

# Hemington, Hardington & Foxcote Parish Council

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## MENDIP DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL (HPC)

Held on Wednesday 8 August 2018 at 19:30 in Faulkland Village Hall

**Present:** Councillors J. Blake, F. Green, F. Hayward, A. Hucker (meeting Chairman),

**In attendance:** District Councillor E. Drewe, R. Campbell (Clerk), two members of the public

#### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

All speakers agreed to their names being published

- Poppy Mowat said she would be very sorry if Faulkland lost its part-time post office, having already lost shops and the garage. It was becoming a dormitory village, with no direct bus route to Bath and expensive property that was not selling. She considered the works at Terry Hill crossroads to be an improvement.
- Edward Drewe referred to the Village Hall Committee minute book and the need for it to be kept up to date every year. He said HPC should appoint two more members to the Committee..
- Lynda LeRay warned that too much bureaucracy could threaten further the viability of the VH Committee.

#### 2685 **Apologies**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr M. Corney (working). Absent: Cllr V. Curtis.

#### 2686 **Interests**

There were no declarations of interests.

#### 2687 **Minutes**

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 11 July 2018 were agreed to be a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

#### 2688 **Reports**

(a) District Councillor's report: Cllr Drewe referred to the recently announced revision of the National Planning Policy Framework. As a result, the developer of the eight houses north of Faulkland High Street would no longer have to pay a sum under a S106 agreement to avoid including affordable houses, as there was now no requirement to do so if the development was of fewer than 10 dwellings.

He said that in the next review of the Local Plan, Faulkland might not even remain a secondary village, given the lack of facilities.

He understood Somerset Highways would return in October for further work at Terry Hill crossroads but that they had little money for other requested work.

(b) Clerk's report: Actions from previous meetings are reported under the relevant minute.

#### 2689 **Planning**

(a) The following applications were considered.

2018/1805/HSE 1 The Retreat Foxcote BA3 5YF	Two storey extension	No information to hand – consideration held over
2018/1868/OTS Upper Row Farm Row Lane Laverton BA2 7RB	Outline planning permission (all matters reserved) for the erection of a agricultural workers dwelling	<b>Resolved</b> (proposed Cllr Green, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Cllr Blake, unanimous) to recommend <b>approval</b> .

(b) Planning decisions: none

(c) Enforcement: it was understood Mendip had issued an Enforcement Notice in relation to the skip hire business on the A362.

**2690 Highways and rights of way**

(a) Update: the information provided by Cllr Drewe in the Public Forum was noted.

Cllr Hucker again said that traffic in Faulkland High Street was faster since the centre white line had been reinstated.

Tim Gibbs to be asked to look at the battery of the top speed indicator advice.

(b) Speedwatch: Cllr Blake said he would be starting again from scratch. He will contact Norton St Philip Traffic Action Group for advice. Cllr Curtis has the speed gun.

(c) Fingerposts: Cllr Hucker did not yet have a price for fibreglass arms but had spoken to someone who can weld cast iron.

(d) Rights of way: no update.

**2691 Environment and maintenance**

Tree work on Faulkland Green: further prices to be obtained.

**RESOLVED** (proposed Cllr Hayward, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Hucker) to spend up to £170 on replacing both gateposts at Faulkland pond, the cost of the posts themselves being sponsored.

**2692 Part-time post office**

In view of new information, namely some community desire to retain the facility (as expressed in the Public Forum) and the Post Office's desire to do so as well, it was **AGREED** to the continuation of one reliable three-hour session per week, properly advertised. The Post office to be asked in the first instance to meet the utility cost of £5 per session.

**2693 Rural Economy**

Response to NALC's call for evidence on the Rural Economy to be considered in September.

**2694 Staff**

Two experienced parish clerks had replied to the advertisement for a new Clerk. Interviews would take place shortly after the revised closing date of 24 August.

**2694 Communication**

Cllr Blake had researched the best way of providing Hemington Parish Council addresses for Councillors and Clerk, as recommended for the sector. He recommended a Fasthost package of 5 light and 2 full email addresses for £23.88 + VAT for one year. He could help set it up. To be on September's agenda for approval

**2696 GDPR**

Cllr Blake and the Clerk had attended a training session. The Clerk will carry out a data audit and advise policies and notices to be provided/updated.

2695 **Finance**

(a) The Month 3 financial statement was APPROVED

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

Clerk's salary August	207.50
HMRC August	48.50
Id Verde – grass cutting July <b>Pond not cut &amp; VH</b>	235.72
Somerset Association of Local Councils – GDPR training x 2	50.00

2696 **Items of Information**

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

(b) Miscellaneous reports Cllr Blake said that he and a partner had bought the Faulkland Inn. It was hoped the pub would be ready to re-open by the end of August.

2697 **Future meetings**

The next meeting of the council was confirmed for

12 September 19:30	Parish Council meeting	Faulkland Village Hall
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The Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 21:30.