

HEMINGTON, HARDINGTON & FOXCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

MENDIP DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 10 August 2011
at Faulkland Village Hall

Present: Councillors M. Brombley, E. Drewe (Chairman), F. Green (from minute 1606), J. Knight, D. Perkins, P. Roberts

In attendance: five members of the public

1601 Apologies

County Councillor M. Ellis sent his apologies.

1602 Declarations of Interest

None

1603 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the parish council meeting held on 13 July 2011 were **approved** and signed by the chairman.

1604 District Councillor's report

Cllr Drewe said there was little to report. Few meetings were held in August.

1605 Finance

(i) The following item was **approved** for payment (proposed Cllr Knight, 2nd Cllr Roberts): Clerk's salary for August.

1606 Planning

(i) Applications.

2011/1761 (full planning permission) and **2011/1766** (listed building consent) Hemington House, Hemington, Radstock, Somerset BA3 5XX. Erection of a pool house with associated roof-top solar panel array. **Parish Council recommendations: approval**

2011/1662 (full planning permission) Rectory Farm, Foxcote, Radstock, Somerset BA3 5YE. Erection of livestock building. **Parish Council recommendation: approval**

(ii) Updates: none.

1607 Allotments

Councillors considered draft heads of lease terms.

Agreed to propose a number of amendments to the lease, which is for 10 years from 29 September 2011, with a five-year break clause.

Agreed to erect a stock fence at the lower end of the site, once leased, at an approximate cost of £100 (to be confirmed).

1608 Highways

(i) The temporary closure of Park Lane and Tynning Hill for 21 days from 15 August 2011 to allow a duct installation for BT was noted.

(ii) Actions to improve the operation of the flashing speed sign at the top of Faulkland village were considered. Highways to be asked if the sign can be moved 40 yards up the road into the 40mph zone. Failing this, the landowner and lessee to be asked if the immediate area of the sign can be fenced only, i.e. the hedge removed.

(iii) Somerset Highways to be told that grass needs cutting at Terry Hill to improve visibility at the junction.

1609 Playing Field

(i) When pursuing the vandalism repair claim, the insurer to be asked if moving the play equipment nearer the road would benefit the parish council.

(ii) **Agreed** not to move the goal at the Greenway houses end for the time being. Noted that the far goal is being used instead.

(iii) A letter written by Cllr Brombley inviting suggestions, especially from young people, for improving the playing field to be reviewed by councillors.

1610 Standing Orders

The wording of a change to standing orders to allow electronic service of agendas to be considered at the September meeting.

1611 Rights of Way

No report.

1612 Civil Contingencies

Agreed to invite an officer from the civil contingencies unit to make a short presentation before the 14 September parish council meeting and to post notices advertising the event.

1613 Correspondence and reports

(i) Correspondence: Councillors reviewed the following correspondence received since the last meeting. No items needing action were identified.

Mendip District Council – Parishes Information Bulletin August 2011; information on funding for village halls (*Cllr Drewe, in this district capacity, has put in an application towards village hall heating*); invitation to contribute to Polling Districts and Polling Places Review

Somerset County Council – nomination form for chairman's award for service to the community
SALC – updates

Avon and Somerset Police – poster about a man police wish to interview in connection with fraud (*posted on parish notice board*)

Moore Stephens – notice of completion of audit. Clerk will post closure of audit notice on board.

Royal Horticultural Society – letter promoting Britain in Bloom

Lady Gass, Lord Lieutenant of Somerset – looking forward to Queen's Jubilee

Buckingham Palace Press Release on Jubilee

(ii) Miscellaneous reports:

Reported that the weight limit sign at Terry Hill crossroads needs attention.

The phone box at near Faulkland Green has been repaired.

The by-way (ex-county road) behind the houses at the top of Faulkland Green still needs cutting. This is a County responsibility.

Action on clearing the Buckland Dinham to Hardington path was urgently requested.

1600 Date of next meeting

Agreed for Wednesday 14 September, Faulkland Village Hall, 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm