

HEMINGTON, HARDINGTON & FOXCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

MENDIP DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 13 October
at Faulkland Village Hall

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

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

1469 **Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr R. Skinner (unwell). County/District Cllr M. Ellis had sent his apologies.

1470 **Declarations of interest**

Cllr Drewe declared a personal and prejudicial interest in planning item 2010/2363 Oldfield House.

1471 **Minutes**

The minutes of the meetings of 8 and 20 September were **agreed** to be a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

Finance

1472 The following were agreed for payment: B. Weaver, hedge cutting (*Minute 1447*) £282.00 inc VAT, Clerk's salary for October (proposed Cllr Perkins, 2nd Cllr Brombley) and cheques signed at the end of the meeting. The Timberline bill had not been received.

1473 **Planning**

(i) Applications

2010/2108 Chapel Farm Barn, Faulkland (Brown's Lane). Conversion and extension of barn to form a dwelling and erection of a detached carport/workshop building with associated access and parking. Full planning permission.

Parish Council recommendation: approval

Cllr Drewe vacated the chair and left the room. Cllr Brombley took the chair

2010/2363 Oldfield House, Faulkland BA3 5XD. Two single storey side extensions. Householder planning permission. **Parish Council recommendation: approval**

Cllr Drewe returned to the room and resumed the chair from Cllr Brombley.

(ii) Updates

Councillors noted Mendip DC's reasons for allowing the application for a dwelling at the Old Piggeries, Laverton, against the parish council's recommendation.

They noted changes in development control at Mendip DC.

(iii) Notification to applicants of consideration of planning applications by the parish council: the existing arrangement (statutory three-day publication of agenda) was considered satisfactory.

Website

1474 It was **agreed** (proposed Cllr Knight, 2nd Cllr Drewe) to accept Sally Vince's quotation of £150 to upgrade the parish council website.

1475 **Allotments**

A site at the lower end of the village had been proposed by Savills for Lord Hylton.

Agreed to wait and see what interest arose. Savills to be advised.

Highways and Rights of Way

- 1476 (i) The road between Chickwell New Farm and Charlton Farm has a watercourse down its centre. Somerset Highways to be urged to repair the road.

The hedge obscuring the top flashing speed sign on the A366 had been cut on the field side but not yet on the road side.

(ii) Somerset CC to be urged into action to divert the Buckland Dinham to Hardington restricted byway at the point where it is blocked by a badger sett.

Councillors disagreed with Somerset's area rights of way officer that Hollowpit Lane was satisfactory: though walkable, it could not be accessed by horse or horse and carriage. The officer to be advised.

1477 **Playing Field**

(i) The hedge had been well cut. Mr Weaver will remove/burn the trimmings.

(ii) Safety surface: nothing to report

1478 **Faulkland Village Green and Pond**

(i) Two local residents were thanked for purchasing plants and bulbs for the pond area, which will be planted by children from Hemington School.

(ii) Flagpole: nothing to report.

1479 **Correspondence and reports**

(i) Councillors reviewed the following correspondence received since the last parish council meeting: *Clerks and Councils Direct* October 2010; *Flourish Homes Annual Review 2010*; *Being a Good Employer* – guide for parish councils; *Thatch* magazine Summer/Autumn 2010; Mendip Parish Forum – agenda for meeting 25 October

(ii) Miscellaneous reports:

A remover's sign had been left on Faulkland Green: to be returned

Mr Gatley had completed an online survey about the Parish Plan and was thanked.

Bunting from 2009 Village Fun Day still up: to be removed.

The Clerk reported on the Somerset Association of Local Councils AGM, which Somerset CC's chief executive had addressed on funding cuts and localism.

1480 **Dates of future parish council meetings**

The following were **agreed**:

Wednesday 10 November 2010, 7.30pm, Faulkland Village Hall

Wednesday 8 December 2010, 7.30pm, Faulkland Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8.35pm