

# HEMINGTON, HARDINGTON & FOXCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

MENDIP DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET

## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 11 June  
at Faulkland Village Hall

**Present:** Councillors A. Hall (Chairman), F. Green, T. Hucker, P. Roberts, V. Curtis (from minute 2029)

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

*Actions – marked A – are on the Clerk and on any Councillor whose initials appear at right →*

2026 **Apologies** None

2027 **Declarations of interests** None

2028 **Resignation and vacancies**

(i) Edward Drewe had sent, with regret, his resignation from the Parish Council (PC). The Chairman read a letter from 'a concerned resident' regretting that Mr Drewe had not been thanked at the April PC meeting for his years of service as Chairman.

**RESOLVED** (PR/FG) to send a letter to Mr Drewe thanking him for his long service. Cllr Green said his knowledge of the council had been second to none. A

(ii) Mr Vince Curtis, who has lived in Faulkland for over 20 years, expressed an interest in joining the PC. He was co-opted and signed the declaration of acceptance of office. A further vacancy remains to be filled.

2029 **Minutes**

The minutes of the PC meeting of 14/5/14 were agreed to be a true record. They were signed by the Chairman.

2030 **Matters arising** None

2031 **Planning**

(i) **Applications**

**RESOLVED** (TH/FG unanimous) to make the following recommendation to Mendip: 2014/0729/FUL Land adjacent to 'The Cottage' and 'Oaklea', Faulkland BA3 5XA. Erect dwelling (amendment to location of approved dwelling house re. 2013/1322). A

**Refusal.** Reason: the proposed property immediately overlooks the neighbouring listed building. The change in location would reduce this distance, previously of concern to the applicant, from 10m to just over 9m

(ii) **Update** District Councillor Drewe had advised that he had sent back for clarification the officer's recommendation relating to 2013/0318/OTS, eight dwellings on land between Oaklea and Faulkland Farm (understood to be approval), because no mention had been made by the officer of the two affordable dwellings in the application.

2032 **Finance**

(i) **RESOLVED** (TH/VC unanimous) to adopt NALC Model Financial Regulations

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(updated 4/14) as the Parish Council's Financial Regulations.

(ii) Noted the revised insurance premium for 2014/15 (minute 2012 iii) is £380.22

(iii) **RESOLVED** (PR/TH unanimous) to pay the following items:

R. Campbell – repay Zurich Insurance annual premium paid by RC £380.22

Sally Vince – annual website hosting £205.00

Staff salaries June 2014

2033 **Highways and rights of way**

(i) **Speed gun training** It was thought that area training co-ordinator Terry Drake was away as no response had been received to enquiries. Cllr Hall asked whether a new speed gun was necessary? If so, the PC had to decide whether to pay for it. Among half a dozen people interested in reviving Speedwatch in Faulkland were residents Anthony and Laura Piper

Laura is willing to organise Speedwatch groups and times and was thanked. She and Anthony will contact Mr Drake, obtain more information and bring a proposal to July's PC meeting.

Mr Drake or nominated person to be asked to speak at the July PC meeting. A

(ii) **Highways updates**

- Highways have again been asked to replace sign at Terry Hill (ref 354710)

- Cllr Hall had been told by Highways that the section of the A366 from Terry Hill to Faulkland had not been surface-dressed like other sections of the road because the weather had been wet on the last day of the contract. The contractor was due to return in July. Highways to be asked if this also applies to the section from Faulkland to Tuckers Grave, which has been scraped but whose cats' eyes have not been removed. A

2034 **Notice board at Hemington**

Prices to be obtained for the July PC meeting A

2035 **Allotments**

These are little used. More advertising to be done. Cllr Green will look at the land and see what can be done to improve it. Clearing the site would be the biggest incentive to would-be plot-holders. A FG

2036 **Items of information**

(i) **Temporary post office** The former postmasters are not interested in running a temporary facility. Roger Jacobs at Hinton can provide equipment but not staff. The Post Office to be asked if they can find an operator. People are becoming used to not having a post office. A

(ii) **Playing Field RESOLVED** to accept Mr Watts quotation of £70 +VAT to clear the concrete. The table and seats to be erected as soon as possible A TH/FG

(iii) **Trees on Green** Two alternative prices to be obtained urgently A

2037 **Correspondence and reports**

(i) **Correspondence** received since the last meeting was notyed. No actions were identified.

(ii) **Miscellaneous reports**

- No 5 Street light outside West Farm is on permanently: Highways Lighting to be informed A

- Has the lay-by opposite the shop been adopted by Highways? The condition is poor **A**
- The possibility of laying a mat on part of the village green to be considered in July **A**

2038 **The next meeting was confirmed as** : Wednesday 9 July 2014, 7.30pm, Faulkland Village Hall. A public forum to be held near the start.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50pm

*Andrew Hall  
9/7/14*