

# 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 9 November 2011  
at Faulkland Village Hall

**Present:** Councillors E. Drewe (Chairman), F. Green, D. Perkins, P. Roberts

**In attendance:** R Campbell (Clerk), six members of the public

**1639 Apologies**

Apologies were received and **accepted** from Cllrs Brombley and Knight (both unwell).  
County Councillor M. Ellis sent his apologies.

**1640 Declarations of Interest**

None

**1641 Minutes**

After correction to show that Cllr Roberts was present and Cllr Knight absent due to ill-health, the minutes of the meeting of the parish council held on 12 October 2011 were **approved** and signed by the chairman.

**1642 Finance**

(i) Councillors **agreed** (proposed Cllr Perkins, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Roberts) to make a grant of £40.00 to Mendip Citizens Advice Bureau.

(i) The following item was **approved** for payment (proposed Cllr Roberts, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Perkins): Clerk's salary for November. Cheques were signed for this and the grant item at the end of the meeting by Cllrs Drewe and Perkins.

**1643 Planning**

(i) Applications. The parish council made the following recommendations:

**2011/2721** Land at Chapel Farm, Faulkland, Radstock BA3 5XE. Proposed removal of six metres of hedgerow. **Approval.**

**2011/2738 5** The Retreat, Foxcote, BA3 5YF. Erection of steel framed agricultural storage building. **Approval.**

(ii) Update. 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. Approved by Mendip DC.

**1644 Allotments**

(i) & (ii) Councillors noted that the landowner's application (see Minute 1643 (i) above) to remove six metres of hedge in order to facilitate combine entry will lead to further delay in signing the lease. The agent to be asked if the land, presently covered in borage, can be turned over before signature.

(iii) Cllr Drewe is continuing to examine the availability of grants for water supply to the site.

**1645 Highways**

(i) Speed sign at west end of Faulkland. Cllr Drewe will arrange to move the pole into the 40mph limit if Somerset County Council (SCC) and the landowner raise no objection.

(ii) Councillors noted that SCC's policy of replacing paving with tarmacadam applies to conservation areas, which the parish does not have.

**1646 Playing Field**

Hedge cutting was due to be carried out in the following fortnight.

**1647 Rights of Way**

Nothing to report

**1648 Correspondence and reports**

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

Mendip District Council (MDC) – Parishes Information Bulletin November 2011 (also available online)

Note: MDC will now only send paper copies on request. We get one in case Dennis wants it.

Somerset Waste Partnership- Green Routine newsletter

Devon & Somerset Fire Service – proposed changes to call response to automatic fire alarms

SCC– note of consultation on parking survey

'Clerks and Councils Direct' November 2011

'The Playing Field' Autumn 2011

Somerset Association of Local Councils – agenda for East Area meeting 5 December

(ii) Miscellaneous reports:

District Councillor's report: Cllr Drewe said that there was a proposal for local councils to keep business rates income for themselves. There was to be a grant for each house built. This income could help sustain MDC until the arrival of the community infrastructure levy, a standard fee per square metre replacing the current contribution to local facilities. He was part of a working party looking at housing requirements in individual villages by tier. The government proposed a 20% increase on the previous building figures.

**1649 Future meetings**

**Agreed** the following dates for the next two meetings

Wednesday 14 December, Faulkland Village Hall, 7.30pm.

Wednesday 11 January 2012, Faulkland Village Hall, 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm