HEMINGTON, HARDINGTON & FOXCOTE

PARISH COUNCIL

# MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 21st October 2020  
(Remote Meeting - held over zoom & telephone)

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: M Corney (Chairman), V Curtis, M Francis, F Hayward and A Hucker (Vice Chairman).

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: J Howell (Clerk).

# PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none.

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# PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

## WELCOME & APOLOGIES

The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting. Apologies were received from Cllr Green and accepted.

## DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

## CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 9th September 2020 were approved as a correct record and agreement given for them to be signed by the Chairman.

## REPORTS

1. The Chairman provided a short report. Items included:

* An update on an enforcement case (now with Planning Inspectorate).
* A post on the Faulkland Covid-19 Community Facebook page relating to an injured duck. The post is not endorsed by the Parish Council. Chairman will raise with Administrator as content reported to be speculative and quite upsetting.

1. The Clerk reported that there has been no urgent business since the agenda was published and updates will be given alongside each agenda item.

## PLANNING

* 1. Members noted the following planning decisions and information:

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| **Planning Application** | **Details:** | **Mendip District Council decision:** |
| 2020/1448/HSE & 2020/1449/LBC  Location: Row Court, Row Lane, Laverton. | Proposal: Demolition of outbuilding and replacement with new annexe.  *Note: Applications resubmitted with a 200mm reduction making the outbuilding both subservient to the host dwelling (Row Court) and the neighbouring properties (The Old Dairy) single storey elevation to the North West. Decision followed the MDC delegated procedure due to existing timescales.* | **DECISION:** Approval with Conditions  See decision letter for full details and conditions. |

1. Members noted the Parish Council responses to Planning Applications submitted through delegated procedure:

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| **Application details:** | **Details:** | **Parish Council Comment submitted to MDC Planning Officer:** |
| Planning Application: 2020/1852/FUL  Location: Land At 373747 154405 High Street, Faulkland. | Proposal: Erection of 1no three-bedroom dwelling house. | Hemington Hardington and Foxcote Parish Council recommend refusal of permission of Planning Application 2020/1852/FUL. Full submission available on MDC Planning Portal. |
| Planning Application: 2020/1797/HSE  **Location:** 2 Holly Bank, Green Parlour Road, Hemington. | Proposal: Erection of first floor extension. | Parish Council have no objections to Planning Application 2020/1797/HSE. |

1. There were no Planning Applications to consider at this meeting.
2. The Chairman reported correspondence from Agent – reference Planning Application: 2020/1577/FUL conversion of barn at Laverton. The Chairman suggested that the response from the Parish Council appeared valid and will respond.

## TELEPHONE KIOSK

The Parish Council discussed a proposal to re-paint the telephone kiosk.  
RESOLVED: The Parish Council approved the spend for PO red enamel paint, 5 litres at £49.99.

## POST BOX

Members discussed the stolen cast iron post box and response from the Post Office. It was reported that residents have been told that there are no immediate plans to replace the post box which is thought to affect around 45 residents from Turners Tower and properties at the edge of the lane. The council considered implications for residents at Turners Tower and raised concerns that a large group of residents would have no means of posting letters.   
RESOLVED: That the Parish Council write to the Post Office at Radstock to make a representation for a replacement post box.

## HIGHWAYS

1. Members discussed a response from Sara Davies, Traffic Engineer (East Mendip) Traffic Management and Road Safety, Somerset County Council following a request from the Parish Council for information on possible options to address speeding, road safety, traffic and improvements to the highways. The Parish Council were disappointed with the response especially given that County Cllrs have previously been supportive of Parish Council requests for double white lines and a reduction to the 40mph speed limit. Several concerns were raised.

RESOLVED: That the Chairman draft a letter in robust terms with copies to County Cllrs.

The Chairman will take some photographs of the areas where lines need repainting.

1. Members received and noted the correspondence from Sara Davies, Somerset County Council relating to Somerset County Council stance on Auto Speed Watch.

## POLICE – NEW BEAT MANAGER TONI LINES

The Parish Council have received an invitation to meet with new Beat Manager, Toni Lines based at Frome Police station (week beginning 2nd November 2020). Members agreed priorities as:

Speeding and traffic, hare coursing and off-roading. The Chairman / Clerk will arrange a meeting. Members to raise any further issues / priorities with the Clerk / Chairman.

## TREE PLANTING INITIATIVE

1. Members noted the application for a Medium Wild Wood Tree pack (105 saplings) has been approved by The Woodland Trust (for March 2021 planting). Deadline for any changes to the order no later than 2 months before delivery. The Council considered the size of the tree pack. It was agreed that the Clerk would make enquiries with the Woodland Trust following new information – calculation of south side of the Playing Field confirmed as 85m long and 10m deep. Permission for a single line of trees. Clerk to seek advice as to the most appropriate tree pack for the area (enhancement of existing hedge row).
2. Planting and aftercare were discussed. Members agreed in principle if circumstances allow to look at making the tree planting a community event. Water supply was considered – a water cage may be required. Changes to the order before 2 months of delivery if required.

## WEBSITE UPGRADE

1. The Clerk provided an update on the new Parish Council website. Timescales to build are approximately 3 weeks. Good quality images of the parish (minimum 1200 pixels wide), particularly those suitable for a scrolling banner are sought. Please contact the Clerk if you can help.
2. The Clerk outlined options for webmail. Existing package is cheaper than the new website builder can offer. The Clerk will obtain an advice sheet to enable Cllrs to set webmail up through Outlook on their phones to improve the current system. The Parish Council can upgrade the two smallest email accounts for £2.98 a month at any time if required which will allow for 2GB storage.

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council remain with Fasthosts for email hosting only using the current package   
Physical hosting of the website will be undertaken by Town and Parish Council Websites.

## FINANCES

1. RESOLVED: The Parish Council approved the payment schedule for October 2020. (The Clerk highlighted there was an error on the agenda with the VAT being listed instead of the full amount for Idverde).

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| **Cheque** | **Paid to** | **Amount** |
| 1171 | Mrs J Howell | £409.57 |
| Basic pay, phone, work from home expense, printer ink. Zoom professional, Fasthosts website hosting expense and domain renewal |
| 1172 | Idverde | £294.24 |
| Grass cutting Sept 2020 GM790498 |
| **Total payments for October 2020** | | **£703.81** |

1. The Parish Council noted domain renewal 12th October 2020.
2. Members received and approved the latest financial statement. (*Bank reconciliation to 30/09/2020).*
3. Members were asked to consider the quotation for internal audit services for 2020/21

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council accept the quote for internal audit services for £110 for one end of year visit.

## CYCLING AND WALKING QUESTIONNAIRE FOR PARISHES Cllr Hucker to complete and return the Cycling and Walking Questionnaire.

## SOMERSET WASTE PARTNERSHIP – RECYCLE MORE INITIATIVE

Information: The Recycle More service will launch in Mendip from the week beginning Monday 26th October 2020.

## PROPOSALS FOR UNITARY SOLUTION FOR SOMERSET

No new update following communications relating to One Somerset and Stronger Somerset proposals.

## INFORMATION / ITEMS TO RAISE FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING

Christmas Tree.

## DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council at 7.30pm on Wednesday 11th November 2020. Meetings to continue remotely in line with current advice.

There being no further business, at 8.20pm the Chairman closed the meeting. The Chairman thanked members for attending.

Minutes are available on the Parish Council website.