

Hemington, Hardington & Foxcote Parish Council

MENDIP DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL (HPC)

Held on Wednesday 14 March 2018 at 19:30 in Faulkland Village Hall

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

In attendance: R. Campbell (Clerk), 12 members of the public

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Nigel Salmon, planning consultant, spoke in support of the planning applications at Tuckers Grave Inn. Recent purchase by local businessman Brian Watts had removed fears that the inn would be lost to the community, but now there was need to increase footfall and profitability. The tin shed at the back was an eyesore. Though the proposed function room would be three times the size, it would be separate from and would not dominate the main element, the 18th century pub. The fireplace would be retained in conversion of the old brewhouse to modern toilets, including for the disabled. The aim was to maintain the distinctive character of the pub while bringing it up to date. Mr Salmon said an application was in the pipeline for three holiday lets in the framework of the of agricultural shed beyond the car park.
- John Johnson said he had received a letter from HPC about the lifebelt on the pond. This would be discussed as an agenda item.

2622 **Apologies**

There were no apologies for absence

2623 **Council**

- (a) There were no declarations of interests
- (b) Mr Jonathan Blake had expressed interested in joining HPC and in contributing in particular to highways, Speedwatch and the play area. Co-option to be an April agenda item.

2624 **Minutes**

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 14 February 2018 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

2625 **Reports**

- (a) District Councillor's report none
- (b) Clerk's report Actions are reported under the relevant minute. In addition:
 - Bristol Audax Cycling Association had been given permission to put a notice on the outside of the HPC notice board on 14 July as a marker on a long-distance route

2626 **Planning**

(a) Councillors considered the following applications:

<p>2017/3034/FUL Foxcote Farm House Green Street Foxcote Radstock BA3 5YE</p>	<p>Restoration and conversion of an existing stone barn outbuilding into a holiday cottage with creation of new front garden, new car port/storage barn, and associated reconfigurations to the driveway and front gate. James U'Dell</p>	<p>RESOLVED to recommend approval (proposed Cllr Corney, 2nd Cllr Green, unanimous). This was considered a sensitive way to rescue an unlisted barn in danger of collapse. It was noted that the side facing onto Foxcote churchyard is to be left unaltered.</p>
<p>2018/0438/FUL & 0439/LBC Tuckers Grave Inn Knoll Lane Faulkland Frome BA3 5XF</p>	<p>Function room involving demolition of outbuildings and building alterations to provide WCs. Anna Clark</p>	<p>RESOLVED to recommend approval (proposed Cllr Corney, 2nd Cllr Hucker, unanimous). This was considered a good initiative to bring Tuckers Grave into the 21st century. Though the function room has a greater footprint than the existing outbuildings, additional sheds had previously occupied that site.</p>
<p>2018/0331/FUL Land between Faulkland Farm & Oaklea Faulkland BA3 5UX</p>	<p>Erection of 8 dwellings and associated works (Re-submission). James U'Dell</p>	<p>RESOLVED to recommend approval (proposed Cllr Hucker, 2nd Cllr Green, one abstention) The Parish Council was pleased to see that roof apex heights had been lowered. The following should be observed: 1. The floor levels above ground should be no more than the building regulations minimum. 2. There should be a construction parking and turning area on the west side of the site. 3. The lighter of the two proposed stone colours should be chosen.</p>

(b) There were no planning decisions

(c) There were no enforcement updates

(d) Registration of Faulkland Green at the Land Registry was proceeding.

2627 **Highways and rights of way**

(a) Updates

- The junction of Fulwell Lane with Faulkland High Street had been white-lined as requested, pushing the junction out. The bad dip remained. Highways to be chased
- The Passage sign at Tuckers Grave (visible from west only) was welcomed
- Fly tipping at the eastern A36 layby had been reported (193115), as had a fly tipped bed on Brown's Lane and asbestos fly tipped on Chickwell Lane (193111)

(b) Fingerposts in the parish to be an April agenda item.

(c) Rights of way updates None

2628 Parish maintenance

(a) Collapsed drock at Faulkland Green

- Mr Bob Watts will kindly dig out the drock (which carries water coming from Faulkland Pond under Faulkland Green) to see what work is required
- Cllr Corney will arrange for a geophysical survey, at no cost

(b) Parish Litter pick Postponed due to the snow, this will now take place on Sunday 8 April. , meeting at 10am at Faulkland Village Hall

(c) Parish maintenance person No applications had been received.

(d) Faulkland Pond lifebelt Mr Johnson was invited to speak. He said that it was a requirement of the new Pond Cottages insurer that the lifebelt be placed at the smaller, private pond where it could be seen. The lifebelt was not locked. It could be resited between the ponds if HPC funded the move.

It was AGREED to keep the matter under review but it was felt that HPC could not fund a private insurance requirement.

2629 Finance

(a) The Month 11 financial statement was approved.

(b) **RESOLVED** (proposed Cllr Corney, 2nd Cllr Hucker, unanimous) to pay

1057 Trustees Hon. William Jolliffe Settled Estate – Playing Field rent	125.00
1058 Clerk's salary March	180.96
1059 HMRC March	45.20
1060 R. Campbell – computer/home working allowance, expenses	158.48
1061 Faulkland Village Hall Committee – insurance and hire of hall for PC meetings	774.26
1062 Faulkland Village Hall Committee – grant 2017/18	480.00

2630 Risk assessment

(a) The Risk Schedule was considered line by line and APPROVED, subject to deletion of the requirement for a gas safety check, as gas had been removed from Faulkland Village Hall.

(b) The Clerk had inspected the play tower following a complaint. Cllr Hucker will repair if possible and report.

2631 Items of Information

(a) Correspondence received was noted. No actions were identified.

(b) Miscellaneous reports

- Cllr Green will remove the Christmas tree still lying in front of the Village Hall
- Parking on the green at Fulwell Close is a matter for the housing association
- The general waster bin just inside Faulkland Playing Field had now been emptied

2632 Future meetings

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on 11 April 2018 at 19:30 at Faulkland Village Hall. Agenda items to include co-option, fingerposts, future of part-time post office, grass cutting

The Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 20:59