

HEMINGTON, HARDINGTON & FOXCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

MENDIP DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 11 January 2012
at Faulkland Village Hall

Present: Councillors M. Brombley, E. Drewe (Chairman), F. Green (from minute 1671, with apologies), D. Perkins, P. Roberts

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

1662 Apologies

An apology for absence was received and **accepted** from Cllr Knight, who was unwell.

1663 Declarations of Interest

None

1664 County and Councillors' report

No county report.

District Cllr Drewe said there were no matters of particular interest affecting the parish.

1665 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council (PC) held on 14 December 2012 were **approved** and were signed by the chairman.

1666 Finance

(i) Councillors considered the draft budget for 2012/13 line by line. Expenditure of £7776 for the year was **agreed** (proposed Cllr Roberts, 2nd Cllr Brombley). The excess of expenditure over projected income of £6005 will be taken from general reserves.

(ii) A precept of £6,000 for 2012/13, the same as for the current financial year, was **agreed** (proposed Cllr Perkins, 2nd Cllr Roberts).

(iii) The following items were **approved** for payment (proposed Cllr Roberts, 2nd Cllr Green):

Quadron Services – grass cutting 2012 including VAT £1422.00

Staff salaries for January

Cheques were **signed** at the end of the meeting by Cllrs Perkins and Drewe.

1667 Planning

(i) Application

2011/3058 The Retreat, Foxcote, Radstock BA3 5YF. Erection of a steel framed agricultural storage building. **PC recommendation: approval.**

(ii) Update

2011/2656 (Listed Building Consent) Green Farm House, Faulkland. Erection of solar panels. Mendip District Council decision: approval.

1668 Allotments

The lease to be signed on receipt without further consultation. Papers for a possible lottery grant had been received. Bristol Water will quote for a meter.

1669 Highways and rights of way

- (i) Flooding opposite Jubilee Terrace, Hemington to be reported to Somerset Highways
- (ii) Mr Francis of Faulkland Farm to be consulted about a boggy bridleway on his land.

1670 Playing Field

Timberline to be asked to carry out quoted repairs to the play equipment.

1671 Correspondence and reports

- (i) Correspondence: Councillors reviewed the following correspondence received since the last meeting.

Mendip District Council (MDC) – Parishes Information Bulletin January 2012 – available online at <http://www.mendip.gov.uk/Article.asp?id=5X9452-A7805520&cat=94>

Avon and Somerset Police – budget survey 2012/12. *To be completed by the Clerk*

NHS Somerset – Joint Strategic Needs Assessment summary

CPRE – booklet ‘Planning Explained’ Cllr Drewe said that in his opinion neighbourhood planning was not an area to be gone into by a parish council of Hemington’s size.

‘Clerks and Councils Direct’ January 2012

- (ii) Miscellaneous reports:

Parts of the former water channel in Faulkland Green required filling in and the topsoil replacing. The flagpole was still drying out.

Gates were reported blocked on the byway from Norton St Philip to Hassage.

The possibility of marking the Jubilee was raised but no action was suggested.

1672 Future meetings

Agreed the following dates for the next two meetings

Wednesday 8 February 2012, Faulkland Village Hall, 7.30pm.

Wednesday 14 March 2012, Faulkland Village Hall, 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 8.12 pm