

Hemington, Hardington & Foxcote Parish Council

MENDIP DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held on Wednesday 8 June 2016 in Faulkland Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors M. Corney (Chairman), V. Curtis, F. Green, F. Hayward, A. Hucker. B. Seviour

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No member of the public wished to speak

2355 **Apologies**

All Councillors were present

2356 **Interests**

There were no declarations of interests

2357 **Vice-chairman**

Cllr Curtis, the previous year's Vice-chair, said he was content not to stand this time. Cllr Hucker was then proposed by Cllr Corney and seconded by Cllr Hayward. There were no other nominations and Cllr Hucker was unanimously elected Vice-chair for the coming year.

2358 **Representation**

All Councillors' were willing to continue with their existing lead areas of responsibility and representation on outside bodies

2359 **Minutes**

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 11 May 2016 were agreed to be a true record. They were signed by the Chairman.

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 25 May 2016 were agreed to be a true record. They were signed by the Chairman.

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of 11 May 2016 would be available at the next meeting.

2360 **Clerk's report**

A written report had been distributed to Councillors.

Minute 2340, notice board: an order had been placed (£450) and the board removed for repair.

Other items appear under individual agenda headings.

It was noted that the Clerks' national pay scale had increased by 1%, backdated to 1 April 2016

2361 **Planning**

(i) Application

2016/1163/FUL Manor Farm, Pillar Lane, Hardington, Frome BA11 2RE.

Proposal: Construct a new earth-banked slurry lagoon. Officer: Conrad Rodzaj.

Invited to speak, Mr David Selby said that, contrary to what was stated in the application, there was a watercourse within ¼ mile of the proposed lagoon.

Councillors noted that the embankment was a metre high and that the Environment Agency had made no comment.

They agreed unanimously to **recommend approval**.

(ii) There were no planning or enforcement decisions or updates to report.

The Chairman noted that he had been unable to access Mendip's website in recent days.

West Farm development: it was agreed that Mendip should be told that the splay at the junction of Bishop Street and High Street, Faulkland does not work when cars are parked on the High Street.

2362 **Highways**

(i) Somerset Highways Highways had reported that the speed indicator device (SID) installed at Faulkland in April 2016 failed to generate any data 'due to a malfunction of the unit.' The temporary device is next due in October.

Chickwell Lane The Chairman agreed to a further request by Mr David Selby to speak. Mr Selby said there was a 9' width restriction at Chickwell Lane but agricultural vehicles in excess of this width were using the road and damaging the bank outside his property. Such vehicles required a movement order to travel in excess of 10 miles but were moving short distances from farm to farm.

Cllr Green said the farmers should be contacted direct. Cllr Corney would try to contact relevant farmers and contractors.

It was agreed to write to Somerset Highways about the problem, seeking clarification about whether agricultural vehicles in excess of 9' were allowed to use the road

(ii) Speedwatch Arrangements to reactivate Speedwatch at Faulkland to be a July agenda item.

2363 **Rights of way**

Buckland Dinham to Hardington Restricted Byway It was noted that Mr Rob Coate of Somerset Public Rights of Way had written to the Co-op, offering to attend a meeting with both landowners concerned, in order to agree a diversion. Mr Coate had expressed the hope that his proposals would suit all parties. He had said that if forced to activate the definitive route, he would place restrictions on it, due to the siting of an important badger sett.

2364 **Waste and cleansing**

Mendip had been asked to empty the new dog waste bins at Faulkland Playing Field and Bishop Street.

Cllr Curtis hoped to install a bin at Faulkland Playing Field that week. Highways to be asked to empty and also for their agreement to place a litter bin in the layby at the E. entrance to Faulkland.

2365 **The Queen's 90th birthday celebration**

Arrangements were in place for the celebration that Sunday, 12 June.

2366 **The Exchange**

The paint was available and two offers of painting help were received.

RESOLVED (proposed Cllr Corney, 2nd Cllr Curtis) to purchase three signs at the increased cost of £26 each (the option of ordering at the same time as another parish was no longer available).

2367 **Finance**

(i) A Month 2 financial statement was distributed

(ii) Updates to the Parish Council's Financial Regulations to be considered in July

(iii) It was noted that that Mendip District Council will cease to pay Council Tax Support Grant from 1st April 2017

(iii) **RESOLVED** (proposed Cllr Green, 2nd Cllr Hucker, unanimous) to pay the following

Hardington Vale PCC (St Mary's Hemington churchyard grant)	300.00
R. Campbell – clerking extra meeting	24.88
The Landscape Group – grass cutting April and May	462.84

2368 **Correspondence and reports**

(i) The following correspondence received since the last meeting was noted

- HAGS-smp Playground equipment offers for Parish Councils
- Minutes of the Frome Rural PACT meeting 6th May 2016

(ii) Miscellaneous reports and information:

- Cllr Seviour reported that a number of Greenway residents had complained about chippings being delivered at 5am to the Highways dump opposite Highways to be asked not to repeat this and to cut the hedge at the Greenway Lane side of the dump.

Cllr Seviour also reported an incident where a dog had been treated violently. The RSPCA and police had been called.

- Cllr Curtis said that Bristol Water had marked the wrong stopcock in Fulwell Lane (minute 2331).

The Clerk to draw this to the company's attention.

Cllr Curtis noted a small tarmac repair in Bishop Street.

He expressed the hope that all elements of the community, farming and otherwise, could work together harmoniously.

2369 **Future meetings**

(i) The date of the next Parish Council Meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 13 July 2016 in Faulkland Village Hall, starting at 7:30pm.

The Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 8:25pm