

HEMINGTON, HARDINGTON & FOXCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

MENDIP DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET

MINUTES OF THE MEETING held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 14 April 2010 at Faulkland Village Hall

Present: Councillors M. Brombley, E. Drewe (chairman), G. Ellison, D. Perkins, R. Skinner

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

Apologies for absence: Councillor J. Knight; County and District Cllr M. Ellis

1394 **Declarations of Interest**

None

1395 **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of 10 March were **agreed** to be a true record and were signed by the Chairman

1396 **Planning**

(i) **Application**

2010/0353 Byre Croft, The Green, Faulkland BA3 5UZ. Application to extend the time limit for implementation of extant planning permission 102211/004 for the erection of a dwelling. This had already been approved by Mendip DC.

(ii) **Updates**

Mendip DC had notified the following decisions:

2010/0090 Foxcote Cottage. **Approved**

2010/0234. Keepers Cottage, Hardington. **Approved**

1397 **Playing Field**

(i) **Youth/community building.** The planning application had been returned to Cllr Drewe for additional information as a result of new validation requirements. Cllr Brombley asked if the delay would cause a problem with the grant. Cllr Ellison said the grantor had accepted the delay

(iii) **Play equipment.** Timberline were due to repair the damage on 21 April. They would also confirm its extent for insurance purposes then, not having made an earlier visit as advised. The inspection fee would not be charged.

The Clerk to order edging for safety surface to specification to be supplied by Cllr Drewe.

(iii) **Hedges** These had not been cut as agreed and would have to be left until October.

1398 **Finance**

(i) Cllrs received unaudited financial figures for the year ended 31 March.

(ii) Bills for payment **The following were agreed (proposed Cllr Ellison)** and cheques signed: Somerset Association of Local Councils – affiliation fee 2010/11 £136.08; Community Council for Somerset – subscription 2010/11£30; Clerk’s salary for April.

(iii) **Insurance** A comparison quotation to be obtained before deciding whether to continue with the current insurer.

(iv) **Grass cutting** Quadron’s quotation for the coming year was accepted. They to be advised that the pond area had been missed on the initial cut.

1399 **Maintenance, repairs and Renewals**

(i) **Rebecca Well** Cllr Ellison to ask the former volunteers if they would still help restore the well area.

(ii) **Flagpole** A further replacement to be obtained.

(iii) **Cesspit at Terry Hill** The housing association to be contacted about the recurrent smell.

1400 **Traffic and Highways**

Somerset Highways Matters

Holes in Browns Lane, now including large hole in culvert, not yet repaired. Highways to be pressed for action.

Patching required on the A366

1401 **Correspondence**

The following correspondence, received since the last meeting, was reviewed by councillors, who took items of interest: Mendip DC – Parishes Information Bulletin April, *Thatch* magazine; Mendip in Bloom notice; Moore Stephens – Annual return to 31 March 2010; Mendip area bus timetable (*Cllr Skinner will ask Faulkland shop to take this*); Letter from Anna Mercer seeking permission for signs on Faulkland Green advertising plant sale two weeks in advance. **Agreed.**

1402 **Miscellaneous reports and information**

None

1403 **Dates of future parish council meetings**

The following were agreed:

Wednesday 12 May 2010, Faulkland Village Hall. This will follow the Annual Parish Meeting which will start at 7.30pm

Wednesday 9 June 2010, 7.30pm Faulkland Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm