

Hemington, Hardington & Foxcote Parish Council

MENDIP DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL (HPC)

Held on Wednesday 9 May 2018 at 19:45 in Faulkland Village Hall

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

In attendance: R. Campbell (Clerk), 13 members of the public

13 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Members of the public are actively encouraged to attend and may address the Council on matters of concern.

- Roger Gatley reported that Hanson had, as promised, made good the damage their vehicle had caused to Faulkland Green. Unfortunately another vehicle had subsequently driven over the spot. Councillors Corney, Hucker and Green will make good.
- Lynda LeRay reported that the gatepost at Faulkland Pond was very wobbly. The Clerk will obtain a quote to replace.
- Tim Gibbs spoke to planning application 2018/0892/HSE Wild Orchard. While he had no problem with the principle of extending the property, he considered that increasing bedrooms from 4 to 6 or even 8 was overdevelopment. There were also parking issues.

AGENDA

2645 **Chairman**

Cllr Corney was unanimously elected Chairman for the coming year (proposed Cllr Green, 2nd Cllr Hucker).

2646 **Vice-chairman**

Cllr Hucker was unanimously elected Vice-chairman for the coming year (proposed Cllr Corney, 2nd Cllr Blake).

2647 **Apologies**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Curtis. Cllr Hayward was absent.

2648 **Council**

(a) There were no declarations of interests.

(b) It was agreed that Councillors' existing lead areas of responsibility would continue for the coming year and that Cllr Blake would take on Speedwatch, Faulkland Playing Field, Waste & Recycling and Data Protection.

(c) It was agreed that the Parish Council would continue to meet on the second Wednesday of the month at 8pm in Faulkland Village Hall, except in October when the meeting would be at Hemington School.

2649 **Minutes**

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 11 April 2018 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

2650 **Reports**

(a) District Councillor's report

Cllr Drewe and County Cllr Ham had spoken to the Somerset CC Cabinet Member for Highways about a meeting to co-ordinate speed limits in the area. They had been told that nearly all expenditure had been stopped pending Somerset's initiative to establish a unitary authority, in an attempt to save some £25 million.

Mendip were opposed to this initiative. Cllr Drewe had stood down as Mendip Chairman. The new Chairman was Cllr Dick Skidmore.

In relation to planning Cllr Drewe said that all planning documents will in future be sent to parish councils, including decisions on details reserved by condition.

(b) Clerk's report Actions are reported under the relevant minute.

2651 **Planning**

(a) The following application was considered.

2018/0892/HSE Wild Orchard Faulkland BA3 5XJ	First floor extension and associated alterations to dwelling. Replacement of concrete tiles with natural slate.	RESOLVED to recommend refusal (proposed Cllr Hucker, 2 nd Cllr Corney, unanimous). Observations: the plans are inaccurate and misleading, materials not as stated. There is concern about parking in a confined space. The visual impact on adjoining properties has not been taken fully into account.
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(b) The following planning decision was noted:

2018/0001/APP Land North of Faulkland High Street, Faulkland	Details reserved by conditions, including roads, joinery, animal mitigation and lighting, on planning consent 2017/0395/FUL.	Approval 2.5.18
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(c) There were no enforcement updates

2652 **Highways and rights of way**

(a) Updates None

(b) Fingerposts The Chairman and Clerk will have a site meeting to discuss action on the fingerpost at Tuckers Grave and report to the June meeting.

(c) There were no rights of way updates.

2653 **Environment and maintenance**

(a) A letter to be sent to Mr R. Watts, thanking him for completing repair of the drock at Faulkland Green and asking for an account for materials used.

(b) It was AGREED to re-advertise in *Parish News* for a parish maintenance person for 10] hours per month @ £8 per hour, with an end of June deadline for applications.

2654 **Part-time post office**

The Clerk will contact the operator on the latter's return from holiday.

2655 **GDPR and Data Protection Bill**

(a) The proposed exemption for PCs from appointing a Data Protection Officer was noted.

(b) Cllr Blake and the Clerk will look at other GDPR requirements.

2656 **Clerk**

The process for recruiting a new Clerk to replace Robin Campbell who is retiring at the end of September to be finalised at the June meeting.

2657 **Finance**

- (a) The Annual Governance Statement 2017-18 was APPROVED and SIGNED
- (b) The Accounting Statements 2017-18 were APPROVED and SIGNED
- (c) The audit exemption certificate for an authority with a turnover of under £25K was SIGNED
- (d) There was no Month 1 financial statement
- (e) **RESOLVED** (proposed Cllr Green, 2nd Cllr Hucker, unanimous) to pay

Zurich Insurance plc – insurance 1.6.18 – 31.5.19	At meeting
Id Verde grass cutting April, inc. VAT	235.72
Clerk’s salary May MC?TH	183.36
HMRC May FG/TH	42.80

(f) It was noted that HMRC had asked that PAYE payments be made electronically. To be discussed at the June meeting

2658 **Items of Information**

(a) Correspondence received was noted. A correspondent to be notified that an Air B&B in Laverton is not a Parish Council matter. Antisocial behaviour, noise, etc. can be reported in the normal way

(b) Miscellaneous reports

- Cllr Hucker had repaired the rope bridge on the play equipment at Faulkland Playing Field. One of the ladders needs to be dropped six inches. 12 x 95mm square plates to be sourced to protect the posts from strimmers.
- A picture of the milepost stolen from Three Mile Hill had been sent to English Heritage.

2659 **Nextmeeting**

13 June 19:30	Parish Council meeting	Faulkland Village Hall
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The Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 20:59