

HEMINGTON, HARDINGTON & FOXCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

MENDIP DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held at 8.00pm on Wednesday 13 June 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), 20 members of the public

The meeting was preceded by a demonstration by Mr Christian Hughes, St John Ambulance, on the use of a defibrillator. Mr Hughes was warmly thanked for his interesting demonstration.

1728 Apologies

County Councillor M. Ellis sent his apologies.

1729 Interests

Cllr Perkins declared a personal and prejudicial interest in relation to planning application 2011/1538 Haywood Farm, of which his nephew is the applicant and where he lives.

Cllr Drewe declared a personal and prejudicial interest in relation to planning application 2011/1538 Haywood Farm, for which he is the agent

1730 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council (PC) meeting held on 9 May 2012 were approved by the meeting and signed by the chairman with the following amendment. Minute 1720 (ii) 'land at the edges' to read 'land at the ends of the village'.

1731 Mendip Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA)

Cllr Knight made a short presentation, explaining that that SHLA is simply a register of sites where development has got planning consent, is being promoted, or where a landowner had aspirations to encourage development. It is not the allocation or grant of any form of consent for development, which would be subject to the usual planning process, including consideration of local views.

Three sites are being promoted by landowners in Faulkland, amounting to 57 dwellings, namely

- West Farm (24 dwellings, possible timing 2017)
- land south of Fulwell Close (18 dwellings, possible timing 2017)
- land north east of Grove Lane (15 dwellings, possible timing 2018)

Mendip's Local Plan 2006 -2026 gives a quota of 20 additional houses for Faulkland, a secondary village, of which five have been built or given planning permission. With a subsequent quota increase of 20%, 18 more houses could be built within quota, far fewer than the total registered on the SHLAA.

Parishioners were invited to speak.

- a number expressed concern at the number of houses even being mentioned.
- the 20% increase in the existing plan quota was challenged by a parishioner who had contacted Mendip

Cllr Drewe said it was much too early for the parish council to respond to proposals for particular sites; indeed there were no proposals to discuss at this stage. He invited concerned parishioners to make their views known to Mendip with, if possible, a copy to the parish council.

1732 Finance

RESOLVED (proposed Cllr Brombley, 2nd Cllr Green) to pay:

Timberline (Timberform Ltd) – repair of play equipment £1298.08 + VAT = £1557.70

Sally Vince – upgrade and maintenance of website £355.00

R. Campbell – refund of office expenses since May meeting £11.50

Staff salaries June 2012

Cheques were signed by Cllrs Drewe and Brombley after the meeting.

1733 Planning

(i) Applications

Cllr Brombley took the chair from Cllr Drewe

The council considered the following applications. Recommendations are shown in **bold**
2011/1538 Haywood Farm, Terry Hill, Radstock BA3 5UF. Erection of a new cattle barn and associated alterations. Full Planning Permission. **Approval**

Cllr Drewe resumed the chair.

2012/0395 Faulkland Farm, Grove Lane, Faulkland, BA3 5UU. Excavations for dirty water storage. Change of use from pasture land. Full Planning Permission. **Approval**

(ii) Update

Mendip had advised approval of the following application.

2011/3058 The Retreat Foxcote Radstock BA3 5YF. Erection of a steel framed agricultural storage building.

1734 Allotments

(i) The five unlet plots had been advertised to parishioners as agreed.

RESOLVED that the letting situation be re-examined in October, with a view to offering plots then remaining unlet to Kilmersdon parishioners.

1735 Highways and rights of way

(i) A number of outstanding matters to be chased with Somerset Highways

(ii) Nothing to report on rights of way

1736 Playing Field

The height limit for play equipment beneath which grass may be used as a safety surface to be obtained.

RESOLVED then to obtain an independent inspection of the play equipment.

1737 Faulkland Green and Pond

(i) The cost of a flag for the flagpole to be obtained

(ii) It had again been too wet to dig the exploratory trench at Faulkland Green.

(iii) A replacement five-bar gate to the pond area to be purchased.

1738 Localism

A short discussion on the matter was held

1739 Correspondence and reports

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

Mendip District Council (MDC) – Parishes Information Bulletin June 2012 – available online at <http://www.mendip.gov.uk/Article.asp?id=SX9452-A7805520&cat=94>

Audit Commission – consultation on appointment of auditor (*action required only if objecting to proposal*)

Information on B & NES proposals to restrict HGVs on Cleveland Bridge, Bath and possible effect on surrounding roads.

(ii) Miscellaneous reports:

No items requiring future decision were noted.

1740 Future meetings

Agreed the dates of the next two parish council meetings as follows

Wednesday 11 July 2012, 7.30pm, Faulkland Village Hall

Wednesday 8 August 2012, 7.30pm, Faulkland Village Hall

The meeting closed at 9.55 pm