

Hemington, Hardington & Foxcote Parish Council

MENDIP DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 9 August 2017 in Faulkland Village Hall at 19:30

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

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Ian Bickerstaff had been concerned for a long time about the A366 between Faulkland and Norton St Philip. There had been some 30 accidents in seven years, in spite of the road being resurfaced so that it was not so slippery on the negative-camber bend.

He suggested measures such as traffic patrols, cameras and cutting back hedges could improve matters, but to deal effectively with the traffic 'hammering along' there should be double white lines and a 40mph speed limit between Faulkland and Norton St Philip.

The Chairman said the concerns had been noted.

- Judith Green said the situation was equally bad at Terry Hill. She referred to the difficulty of exiting Bishop Street because of parked cars obscuring visibility. Yellow lines would help with this.
- Tim Gibbs was developing a new camera, which was a technology nightmare but he was getting there. It would cost about £100 and be placed out of reach at a height of three metres. It would be for information, not enforcement. The police were very encouraging.
- Lynda LeRay said Faulkland Village Hall Committee had agreed funding for three pop-up pubs in the hall, the first one on the September 1st.

2546 **Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr M. Corney. District Cllr Drewe was attending another meeting and sent his apologies.

2547 **Interests**

There were no declarations of interests.

2548 **Minutes**

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 7 July 2017 were approved and signed.

2549 **Clerk's Report**

The Clerk reported on actions from previous meetings

2550 **Planning**

- (a) There were no applications.
(b) The following planning decisions were noted

2017/1355/APP 09.05.2017 Approval 11.07.2017	Lower Farm House, Faulkland, Radstock BA3 5XD	Approval of details reserved by condition 5 (joinery) of permission 2017/0263/HSE
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Eight houses north of Faulkland High Street District Cllr Drewe had reported that Conservation Officer, Planning Officer and Chief Planning Officer visited the site and considered the PC's request to reduce the height of plots 1 and 2, but felt this would be hard to sustain on appeal.

- (c) There were no enforcement updates.

2551 **Highways**

- (a) and (b) Cllr Corney had emailed the suggestion that double white lines should be requested between Faulkland and Norton St Philip.

It was agreed to hold a site visit in Faulkland and at Tuckers Grave to help the council's consideration of whether to request yellow and/or white lines. It would be at 9:00am on Saturday 19 October. The bus would be turning at Faulkland.

The Chairman noted that survey respondents had been against yellow lines two to one.

Councillors discussed, with reference to yellow lines, people's expectations of being able to park outside their houses, possible urbanisation and other local concerns. He said the situation could not be properly assessed until the Wet Farm and other building contractors had finished.

From the floor Tim Gibbs said he had distributed a note on the yellow lines matter to households in the Bishop Street area, to draw attention to the survey.

- (c) Highways updates Good progress had been made in attending to potholes and other matters agreed with the Highways Superintendent.

2552 **Community assets**

RESOLVED (proposed Cllr Hucker, 2nd Cllr Hayward, unanimous) to approve the application to have the Faulkland Inn designated as an Asset of Community Value.

2553 **Finance**

- (a) The Month Four financial statement was approved and signed
(b) **RESOLVED** (proposed Cllr Hucker, 2nd Cllr Green, unanimous) to pay:

Idverde – grass cutting July, inc. VAT	235.72
Clerk's salary August – post-dated	180.76
HMRC August – post-dated	45.40

2554 **Street naming**

It was agreed to request a street sign for Bishop Street.
Street naming in the parish to be considered in September.

2555 **Pop-up pub**

All had been organised by the Village Hall Committee. No action was needed by the Parish Council.

2256 **Items of Information**

To receive updates as available

(a) Rights of Way: Somerset Rights of Way had advised that resolution of the Burnt Hill Lane route was 'almost there'.

(b) The Exchange: no report

(c) Dog bin emptying: the Playing Field bind requires emptying.

2557 **Correspondence and reports**

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

(b) There were no miscellaneous reports.

2558 **Future meetings**

Meeting dates and representation were noted as follows:

Date and time	Event	Location
13* Sept. 19:30 Subsequently amended to 20 Sept.	Parish Council meeting	Faulkland Village Hall
19 Sept. 19:00 – 20:30	Rural PACT meeting Cllr Hucker or Cllr Hayward to attend if possible	Mells Tythe Barn, Mells BA11 3PJ

The Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 20:52.