

Hemington, Hardington & Foxcote Parish Council

MENDIP DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET

MINUTES OF THE FULL PARISH COUNCIL (HPC) MEETING

Held on Wednesday 11 October 2017 at Hemington Primary School at 19:30

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

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Lynda Le Ray said that the field at the end of Bishop Street was being ploughed too close to the edge to allow footpath reinstatement; and no headland was being left (see minute 2575d).
- With reference to the September minutes, Liz Morris agreed that Faulkland Pond is not a disgrace, but she said that it does look tatty. By describing it as 'a mecca for wildlife' the impression was conveyed that this aspect took priority over all others. The back wall is not visible because of overgrown vegetation. Was the spring the best time to look at this? The boards erected have not prevented duck deaths.

Mrs Morris expressed disappointment at HPC's decision to go ahead with yellow lines at the present time. She did not think there was sufficient evidence on which to base a decision. The only evidence was anecdotal and based on fear that the new houses will provoke a parking issue. Why not wait and see?

The Chairman said the Parish Council had thought it better to be proactive than reactive. Not much parking was proposed for the eight houses to be built north of the High Street. The Planning statement includes parking on the road.

- Liz Morris said that this meant the road to the development. She thought the Parish Council was putting the cart before the horse.
- Patrick Nishio asked about the status of the proposed double white lines between Faulkland and Norton St Philip (see minute 2575c).

2570 **Apologies** Apologies were accepted from Cllr Seviour

2571 **Interests** There were no declarations of interests.

2572 **Minutes** The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 20 September 2017 (circulated) were AGREED to be a true record, subject to correction of the spelling of Ian Biggerstaff's name. They were signed by the Chairman,

2573 **Clerk's Report** Actions are reported under the relevant minute, below. In addition:

- From Minibuses had expressed doubt that all drivers were 'confident' enough to turn at the bottom entrance to Faulkland Green, as requested by HPC. Management will discuss with drivers and the Clerk will re-enquire.

2574 **Planning**

(a) The following application were considered:

2017/2433/FUL & 2434/LBC RESOLVED to recommend approval (proposed Cllr Corney, 2 nd Cllr Hucker, unanimous)	Foxcote Mill Foxcote Shoscombe Bath BA2 8NG <hr/> Note: the property is the Mill House, not Foxcote Mill	Repairs to stonework, floors, windows, alterations, new openings, garage extension & minor demolitions
2017/2241/FUL RESOLVED to recommend approval (proposed Cllr Green, 2 nd Cllr Curtis, unanimous)	Haywood Farm, Terry Hill, Radstock	Retrospective application for the stationing and use of two additional caravans for residential purposes.

(b) Mendip planning decisions were noted as follows:

2017/2162 Buildings West Farm, Faulkland	Discharge condition 2 (external joinery) from 2016/1873/PAA	Approval 27.09.17
2017/2132/APP Charlton Farm, Hemington	Discharge conditions 3 (materials) and 7 (joinery) from 2016/2913/FUL	Approval 26.09.17
2017/2129/APP Land S. of West Farm, Faulkland	Approval of conditions 8 (noise attenuation, plots 8 to 16) and 9 (validation statement plots 8 to 16) of permission 2015/1136/REM	Approval 25.09.17

(c) The enforcement officer had again been chased about the driveway to Rose Cottage.

2575 **Highways and rights of way**

(a) The closure of Green Street for two nights from 16 November 2017 was noted.

(b) To help find names for un-named streets in the parish the Chairman will consult the 1841 map. Street naming to be a November agenda item.

(c) Yellow lines the County Councillor's support had been requested.

The Area Traffic Engineer had been asked to confirm what local support he requires. He has also been asked to clarify the timing and nature of improvements at Terry Hill crossroads and to renew chevrons in the meantime.

White lines A site meeting with Highways had been requested. Patrick Nishio and Ian Biggerstaff will be invited to attend.

(d) The Clerk will write to Savills about ploughing too close to the edges of the field at the end of Bishop Street on receipt of a map from the Chair.

Highways have been asked to clear the path (old county road) behind Faulkland Green

2576 Village maintenance

Cllr Curtis will remove the duck boards at Faulkland Pond.

There was general support for the suggestion that HPC employ a parish maintenance person a few hours per month. A costed proposal to be prepared for discussion in November.

2577 Communication

HPC congratulated Lynda Le Ray on setting up an electronic parish newsletter.

2578 Finance

(a) The month 6 financial statement (circulated) was APPROVED.

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

Idverde – grass cutting September, inc. VAT	235.72
R. Campbell – home office allowance first half, postage, consumables	160.32
Clerk’s salary September	180.96
HMRC October	45.20

2579 Items of Information

(a) The Exchange Councillors concerned apologised for the lack of progress in shelving The Exchange and offered to get the work done

(b) Correspondence No actions were identified from correspondence received and circulated.

(c) Miscellaneous reports

- Cllr Curtis reported that the builder of the house next to The Cottage wishes to remove HPC’s notice board temporarily while he builds a wall.
AGREED to await a formal request.

2580 Future meetings

Meeting dates were noted as follows 28 Oct 9:30 – 15:00	SALC Area AGM and All Area Meetings	Edgar Hall, Somerton Business Park, Bancombe Rd, Somerton, TA11 6SB
8 Nov 19:30	Parish Council meeting	Faulkland Village Hall

The Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 20:28