

HEMINGTON, HARDINGTON & FOXCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

MENDIP DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 8 February 2012
at Faulkland Village Hall

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

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

1673 Apologies

An apology for absence was received and **accepted** from Cllr Knight, who was prevented from attending by bad weather.

1674 Declarations of Interest

None

1675 County and Councillors' report

No county report.

District Cllr Drewe deferred his report until the March meeting, after council tax has been fixed.

1676 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council (PC) held on 11 January 2012 were **approved** and were signed by the chairman.

1677 Finance

(i) Staff salaries for February were **approved** (proposed Cllr Roberts, 2nd Cllr Brombley). A cheque was signed at the end of the meeting by Cllrs Drewe and Perkins.

1678 Planning

(i) Application

2011/2619 (Full Planning Permission) The Old Rectory, Foxcote, Radstock BA3 5YE.

Demolition of derelict piggery building and erection of new home office building.

Parish Council recommendation: approval.

(ii) Updates

None

1679 Allotments

A member of the public, invited to speak, considered that the allotments are badly sited as they cannot be reached by footway. Another member of the public suggested a warning sign.

Cllr Drewe said that sites were few and far between, that one was wanted but could not be found in the neighbouring parish of Kilmersdon. It was the intention that the Faulkland allotments holders become members of the National Association.

The exclusion of the lease from the provisions of Sections 24-28 of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1954 (Security of Tenure) to be checked before the lease, which was available for signature, is signed.

1680. Website

Text and photographs from the Village Plan and Design Statement will be used to complete the PC website.

1681 Highways and rights of way

(i) Local residents who had installed the speed indicator device at the top of Faulkland village thought they could move the pole 100 yards further out.

Potholes in Bishop Street and a broken culvert at Borwns Lane still awaited repair.
Highways to be chased.

(ii) There had been further correspondence with the senior rights of way officer at Somerset but no further progress on the Buckland Dinham by-way.

1682 Playing Field

The play equipment is due to be repaired in mid-to-late March

1683 Faulkland Green

(i) Cllr Green confirmed that the flagpole would be ready for the Jubilee.

(ii) Mr R. Watts had been asked if he would quote for infilling the sunken trench on the Green. Noted that it might also be necessary to insert a length of drainage pipe.

1684 Correspondence and reports:

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

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

CP RE flyer on community planning event, 1/3/12; booklet: Guide to Neighbourhood Planning
SALC meetings information

Proludic (advertisement) – information on play area funding.

No actions were identified.

(ii) Miscellaneous reports:

Emailed criticism of the heating in Faulkland Hall had been received from from Cllr Knight. Cllr Drewe said that he had inspected the new heating system in Kilmersdon Village Hall with the contractor, and would now measure up Faulkland Hall so that a quotation for a similar system could be obtained. He was exploring if district council grants might be available towards the cost.

Cllr Perkins asked that a public house in another parish be asked to remove their fly-poster from Terry Hill crossroads.

Somerset Waster Partnership will be advised of recycled rubbish items blowing about after the weekly collection.

A local resident who was concerned about lack of places for birds to nest following hedge cutting was reassured that the hedges would regrow quickly.

The need for a sign at the junction of Browns Lane (where the allotments will be) and the A366 was again stressed.

1685 Future meetings

Agreed the following dates for the next two meetings

Wednesday 14 March 2012, 7.30pm, Faulkland Village Hall

Wednesday 11 April 2012, 7.30pm, Faulkland Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8.28 pm