

# 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 11 April 2012 at Faulkland Village Hall

**Present:** Councillors M. Brombley (Vice-chairman), E. Drewe (Chairman), F. Green, J. Knight, D. Perkins, P. Roberts

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

**1699 Apologies**

None

**1700 Declarations of Interest**

None

**1701 County and District Councillors' reports**

No County report.

For the District, Cllr Drewe reported on the new 50-page planning policy guidance (the rules were unchanged), which would be tested and have its terminology defined by appeals in the coming years. He described the difficulties Mendip faced in saving money, council tax having been frozen.

**1702 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council (PC) meeting held on 14 March 2012 were approved, then signed by the chairman.

**1703 Finance**

**RESOLVED** (proposed Cllr Roberts, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Knight) to pay: Staff salaries April 2012

**1704 Risk assessment**

Councillors considered the annual risk assessment schedule line by line.

Computer files to be archived weekly and stored offsite.

The bank reconciliation to be verified quarterly by a councillor.

VAT to be claimed six monthly, in March and October

**RESOLVED** that the schedule of actions to monitor risk for the next twelve months be accepted with the above amendments.

**1705 Planning**

(i) No applications

(ii) Mendip DC had advised the following:

2012/0132 The Old Piggeries, Cherry Garden Lane BA2 7RD. Erection of agricultural worker's dwelling (reserved matters): approve with conditions.

2012/0248. Gallant Hill Farm BA3 5YB. Installation of wind turbine: approve (conditions).

**1706 Allotments**

(i) The fence had been erected, the parking site levelled for hardcore, a pedestrian entrance made in the hedge in Brown's Lane. The water board's connection estimate was still awaited (they had sent the wrong one), so a lottery application could not yet be

made, though one had been made to the Prince's Countryside fund and Clarks' Shoes.  
(ii) **RESOLVED** that the four remaining allotment plots should be re-advertised.  
(iii) The nature and cost of tenancies to be considered in May. Savills to be asked what they wish to do to the hedge at the corner of the parking area to improve visibility.

**1707 Highways and rights of way**

(i) Knoll Lane would be closed on 16 April for one day for duct laying.  
(ii) Highways to be chased about repairing the pothole opposite Jubilee Terrace

**1708 Playing Field**

Repair of the play equipment had been postponed until the following Friday

**1709 Faulkland Green and pond**

(i) Mr Rob Watts intended to scrape off the surface at Faulkland Green the following Saturday to enable a decision to be reached on work needed to repair the sunken trench. Cllr Drewe to attend.  
(ii) Noted that a 10 foot 5-bar gate can be had for about £100. A deal to be sought.

**1710 Localism**

(i) Literature identified by Cllr Knight to be downloaded and distributed to councillors.  
(ii) Savills to be thanked for their letter and to be advised that the Parish Council is considering how it and the Ammerdown Estate could work together to promote localism.

**1711 Correspondence and reports:**

(i) Councillors reviewed the following correspondence received since the last meeting  
Mendip District Council (MDC) – Parishes Information Bulletin April 2012 – available online at <http://www.mendip.gov.uk/Article.asp?id= SX9452-A7805520&cat=94>  
Timberline Brochure and Price List 2012  
Somerset County Council – fostering and adoption posters.  
St John Ambulance – information on defibrillators and offer to demonstrate their use to the PC. **St John to be asked to provide a demonstration at the June meeting.**  
Chief of the Defence Staff – information on Armed Forces Day (30 June).  
Avon & Somerset Police newsletter 03/12  
(ii) Miscellaneous reports:  
Consideration should be given to providing a metal or fibreglass flagpole at Faulkland Green. Local residents should be consulted about noise.  
Cllr Drewe has discussed with Mendip paper escaping from the recycling collection.  
The Chair of the Allotment Association thanked the PC (in the person of Cllr Drewe) for its efforts in locating grant money and enquired if there was a date for the cultivator to turn over the ground.  
Tyres were being thrown onto the fields.  
The Mendip Housing Needs Assessment to be considered at the May PC meeting.

**1712 Future meetings**

**Agreed** the following dates  
Wednesday 9 May 2012, 7.30pm, Faulkland Village Hall – ANNUAL PARISH MEETING.  
Wednesday 9 May 2012, 8.00pm approximately, Faulkland Village Hall – Annual Parish Council Meeting

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm