

Hemington, Hardington & Foxcote Parish Council

MENDIP DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held on Wednesday 8 April 2015 at Faulkland Village Hall at 7.30pm

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

Present: Councillors V. Curtis, F. Green, A. Hall (Chairman), P. Roberts, W. Haworth, T. Hucker,

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

2142 **Apologies**

None. All Councillors were present.

2143 **Interests and dispensations**

There were no declarations of interests

**PUBLIC
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PATION**

The Chairman adjourned the Parish Council (PC) meeting and opened participation to the public.

- *Lynda Le Ray said that B & NES offered to provide a clean-up day for each of its parishes. Did Mendip do the same? The Clerk to check* **A**
- Potholes in Knoll Lane had been marked up but not yet repaired*
- The deep pothole in Brown's Lane had been fenced off*
- *Laura Piper said that there were jerrycans in the hedge at Greenway Lane.* **A**
- Mendip to be advised.
- With reference to the ducks at Faulkland Pond, she asked if it were possible to have an official duck crossing sign to warn motorists on the A366. She had seen them in B & NES. Cllr Green will put up wire to deter the ducks.* **A**

The Chairman thanked the speakers, closed public participation and reconvened the PC meeting.

2144 **Minutes**

It was **agreed** that the minutes of the PC meeting of 11 March 2015 were a true record. They were signed by the Chairman.

2145 **Clerk's report**

The Clerk reminded all wishing to stand for election that nomination papers had to be hand-delivered to Mendip by 4pm the following day, Thursday 9 April.

2146 **Planning**

(i) Applications None

(ii) Updates

Mendip had issued an enforcement notice (ENF/2013/2042) requiring demolition of a brick and stone structure and site clearance of land at The Retreat, Foxcote, Bath. The notice had been issued on 31.3.2015 and will take effect, if, there is no appeal,

on 28.4.15.

2015/0665/APP Heywood Farm Terry Hill Radstock BA3 j5Ug F. Mendip was considering an application for approval of matters reserved by conditions 3 (acoustic report), 5 (landscaping) 8 (external lighting) and 10 (sewage disposal - surface water) for planning application 2012/2755.

Councillors thought that Terry Hill residents would like to see what is proposed

It was **agreed** that Mendip DC be asked to supply the PC with details of all the reserved matters sent to them for approval.

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(iii) Design Guide Councillors noted the new House Extension Design Guide, which had been circulated.

(iv) Phone box BT Payphones had offered to sell the Parish Council a phone box (the one in Faulkland was available) for £1.

RESOLVED (Proposed WH, 2nd FG, unanimous) to adopt, maintain and use the phone box as an exchange for books and small items.

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2147 Highways and rights of way

(i) Updates

- Highways had not yet been written to: to be expedited
- Parking at Hemington School: Lord's Hylton's suggestion to be explored with him and Somerset Education
- Blocked gullies had been reported; action was awaited

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(ii) Speedwatch Laura Pipersaid she did not have much to report. The following week was National Speedwatch Week. Highways' speed indicator device would be coming to Faulkland for two weeks.

(iii) Village clear-up day litter pickers and high vis jackets had been ordered for collection in time for that Sunday, April 12, starting at 11am at Faulkland Village Hall. The Clerk to arrange for rubbish bags to be supplied and the full ones collected after the weekend.

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(iv) Rights of way Nothing to report

(v) Abandoned car The Clerk to chase Mendip about the removal of an abandoned Vauxhall car at Lansdown View.

2148 Allotments

The allotments had been topped and ploughed. One person was interested in a plot. Cllr Green offered to rotavate the land and was thanked. Plot makers would be put back if there was interest. The clerk to provide Cllr Haworth with information to enable her to produce a poster.

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It was **agreed** that either plots or half plots would be offered and that there would be no charge for the first year.

2149 Election

Five candidates were known to be standing for election.

2150 Finance

(i) Current financial statement: this was received and approved.

(ii) Payments **RESOLVED** (TH/WH unanimous) to pay:

J.A. Mannings – prepare and paint goalposts at Faulkland Playing Field £60.00

Savills (Kilmersdon Estate) – allotment rent 2015/16 £150.00

Clerk's salary April 2015 (postdated) £221.71

R.C. Francis & Partners – top and plough allotments, inc. VAT £83.94

2151 **Correspondence and reports**

(i) Correspondence since the last meeting was noted; no actions were identified

(ii) There were no County or District reports

(iii) Miscellaneous reports

- Cllr Curtis said Bishop Street was shabby and a poor advertisement for the village. Highways to be notified.
- Footpath FR 6/1 was reported to be blocked. The landowner to be asked to clear.

2152 **May meetings**

It was **agreed** to alter the date of the May meetings to 20th of the month, as follows, subject to Faulkland Village Hall being available:

Annual Parish Meeting (APM): Wednesday 20 May 2015 at 7.30pm in Faulkland Village Hall, when parishioners can raise any subject. Invitations to be sent to county and District Councillors, local business people and others.

Annual Parish Council Meeting: Wednesday 20 May 2015 at approximately 8.00pm in Faulkland Village Hall, after the APM. The first item will be the election of a Chairman for the coming year.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Roberts, who was not standing for re-election, for his calm and sensible approach and his reasonable suggestions. He then closed the meeting, at 8.37pm.