

HEMINGTON, HARDINGTON & FOXCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

MENDIP DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

**held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 12 January 2011
at Faulkland Village Hall**

Present: Councillors E. Drewe (chairman), G. Ellison, J. Knight, R. Skinner (from Minute 1515) ,

In attendance: R. Campbell (clerk), one member of the public

Absent: Cllr D. Perkins

1508 **Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr M. Brombley (unwell);

Declarations of interest

1509 None. Cllr Drewe said that while he had declared an interest in a previous application for Gallant Hill Barn, he had no interest in the current application.

Minutes

1510 The minutes of the meeting of 8 December were **agreed** to be a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

County and District Councillor's report

1511 None

Finance

1512 (i) Budgeted expenditure of £8470 for 2011/12 was **agreed unanimously** (proposed Cllr Knight, 2nd Cllr Ellison). Excluding earmarked sums to be brought forward from the current year of £800, this represents a deficit (to be taken from reserves) over income of £1664, of which £800 is provision for a contested parish council election in May 2011.

(ii) **Agreed** a precept of £6,000 for 2011/12 be sent to Mendip DC, a reduction of 11% on 2010/11.

(iii) The following were **agreed** for payment (proposed Cllr Knight/2nd Cllr Ellison):
Quadron Services Ltd – grass cutting 2010 £1175.00 + VAT = £1380.63; Clerk's salary for January.

1513 **Planning**

(i) Applications:

2010/ 3028 Gallant Hill Barn, Foxcote, Radstock BA3 5YE. Conversion and extension of barn to form holiday let and erection of outbuilding. Full planning permission.

Parish Council recommendation: approval.

2010/2947 (full planning permission), **2950** (listed building consent) Highchurch Farm, Chickwell Lane, Hemington BA3 5XT. Alterations including erection of first floor extension, ground floor conservatory and new garage building and construction of new boundary wall. **Parish Council recommendation: approval.**

(ii) Update

2010/2108 Chapel Farm Barn, Faulkland. Mendip DC had approved with conditions the conversion and extension of the barn to form a dwelling and the erection of a detached carport/workshop building with associated access and parking.

1514 **Allotments**

Nothing to report.

Highways

1515 Cllr Skinner joined the meeting

Problems at Browns Lane and on the road between Chickwell New Farm and Charlton Farm had still not been dealt with. Highways had again been contacted.

Playing Field

1516 A replacement fireman's pole had been installed at the play area.

1517 **Correspondence and reports**

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

B & NES Council – Draft Core Strategy. *Cllr Drewe reported that this successor to the draft local plan does not affect Hemington Parish and that no comment need be made by the council*; Royal British Legion – notice of poppy party weekend; SALC – executive summary of Localism Bill – *taken for consideration by Cllr Knight*; 'Councils & Clerks Direct' January 2011; MDC – notice of East Mendip Community Partnership meeting 18 January (to discuss housing in parishes); Avon and Somerset Police – newsletter from District Commander; SCC – notice of proposed library closures (Frome will remain open); Navigus Planning – summary of Localism Bill (*taken by Cllr Knight*); SCC – invitation to meeting to discuss funding for youth services; Mendip DC – Parishes Information Bulletin; Culture Secretary – letter about Queen's Diamond Jubilee 2012.

(ii) Miscellaneous reports:

The new flagpole had not been delivered; it will be chased.

Due to illness the agreed work to repair the stocks and install a tree guard at Faulkland Green, and to repair the parish council noticeboard nearby, had not yet been done.

Cllr Ellison will find out if those who expressed interest in repairing the Rebecca Well site are still interested.

Work on reviving the parish council website had been held up due to a bereavement. Hemington School will be asked if the bulbs given for Faulkland Pond have been planted.

The Clerk will establish if objection to the closure of Coleford recycling centre can still be made.

1518 **Dates of future parish council meetings**

The following were agreed:

Wednesday 9 February 2011, 7.30pm, Faulkland Village Hall

Wednesday 9 March 2011, 7.30pm, Faulkland Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8.40pm