

HEMINGTON, HARDINGTON & FOXCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

MENDIP DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

**held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 8 December 2010
at Faulkland Village Hall**

Present: Councillors E. Drewe (chairman), G. Ellison, D. Perkins,

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

Absent: Cllr J. Knight

1495 **Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs R. Skinner (working) and M. Brombley (unwell).

County/District Cllr M. Ellis sent his apologies.

Declarations of interest

1496 None

Minutes

1497 The minutes of the meeting of 10 November were **agreed** to be a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

Finance

1498 (i) A draft budget aiming at a figure of £6,000 for 2011/12 (a reduction of 11% on 2010/11) to be prepared, for consideration at the January meeting.

(ii) Councillors **approved** a one point increase in the Clerk's salary on the national pay spine on his gaining the Certificate in Local Council Administration, for which he was congratulated.

(iii) The following were agreed for payment (proposed Cllr Perkins/2nd Cllr Ellison):
Timberline – repair to vandalised play equipment £950.00 + VAT; Somerset Playing Fields Association – subscription 2011 £10; Clerk's salary for November.

Policies

1499 A (model) Complaints Procedure was considered but **not adopted**.

1500 **Planning**

(i) Application

2010/2913 Stock Barn, Laverton, Norton St Philip. Demolition of stock barn and store, construction of two holiday letting cottages with associated alterations. Full planning permission.

Parish Council recommendation: refusal. The council considered that due to the absence of a traditional building capable of being converted, the application was effectively a demolition and rebuild, the approval of which would set a precedent for similar proposals elsewhere in the open countryside.

(ii) Updates

2010/2363 Mendip DC had approved plans for two single-storey extensions at Oldfield House, Faulkland BA3 5XD

1501 **Website**

Nothing to report

1502 **Allotments**

Savills had confirmed that allotments at the lower end of Faulkland would be available after harvest 2011. A site visit first thing in the morning to be proposed.

Highways

1503 (i) Somerset Highways matters

The Area Superintendent has been asked to visit after the end of the severe weather, to see at first hand the problems at Browns Lane and on the road between Chickwell New Farm and Charlton Farm.

Highways to be asked to fill the new grit bin at Lower Farm Road when the bags have been used.

Mendip to be advised of fly-tipping at Browns Lane.

(ii) Councillors again discussed the hedge which had been stopping the working of the speed sign on the A366 at the top of Faulkland. Cutting was still imminent.

Suggestions for future years included moving the sign, erecting a taller pole with the sign angled down or arranging for the PC to cut the road side of the hedge.

Rights of Way

1504 Nothing to report.

1505 **Playing Field**

Edging boards for the play safety surface were due to be delivered on 15 December.

1506 **Correspondence and reports**

(i) Councillors reviewed the following correspondence received since the last parish council meeting: Somerset Highways – winter service letter and guide; Somerset CC – impact of budget cuts, impact of cuts on youth provision; Mendip DC – Parishes Information Bulletin December 2010

(ii) Miscellaneous reports:

The new flagpole had not been received. It would be chased up.

1507 **Dates of future parish council meetings**

The following were **agreed**:

Wednesday 12 January 2011, 7.30pm, Faulkland Village Hall

Wednesday 9 February 2011, 7.30pm, Faulkland Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8.24pm