

HEMINGTON, HARDINGTON & FOXCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

MENDIP DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held at 8.00pm on Wednesday 11 July 2012 at Faulkland Village Hall

Present: Councillors M. Brombley (Vice-chairman), F. Green, J. Knight, P. Roberts

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

Absent: Cllr D. Perkins

Cllr Brombley took the chair.

1741 Apologies for absence

The following apology was received and **accepted**

Cllr E. Drewe, on holiday

1742 Interests

There were no declarations of interest

1743 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council (PC) meeting held on 13 June 2012 were approved by the meeting and signed by the chairman, subject to the following amendment:

Minute 1734, delete 'with a view to offering plots then remaining unlet to Kilmersdon parishioners'.

1744 Code of Conduct

(i) **RESOLVED** (proposed Cllr Roberts, 2nd Cllr Knight) to adopt the new Members Code of Conduct provided by the National Association of Local Councils, without amendment

(ii) **RESOLVED** (proposed Cllr Knight, 2nd Cllr Green) to adopt amendments to Standing Orders resulting from the new code of conduct

(iii) Councillors wishing to attend training on the new code on 7 August will advise the clerk.

1745 Finance

RESOLVED (proposed Cllr Knight, 2nd Cllr Roberts) to pay:

SALC – fees for training in new code of conduct –Maximum £120 depending on take-up.

Staff salaries June 2012.

(ii) The financial statement for the current year to date was noted.

1746 Planning

(i) The council considered the following application and **recommended approval**

2012/1410 The Mill, Foxcote, Shoscombe, Bath BA2 8NG. To provide disabled access to the house via a ramp and deck area. This amends previous planning permission granted for a walkway, deck area and stairs, wrapping around a corner of the house. The house was created, but the raised outside area was never built. Proposal is to build the raised area of deck, but with amendments to the original permission.

(ii) Noted that Mendip had approved the following applications.

2012/ 1180 Byre Croft, The Green, Faulkland BA3 5UZ. Discharge of condition 1 (materials) of planning consent 102211/004.

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

(iii) Mendip Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLA)

Councillors discussed information received from Mendip on the SHLAA.

The chairman invited contributions from members of the public.

RESOLVED To circulate to every household in the parish available information on the SHLAA.

RESOLVED To finalise details of the mailing at the August PC meeting.

1747 Allotments

(i) **RESOLVED** (proposed Cllr Green) to ask the allotment committee to tidy the site

(ii) Rents totalling £740 had been received.

Councillors welcomed an anonymous donation of £740 towards provision of a water supply to the allotments.

RESOLVED (proposed Cllr Knight, 2nd Cllr Green) to proceed with provision of the water supply to the site. Bristol water connection cost £970.

1748 Highways and rights of way

(i) **RESOLVED** not to take part in the Mendip Strimmer project.

(ii) Details of the procedure for reporting potholes to be put on the notice board and website. Potholes at the entrance to Tuckers Grave car park and at Keeper's Cottage to be reported.

1749 Playing Field

(i) Noted that the height of some play equipment is above the safety height for grass.

Estimates to be obtained to install edging and bark surface for presentation to the August PC meeting.

(ii) If the Frome football club which had asked about using the pitch is still interested, an invitation to be issued to come to the August PC meeting.

1750 Faulkland Green and Pond

Cllr Brombley will now look for a Union Jack to the agreed maximum of £15.

1751 Correspondence and reports

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

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

St John Ambulance – email from regional director in response to PC's letter of thanks, encouraging purchase of defibrillator. PC will advertise locally to see if there is interest in fundraising for one

Boundary Commission – Electoral Review of Somerset – Final Recommendations
Clerks and Councils Direct July 2012

(ii) Miscellaneous reports:

The village sign at the top end of Faulkland has been detached for five months

The bridleway from Chickwell Farm to Charlton Farm needs clearing

The verge at the entrance to Browens Lane is overgrown.

1752 Future meetings

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

Wednesday 8 August 2012, 7.30pm, Faulkland Village Hall

Wednesday 12 September 2012, 7.30pm, Faulkland Village Hall

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm