequency of amenity and verge grass cutting; Somerset Playing Fields Association Newsletter; SALC – agenda for East Area meeting 1 March; NSPCC – publicity request; letter enquiring about 19th century railway accident at Foxcote (*Clerk to reply*).

1379 **Miscellaneous reports and information**

Cllr Ellison will provide information requested by Somerset CC on byways
Cllr Drewe will report to the next meeting on planting at Faulkland Pond

1380 **Dates of future parish council meetings**

The following were agreed:

Wednesday 10 March 2010, 7.30pm, Faulkland Village Hall

Wednesday 14 April 2010, 7.30pm, Faulkland Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8.19pm