

# HEMINGTON, HARDINGTON & FOXCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

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## MENDIP DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING

held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 10 November  
at Faulkland Village Hall

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

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

1481 **Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs J. Knight (unwell), G. Ellison (prior commitment).

Apologies were received from County/District Cllr M. Ellis.

**Declarations of interest**

1482 None

**Minutes**

1483 The minutes of the meeting of 13 October were **agreed** to be a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

**Finance**

1484 The following were agreed for payment (proposed Cllr Brombley/2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Drewe): R Campbell – reimburse share of Society of Council Clerks subscription £28.50, Clerk's salary for November.

1485 **Planning**

(i) Applications

**2010/2600** The Sawmills, Buckland Down, Somerset BA11 2RH. Erection of building and installation of gasifier, electricity generation plant and associated equipment.

**Parish Council observations** (invited) on application in neighbouring parish: the parish council considered that that the application should be rejected as unsustainable, since the wood for combustion would have to be brought in to the site from outside the area.

(ii) Updates

Pre-school building for Hemington Primary School – granted by Somerset CC  
5 Jubilee Terrace, Hemington – confirmation of approval by Mendip DC

**Policies**

1486 The following draft policies were considered:

Grant awarding policy – **not adopted**

Publication scheme – **adopted**

**Website**

1487 Nothing to report

**Allotments**

1488 Savills will report on the proposed land and conditions for letting to the parish council after a meeting with Lord Hylton on November 12.

Notices to be posted on the parish notice board and at Hemington advertising the offer of allotments.

**1489 Highways and Rights of Way**

(i) Updates on Somerset Highways matters: none

The hedge which had been stopping the working of the speed sign on the A366 at the top of Faulkland was due to be cut the following week. Cllr Brombley noted that this would be an ongoing problem.

Councillors discussed a suggestion sent by Cllr Knight that the sign be moved to the opposite side of the road if the hedge were not cut. The legality or otherwise of this to be established.

(ii) Councillors noted that Somerset County Council had authorised, under delegated powers, the erection of a gate on footpath FR6/22.

**1490 Playing Field**

Edging boards for the play safety surface had been ordered.

Cllr Brombley confirmed that she will donate any surplus underlay she has (more may be needed) before the bark surface is installed. She was thanked.

**1491 Faulkland Village Green and Pond**

(i) The pond planting by Hemington School pupils had not yet taken place.

(ii) A second replacement flagpole was due to be delivered shortly. Mr Francis Green had kindly agreed to house it prior to stripping.

**1492 Council Elections**

It had been confirmed that election of a new parish council will take place on 5 May 2011. The last scheduled meeting of the current council will be on 13 April 2011.

**1493 Correspondence and reports**

(i) Councillors reviewed the following correspondence received since the last parish council meeting:

*Clerks and Councils Direct* November 2010; Somerset Waste Partnership – refuse collection dates Christmas and New Year 2010/11, Easter 2011, Bank Holidays 2011 (*posted on notice board*); Somerset Skills and Learning – details of forthcoming courses in Frome; Somerset Art Works – request to campaign for funds maintenance; SCC – letter from Sheila Wheeler, Chief Executive, on cuts and localism; County Cllr Sam Crabb – letter detailing proposed cuts; Avon and Somerset Police – newsletter September 2010; SALC – items of interest October 2010, AGM minutes and East Area meeting agenda for 6 December; Aster Housing Group – details of leadership changes; Mendip DC – *Your Mendip* Autumn 2010, Parishes Information Bulletin November 2010; *The Playing Field* Autumn 2010; East Mendip Community Partnership – Agenda 16 November at Frome; MDC – posters encouraging people to stand as District and Parish Councillors; Somerset Heritage and Library Service – invitation to include PC details on somersetgateway website; Rural Youth Project newsletter; Came & Co – insurance newsletter.

(ii) Miscellaneous reports:

Safety concerns about a parked vehicle in Faulkland were received.

It was reported that Coleford recycling centre is due for closure under cost-cutting measures.

**1494 Dates of future parish council meetings**

The following were **agreed**:

Wednesday 8 December 2010, 7.30pm, Faulkland Village Hall

Wednesday 12 January 2011, 7.30pm, Faulkland Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8.45pm