

# Hemington, Hardington & Foxcote Parish Council

MENDIP DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
held on Wednesday 8 July 2015 in Faulkland Village Hall at 8.00pm

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

**Present:** Councillors Tony Hucker (Chairman), Vince Curtis (Vice-Chairman)  
Francis Green, Laura Piper

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

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The Chairman welcomed everyone and opened the public forum.

- *Mrs Helen Schroder said that, in spite of a promise by a former County Councillor to try and ensure a quiet surface for the A366 at Faulkland, the surface dressing done in 2014 had produced an exceptionally noisy and totally inappropriate road. She had corresponded about this with County Councillors Siggs and Ham.*

*The recent re-dressing with smaller chippings had produced a marginal improvement, but the work stopped short of Chapel Farm. This was not good enough.*

*She considered that a serious complaint should be registered.*

She thanked the meeting for listening and left the hall.

The Chairman said he thought that road noise in the top half of the village was better. No other member of the public wished to speak and he closed public participation.

2185 **Apologies**

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Mark Corney and Wendy Haworth, both working.

2186 **Interests and dispensations**

(i) All Councillors present declared a pecuniary interest in relation to agenda item 2190 (i) Planning 2015/1136/REM Land South of West Farm, as their properties adjoined the site. Each submitted a written dispensation request.

(ii) The Clerk considered the requests and granted each Councillor a dispensation on the grounds that the meeting would otherwise be inquorate for that item.

2187 **Minutes**

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 10 June were agreed to be a true record. They were signed by the Chairman.

2188 **Clerk's report**

2168 The abandoned car had been removed from Fulwell Close

2170 (v) Bank account amendment forms were with Councillors for personal identification at a NatWest bank.

2171 Mr Weaver had declined to cut the hedges at Fulwell Close.

It was believed he had no legal obligation to do so, but it was agreed to ask him again in September if he would cut them.

2179 Following advice from Cllr Green, Highways had been asked to provide a new School sign at Hemington

2189 **Play equipment at Faulkland Playing Field**

(i) Cllr Haworth had advised that approximately £2,300 would be available from the residual youth club funds managed by Marina Mannings, who would require an invoice for equipment bought, to pass to the original donor of the funds. A

The Chairman thanked Mrs Deverill and Miss Dando for a well-presented report on possible equipment to be purchased. They had broken it down into 4 costed proposals. He noted that the Parish Council had in hand the £2,000 precepted for the cost of a contested election.

Cllr Green said he did not think all the money should be spent on equipment for younger children; some should go to older children.

It was noted that the lead time on ordering equipment was not great, as the equipment was not bespoke.

**RESOLVED** (proposed Cllr Green 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Curtis, unanimous) that the cheapest option of a climbing tractor, toddler swing and springer be ordered at a cost of £2,490 including installation. A

The Chairman said that installation of this equipment should increase enthusiasm to fundraise for further items.

Information on skateboard ramps for older children to be provided to the August meeting. A

(ii) The Clerk reported that he had ordered the annual inspection of the existing play equipment from The Play Equipment Company at cost of £100 + VAT (nil increase on 2014).

2190 **Planning**

(i) Applications

Councillors considered the following applications.

**2015/1136/REM** Land South Of West Farm Fulwell Lane Faulkland BA3 5UH.

Proposal: Application for reserved matters approval following outline planning permission 2013/0914.

**RESOLVED** (proposed Cllr Green 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Curtis, unanimous) to recommend refusal.

Comments:

1. When planning permission was originally granted Somerset Highways stated that Fulwell Lane, the entrance for 16 of the 18 proposed properties, was 6.8 metres wide at its junction with the A366. Subsequently the road width has been found to be 5.2 metres, which, in the opinion of the Parish Council, is insufficient for the proposed purpose and the current planning application should not be determined until an alternative arrangement has been put in place.
2. Drainage: The PC is concerned about plans for holding water at the south east part of the site. Previous flooding of Bishop Street and Horsepond Farm has not been taken into consideration.
3. Spring. It is understood that Faulkland village pond is fed by a spring which rises under one of the proposed properties. This should be investigated before planning permission is

considered. This issue is linked with 3. above.

4. Hedge: The position of proposed hedging will not allow maintenance of an existing heritage stone wall.

Notes

The planning application was not displayed at the site gate until 6 July 2015. The consultation end date must therefore be 27 July 2015.

The Parish Council requests that it be allowed to consider the materials proposed for construction of the development.

**20115/1329/LBC** The Old Rectory Foxcote Frome BA3 5YE

Proposal: Internal and external alterations to existing dwelling, including single storey extension, conversion of existing outbuilding to pool room and lowering of wall.

**RESOLVED** (proposed Cllr Hucker 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Piper, unanimous) to recommend approval  
(ii) There were no planning or enforcement updates.

2191 **Highways and rights of way**

(i) Traffic speed and road sign at Hemington Somerset Highways have been asked to replace the School sign.

(ii) Updates The road noise on the A366 was much better where the road had been re-dressed with smaller stones.

Highways to be asked to surface dress the entire length between the two sets of 30mph signs. **A**

(iii) Speedwatch Cllr Piper said that

- There had been one new Speedwatch recruit.
- She would shortly receive information from the police based on a week's traffic data collection at Faulkland and will share this at the August PC meeting.
- Residents were asked to take a picture of any lorry on the A366 at Faulkland over 7.5 tonnes
- She had been at the Norton St Philip Traffic Action Group attended by the Police and Crime Commissioner. The Police had severe staff and financial constraints. Villages must do their own watches and data collection and report it in.

It was agreed that

- Faulkland village signage will be an August agenda item
- To hold a request for a Faulkland Village 'gateway'

(iv) Bishop Street Cllr Curtis said that

- When the sites next to Oaklea and at West Farm are developed, there will be a 5-way junction. Signage or a mini-roundabout would be needed
- Cllr Piper had written to Highways, highlighting the problem
- Highways to be asked to surface the whole of Bishop Street **A**
- (v) Potholes and hedge
- Highways to be asked to fill potholes at both ends of Faulkland village **A**
- And to attend to the dip at the start of Fulwell Lane **A**
- Highways to be asked again to trim their hedge obscuring visibility at Greenway Lane. **A**

(v) Rights of Way Nothing to report

2192 **Allotments**

CLlr Green had been unable to spray the allotment field due to wet weather

2193 **Finance**

(i) The financial statement to 30.6.2015 was received and approved

(ii) **RESOLVED** (TH/VC unanimous) to pay

Clerks salary July (postdated) and expenses (£5), total £226.70

2194 **Correspondence and reports**

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

(ii) Reports

- Savills as agents for the Kilmersdon Estate had advised that  
'horse riders appear to be using the rides within Faulkland and Littleton woods...  
The only right of way for horses is along the bridleway/track between these woods  
and the horse riders do not have permission to use the rides within these two  
woods.'

This advice to be posted on the Parish Council notice board.

**A**

- Mells Post Office had been unsuccessful in their request for a grant for a van  
to help with outreach services, including the outreach post office at  
Faulkland

2195 **Next meeting**

The date of the next Parish Council meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 12  
August at 7.30pm in Faulkland Village Hall. All welcome.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.13pm