

HEMINGTON, HARDINGTON & FOXCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

MENDIP DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 12 September 2012
at Faulkland Village Hall

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

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

1765 Apologies for absence

RESOLVED to accept the following apology for absence:

Cllr J. Knight – unwell

1766 Interests

Cllr Drewe declared a pecuniary interest in item 1769(i) Hayside Barn, as agent, and would not take part in decision making.

1767 Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the PC meeting of 8 August 2012 be accepted as a true record with the following two amendments.

Cllr E. Drewe (Chairman) to be shown as present

Minute 1762, add: "Francis Green and Andrew were thanked for works to village pond".

The minutes were signed by the chairman.

1768 Finance

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

Moore Stephens – audit fee 2011/12 £144.00 including VAT

E. Drewe – refund of expenses for repair of speed sign £8.64 including VAT

Staff salaries September 2012

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

1769 Planning

(i) **RESOLVED** to recommend approval of the following three applications:

2012/1649 Lime Kiln Farm, Faulkland, Somerset BA3 5XE. Conversion of and extension of outbuilding to form holiday let.

2012/1916 Limekiln Farm, Faukland. Variation of condition 3 on planning permission 100016/010 to allow for use of the development as holiday accommodation and as ancillary residential accommodation to Limekiln Farm, Faulkland

Cllr Drewe relinquished the chair to Cllr Brombley.

2012/2040 Hayside Barn, Upper Row Farm, Laverton, Bath, Somerset, BA2 7RB.

Application for variation of condition 5 (occupancy condition) on planning permission 110479/003 to allow more flexible occupation of the holiday unit throughout the year to meet the needs of the occupant.

Cllr Drewe resumed the chair.

(ii) The following approval by Mendip DC was noted:

2012/1410 The Mill, Foxcote, Shoscombe, Bath BA2 8NG. To provide disabled access to the house via a ramp and deck area.

(iii) Distribution of the letter explaining the Mendip Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment was due for completion within the following few days.

1770 Allotments

Bristol Water(BW) had introduced new requirements since supplying their quotation for connection of a water supply.

- BW will fit a double check valve
- PC will insulate the underground pipe and fit a stop tap to it adjacent to the water trough.

RESOLVED that Mr R.Watts be asked to carry out the PC work.

1771 Highways and rights of way

(i) Councillors disapproved of stones as a 'village gateway' to Faulkland and considered there was little room between road and hedge for a white-painted fence.

Highways to be asked again to repair the broken Faulkland village sign.

(i) A hole in the A366 outside West Farm, Faulkland and nearby sunken manhole to be reported to Highways; also a deep pothole at the top of Tying Hill.

(ii) A new solar panel had been fitted by Mr T. Gibbs and Cllr Drewe to the speed sign at the top of the village. Mr Gibbs was thanked for this and for making a new bracket.

Francis Brothers will cut the hedge adjacent to the speed sign.

1772 Playing Field

(i) Nothing to report on installation of the safety surface

(ii) Francis Brothers will cut the roadside hedge

1773 Faulkland Green and Pond

Nothing to report on the Green

Cllr Green hopes to fit a new five-bar gate to the pond entrance by October PC meeting.

1774 Correspondence and reports

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

- Mendip District Council (MDC) – Parishes Information Bulletin September 2012 – available online at <http://www.mendip.gov.uk/Article.asp?id=5X9452-A7805520&cat=94>
- Audit Commission – note of appointment of Grant Thornton UK LLP as external auditors to the parish council for five years from 2012/13. Further noted that no fee is payable by councils with both income and expenditure under £10K in the year.
- Somerset Rural Youth Project – services brochure 2012
- Ken Maddock, Conservative Candidate for Avon & Somerset Police Commissioner – community crime survey form. Cllr Brombley will complete this.
- *Clerks and Councils Direct* September 2012

(ii) Miscellaneous reports: none

1775 Future meetings

RESOLVED that the dates of the next two parish council meetings be as follows

Wednesday 10 October 2012, 7.30pm, Faulkland Village Hall

Wednesday 14 November 2012, 7.30pm, Faulkland Village Hall

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.25 pm