

# 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 12 April 2017 in Faulkland Village Hall at 19:30

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

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

### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Mr Avery said the worst pothole at The Knoll had been filled that day

#### 2496 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr B. Seviour (working). Cllr Hayward was absent. District Councillor E. Drewe was attending another meeting and sent his apologies.

#### 2497 Interests

There were no declarations of interests

#### 2498 Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 8 March 2017 were agreed to be a true record. They were signed by the Chairman.

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 22 March 2017 were agreed to be a true record. They were signed by the Chairman.

#### 2499 Reports

- There was no District Councillor report.
- The Clerk reported on actions from previous meetings.

#### 2500 Planning

- The following application was considered:

2017/0879/CLE 23/03/2017	Haywood Farm Terry Hill to Green Street Hemington BA3 5UF	Stationing and use of one caravan for residential purposes. <b>RESOLVED</b> that the Parish Council <b>knew no reason why a Certificate of Use Existing should not be granted</b> (proposed Cllr Hucker, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Cllr Curtis, unanimous)
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- The following planning decisions by Mendip DC were noted:

2017/0342/HSE	Foxcote Cottage Green Street To Single Hill Foxcote Radstock BA3 5YD	Two storey rear extension. <b>Approval</b> with conditions
2017/0580/NMA 14/03/2017	4 Churchway Faulkland Radstock Somerset BA3 5US	Non-material amendment to consent 2016/2897/HSE to change sedum roof to pitched standing seam zinc; omit side canopy. <b>Approval</b>

(c) It was noted that applications 2017/0264/LBC Lower Farm House and 2017/0265/FUL Haywood Farm Terry Hill, both associated with a member of the Authority, would be considered at Mendip's Planning Board on 19 April.

2501 **Environment**

**RESOLVED** (proposed Cllr Corney, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Green, unanimous) to accept Idverde Ltd.'s quotation of £1,375, per budget, for grass cutting in 2017. The grass round the pond to be left uncut until the ducklings have hatched.

2502 **Highways**

(a) Highways improvements Cllrs Corney and Green and the Clerk had had a productive meeting with Chris Betty, Somerset Highways Senior Traffic Engineer.

- The centre white line on the A366 in Faulkland High Street will be reinstated.

Cllr Hucker opposed this measure, saying that traffic had slowed since removal of the line. To be discussed in May.

- White lines at the junction of Faulkland High Street and Fulwell Lane will be repainted to bring the junction visually forward
- Double or single yellow lines would be possible to help regulate traffic at the 5-way junction which will result from new developments N and S of Faulkland High Street, but only if supported by residents and the County Councillor.

Faulkland villagers to be leafleted, inviting them to the Annual Parish Meeting in May to discuss the proposal

- A scheme of replacement signage at Tuckers Grave and the Passage Crossroads will be presented for approval
- The school sign W of Hemington School will be raised for better visibility
- The onus is on the farmer to keep the road clear of mud at Haywood Farm. Highways will put temporary signs only, in case of flooding.
- Signage and markings at the junction of the A362 and the road to Hemington will be modernised
- 'Duck' warning signs at Faulkland Green would be considered by Highways only if the hazard was all year round.
- A revised junction scheme (not a roundabout) at Terry Hill crossroads was in the final stages of preparation

(b) Highway repairs

A list of repairs required had been sent to the Assistant Highway Services Manager, who had asked the Area Superintendent to arrange a meeting with the Clerk when the former returned from leave.

2503 **Rights of way**

Somerset Highways ROW officer to be asked for a map of the proposed diversion of restricted Byway FR6/51 Burnt Hill Lane. Cllr Green will then contact the landowner.

2504 **Defibrillator**

Possible funding:

- Thatcher and Hallam had been asked by District Cllr Drewe if a grant might be available from the appropriate fund
- The Village Hall Committee had offered to make a donation
- The Chairman said that Julian Richards had offered to repeat his successful 'Meet the Ancestors' event as a fundraiser

2505 **Finance**

(a) Unaudited figures for the year ended 31.03.2017 were noted

(b) **RESOLVED** (proposed Cllr Corney, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Hucker, unanimous) to pay:

Clerk's salary April	179.32
PAYE	44.60

2506 **Correspondence and reports**

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

(b) There were no miscellaneous reports.

2507 **Future meetings**

These were agreed as follows

10 May 19:30	Annual Parish Meeting	Faulkland Village Hall
10 May 20:00 approximately	Annual Parish Council meeting	Faulkland Village Hall

Cllr Green gave his apologies for the May meetings.

The Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 20:30.