

# Hemington, Hardington & Foxcote Parish Council

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## MENDIP DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET

### MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 8 March 2017 in Faulkland Village Hall at 19:30

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

**In attendance:** District Councillor E. Drewe, R. Campbell (Clerk), seven members of the public

#### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Lynda LeRay said that potholes at Keepers Cottage were now in urgent need of attention
- Richard Golland asked if the layby at the entrance to Faulkland would be resurfaced.  
He said that the detailed application for 8 houses on land N. of Faulkland High Street showed West Farm-type properties at least a metre taller than the cottage-style dwellings with dormer windows shown in the outline application.
- Lesley Pugh said that the dip in the road at the junction of Fulwell Lane and Faulkland High Street had pulled their caravan's feet off. It needed filling.

#### 2477 Apologies

None. All Members were present.

#### 2478 Interests

There were no declarations of interests

#### 2479 Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 11 January 2017 were agreed to be a true record. They were signed by the Chairman.

#### 2480 Reports

(a) District Councillor Cllr Drewe said that

- The MAG section of the council is reviewing Local Green Spaces (LGS).
- Parishes will be asked if they have any sites buildable in the next five years, to assist in achieving the minimum number agreed by the Inspector for construction in the period to 2030
- He had contacted Highways about resurfacing the E. layby referred to by Mr Golland.
- There was a mangled traffic sign at the Ruckley Ford turning

(b) The Clerk reported on actions from previous meetings (details under relevant agenda item).

2481 **Planning**

(a) Applications Councillors considered the following:

2017/0263/HSE & 0264/LBC	Lower Farm House, Faulkland Radstock BA3 5XD	Erection of garden room. <b>RESOLVED to recommend approval</b> (proposed Cllr Corney, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Cllr Hucker, unanimous).
2017/0265/FUL	Haywood Farm, Terry Hill Radstock BA3 5UF	Extension to poultry processing unit. <b>RESOLVED to recommend approval</b> (proposed Cllr Seviour, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Cllr Hucker, unanimous). Councillors noted that the building was below the sightline and that Environmental Protection had proposed a noise condition Observation: the problem of mud and slow-moving farm vehicles on the A366 should be addressed.
2017/0342/HSE	Foxcote Cottage Green Street To Single Hill Foxcote Radstock BA3 5YD	Two storey rear extension. <b>RESOLVED to recommend approval</b> (proposed Cllr Hayward, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Cllr Green, unanimous).
2017/0395/FUL	Land North of Faulkland High Street, Faulkland	Eight dwellings with associated access <b>Agreed</b> to hold an additional meeting on 22 March to consider the application.

(b) Planning decision

2017/0205/FUL	Land at Wheelbrook Cottage BA2 7RA	Erection of agricultural implements store. <b>Approval with conditions</b>
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(c) Enforcement Nothing to report

(d) Open Areas of Local Significance (OALS)/Local Green Spaces (LGS) It was agreed that the Parish Council wanted both existing OALS – Faulkland Green and the area round Faulkland Pond – to retain their designation, or its equivalent, in Mendip’s Local Plan Part II. Mendip to be so advised.

## 2482 Environment

(a) Parish litter pick The Chairman thanked all who had taken part in the successful litter pick held in uncertain weather on 5 March.

(b) Faulkland Pond The water had now cleared. The Chairman was waiting to hear from the Environment Agency, to whom he had reported the pollution following nine complaints from members of the public.

(c) Litter and waste

- No bin to be put up in the E. layby until the layby is resurfaced
- The Clerk to check if dog bins are being emptied
- Cllr Corney reported litter opposite the Terry Hill cottages
- Cllr Hucker reported fly tipping at Hardington Plantation.
- Mendip to be notified of these last two items

## 2483 Highways

(a) Speed and weight limits

- The possibility of a 20mph speed limit in the core of Faulkland to be discussed at the meeting with the Traffic Engineer (23/4, 10:30, Faulkland Green).
- The 20mph limit on the A366 coming out of Norton St Philip was thought to be too long and the 20mph roundels very large.
- Cllr Curtis said a lot of articulated vehicles were coming through Faulkland
- Potholes and layby (per Public Forum) to be reported again to the Highways Superintendent.

(b) Speedwatch

- A new co-ordinator was needed.
- Volunteers to be sought and training arranged

## 2484 Rights of way

Somerset Rights of Way had again been contacted re restricted Byway FR6/51 Burnt Hill Lane. A response was awaited.

## 2485 Defibrillator

- District Cllr Drewe thought that if Mendip made a contribution it would be of about £200
- It was agreed to explore other funding options in time for the April meeting
- An appeal for contributions could be made via *Parish News*.

## 2486 Finance

(a) The Month 11 financial statement was received and noted

(b) **RESOLVED** (proposed Cllr Corney, 2nd Cllr Green, unanimous) to appoint Payman to operate the payroll, at a cost of £60 p.a.

(b) **RESOLVED** (proposed Cllr Corney, 2nd Cllr Green, unanimous) to pay the following:

Society of Local Council Clerks – contribution to subscription	33.81
Trustees, Hon. William Jolliffe Settled Estate – rent 2017/18, Faulkland Playing Feild	125.00

R. Campbell – 2 <sup>nd</sup> half budgeted annual office allowance	104.00
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2487 **Correspondence and reports**

(a) Correspondence received since the last meeting was reviewed. No actions were identified.

(b) Miscellaneous reports

- Cllr Seviour said the diseased tree at Fulwell Close had not been attended to and a second tree, near where children play, had now split. Mendip will be advised.

He also reported that garage rents at Fulwell Close had risen by 57% and were unaffordable in some cases.

This was noted with concern but the Council did not feel it was a matter for them.

2488 **Future meetings**

Meetings were confirmed as follows:

Date and time	Event	Location
22 Mar 19:30	Parish Council meeting (planning)	Faulkland Village Hall
12 Apr 19:30	Parish Council meeting	Faulkland Village Hall

The Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 20:40.