

# HEMINGTON, HARDINGTON & FOXCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

MENDIP DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 14 August 2013  
at Faulkland Village Hall

Actions are on the Clerk and any councillor whose initials  
are [bracketed] at the end of an item

**Present:** Councillors E. Drewe (Chairman) M. Brombley, F. Green, T. Hucker, P. Roberts, A. Hall

**In attendance:** R Campbell (Clerk), 17 members of the public

**1895 Apologies**

None

**1896 Interests**

The following pecuniary interests were declared:

Cllr Brombley – item 1898 (i) 2013/1253: owns land adjacent to site

Cllr Green – item 1898 (i) 2013/1253: owns land adjacent to site

**1897 Minutes**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Parish Council (PC) meeting of 3 July 2013 be accepted as a true record.

**PUBLIC**

**FORUM** The chairman adjourned the meeting and declared a public forum. Notes of the forum, in *italic*, do not form part of the minutes.

- *The grass obscuring the sign at the junction at Lansdown View had been cut by two parishioners*
- *Estate agents particulars for a property for sale next to the speaker's did not say that the possibility of a side extension would be subject to planning permission*
- *The melted road surface between Faulkland and Tuckers Grave was lethal*
- *The dwelling proposed for the space between Oaklea and The Cottage was inappropriate; the green space should be considered an extension of Faulkland Green. (Noted that the land is not shown on Mendip maps as an important open space. A house is shown there on an 1840 map, but not in 1855)*
- *The PC has paid for cutting the grass there*
- *Given this upkeep, can the PC ask for the land to be donated?*
- *The site is likely to have strong heritage implications*
- *Where will the PC notice board go?*

The Chairman reconvened the PC meeting

**1898 Planning**

(i) **RESOLVED** to make the following recommendations:

**2013/1322** (full planning permission) Land adjacent to 'The Cottage' and 'Oaklea' Faulkland Somerset BA3 5XA. Development of 3 bedroom cottage, associated parking and landscaping. **Refusal** The PC considered the site was too small. The green space is visually

too important to lose; to do so would change the character of the village.  
(5 in favour of the motion; Cllr Drewe abstained)

Cllrs Brombley and Green left the room,

**2013/1253** (full planning permission) Land Behind Oldfield Farm, Faulkland, Nr Frome. Proposed hay barn and implement store. **REFUSAL**. The size of the proposed building is too large in relation to the size of the plot to be farmed.  
(3 in favour of the motion; Cllr Drewe abstained)

Cllrs Brombley and Green rejoined the meeting.

(ii) Mendip had advised the following decisions.

2013/0990 2 Holly Bank Foxcote – single story extension: approved with conditions

2013/1011 Lower Farmhouse, Faulkland – enclose porch: approved with conditions

(iii) Cllr Drewe said that requests for Section 106 benefits were normally initiated by the Parish Council as early as possible in the process – i.e. when considering a proposal, even if the recommendation were for refusal. Cllr Drewe would investigate the possibility of asking someone from Mendip to come and talk on the matter. Section 106 was due to be replaced by the community infrastructure charge, but this would not come into effect until the planning inspector approves Part One of the new Local Plan.[ED]

#### **1899 Finance**

(i) **RESOLVED** (proposed Cllr Green, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Roberts) to pay the following:

R. Campbell – refund playing field and allotment rent payments made, £275.00

Staff salaries for August

#### **1900 Faulkland Playing Field**

- Cllr Hucker will talk to Mr Watts about removal of lumps of old concrete and about sinking a post to tether the new table and seats.
- The playground equipment had been inspected but the report had not yet been received.

#### **1901 Highways**

- County Cllr Harvey Siggs had advised that the cost of statutory advertising to establish the ownership of the lower part of Bishop Street, Faulkland could not be afforded. Somerset Highways had now repaired and would continue to maintain the part of the street whose ownership was unknown.
- Highways to be asked to re-repair the road surface outside Horseshoe Cottage, Faulkland

#### **1902 Rights of Way**

Cllr Brombley had found out, by means of an FOI request, that the first public enquiry into the Buckland Dinham byway had cost £2K. Cllr Drewe will ask County Cllr Ham for further information [ED]

#### **1903 Allotments**

**RESOLVED** to accept the quotation of Mr Harry Rich (the cheapest of three at £690 ex-VAT) to supply two gates and 14 metres of post-and-rail fencing at the allotments.

There were currently only four allotment holders. It was hoped that if the site were made ready to use more people would be attracted. Cllr Hucker said a deposit should be taken from those wanting a plot. Cllr Brombley suggested using weed-suppressant material. Spraying was discussed.

#### **1904 Matters arising None**

### **1893 Correspondence and reports**

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

Mendip District Council (MDC) – Parishes Information Bulletin August 2013

Avon and Somerset Police – information on neighbourhood police awards

(ii) Miscellaneous reports

- The number plate of a vehicle which had crashed into the hedge at the front of the allotments had been passed to PCSO Dean Saunders. The driver had been fined for not reporting an accident.
- A variety of people, including ramblers, had been parking cars all over Falkland Green. There had been an incident. It was suggested that only village hall users should have the right to park there. Cllr Drewe would speak to the village hall chairman to see if a sign to that effect could be erected. Cllr Hall said that ramblers should be encouraged. Parking should be for all or none.
- The PC website was in need of updating
- Fir tree braches which had blown down on Tying Hill were a danger. Savills would be contacted.
- The flag and planters in front of the Faulkland Inn were obstructing passers-by. The owner to be asked to move them back a metre.
- The bent sign at Lansdown View needed repair
- Visibility splays at side turnings off the A366 had not been cut and were a danger. Highways would be asked to cut them
- The speed sign at the top of Faulkland village was not working again due to an overgrown hedge

### **1894 Next meeting**

The date of the next parish council meeting is:

Wednesday 11 September 2013, 7.30pm, Faulkland Village Hall

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30pm