

# 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 13 April 2011  
at Faulkland Village Hall

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

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

**Absent:** Cllrs G. Ellison. R. Skinner

1545 **Apologies**

None

1546 **Declarations of interest**

None

1547 **Minutes**

The minutes of 23 February were corrected to show that Cllr Knight was present and Cllr Skinner absent. They were then **agreed** to be a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

The minutes of the meeting of 9 March were **agreed** to be a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

**Finance**

1548 (i) The following were **agreed** for payment (proposed Cllr Brombley/2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Knight) and cheques signed at the end of the meeting: Society of Local Council Clerks – book *The Law of Allotments* £17.20; Somerset Association of Local Councils – affiliation fee 2011/12 £141; Clerk's salary for April.

(ii) Quotations for grass cutting were compared and it was **agreed** that Quadron continue to cut the grass in 2011 at a cost of £1185+ VAT, an increase of £10 on the previous year.

(iii) Figures for the year ended 31 March 2011 will be provided at the May meeting.

1549 **Website**

Councillors had viewed a website similar to the one proposed, by the same designer, and considered it generally good. Cllr Knight will produce copy for the home page. It was **agreed** to include photographs of councillors. Colours to be left to the designer, Sally Vince.

1550 **Skatepark**

Councillors discussed a request for a skatepark. Location, finance, maintenance and supervision were seen as important issues to be addressed.

**Agreed** (proposed Cllr Knight) that the new parish council be recommended to look at the matter in detail. Residents to be leafleted to advise them when it is to be discussed.

1551 **Planning**

There were no applications or updates.

**Repairs and Renewals**

1552 The parish council notice board had been repaired, as had the stocks on Faulkland Green. A further replacement flagpole was due to be delivered to the Green the following day. Cllr Drewe would arrange for it to be moved to Horsepond Farm. Two litter pickers had been ordered at a cost of £12.88 each.

1553 **Allotments**

Cllr Brombley reported that villagers at the top end of Faulkland were interested in allotments but did not know of the current proposal. The shop to be asked to display an A4 poster and notices to be put at Foxcote and Laverton. A leaflet distribution to be organised.

1554 **Highways**

Highways had repaired the road from Marrowpole Lane to Charlton Farm. Browns Lane remained to be done.  
Fly tipping had been removed from Browns Lane.

1555 **Playing Field**

Post holes for the safety surface edging had not yet been bored but it was hoped they would be in the following two weeks.  
Cllr Brombley said that village children had been let down by the failure to provide a safety surface to date.

1556 **Correspondence and reports**

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

Mendip DC – Parishes Information Bulletin April 2011, list of candidates standing in the parish council election on 5 May 2011; SW Ambulance Service – newsletter 13; Avon & Somerset Police – newsletter 5; National Association of Local Councils and also Moore Stephens – accounts and audit updates; Energy Saving Trust – Warm Streets information; Somerset CC – letter and survey about superfast broadband.

No actions resulting from the correspondence were identified.

(ii) Miscellaneous reports:

None

1557 **Dates of future parish council meetings**

The following were **agreed**:

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING, Wednesday 18 May, Faulkland Village Hall, 730pm  
followed by the annual (first) meeting of the new parish council at approximately 8.00pm

The meeting closed at 8.22pm, the chairman expressing the hope that all would be present at the next meeting.