

# HEMINGTON, HARDINGTON & FOXCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

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MENDIP DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET

## MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2020  
(Remote Meeting - held over zoom & telephone)

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: District Cllr Alison Berkshire and J Howell (Clerk).

### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none.

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### PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

11/20-21:070 **WELCOME & APOLOGIES**

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

11/20-21:071 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

11/20-21:072 **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 21<sup>st</sup> October 2020 were approved as a correct record and agreement given for them to be signed by the Chairman.

11/20-21:073 **REPORTS**

- a. The District Councillor gave a short report. Items included:
  - i. Somerset wide strategy to address Climate Change. More detail in due course and there will be budget allocation to support this strategy.
  - ii. Unitary Authority – invitation from government. The initial submission from Mendip District Council (Stronger Somerset) has been submitted and a final submission due 9<sup>th</sup> December 2020.
  - iii. Grant funding opportunity for climate change initiatives.
- b. The Chairman provided a report on activities since the last meeting:
  - i. Letter dispatched to Police and Crime Commissioner Sue Mountstevens reference AutoSpeed Watch. Detail has been provided relating to other constabularies trialling and using the system.
  - ii. Letter sent to the Post Office at Radstock requesting a post box is replaced at Turners Tower.
  - iii. A meeting with the new neighbourhood Police Officer Toni Lines due to take place on Tuesday has been re-scheduled to 25<sup>th</sup> November due to operational requirements.
- c. The Clerk provided a brief update on items received since the agenda was published; This included:
  - i. New Planning Application - 2020/2245/HSE Proposal: Loft conversion with raised insulated flat roof rear dormer to the main house. Conversion of the rear conservatory to a garden room with an insulated flat roof with a lantern and bi-fold doors opening to the rear garden. Location: 4 Ruckley Ford, Green Street, Foxcote. Planning Application arrived after the agenda had been published so the Clerk recommended that the Parish Council use the delegated powers to deal with planning applications between meetings.
  - ii. Email correspondence to Somerset County Council copying in the Parish Council reference lorries in Laverton. The Clerk summarised the content of the correspondence. This has been circulated

to members. The Chairman will liaise with point of contact at Norton St Philip and the Parish Council will consider this as a dedicated agenda item at the December meeting.

11/20-21:074 **PLANNING**

a. Members noted the following planning decisions:

<b>Planning Application</b>	<b>Details:</b>	<b>Mendip District Council decision:</b>
2020/1797/HSE  Location: 2 Holly Bank, Green Parlour Road, Hemington.	Proposal: Erection of first floor extension.	<b>DECISION:</b> Approval with Conditions See decision letter for full details and conditions.
2020/1421/AAP  Location: Chrisbern Lodge, Rectory Farm, Foxcote.	Proposal: Approval of details reserved by conditions 2 (schedule of materials), 3 (samples of materials), 5 (external lighting), 6 (joinery details) and 7 (access track construction) on planning consent 2019/0164/REM.	<b>DECISION:</b> APPROVAL

- b. Members noted there was one new planning application (as outlined in the Clerk's report). The Parish Council will respond using delegated powers.
- c. The Chairman provided an update on Planning Application: 2020/1577/FUL conversion of barn at Laverton following contact from the agent. Details have since been reviewed and the Parish Council accept there is little difference in footprint of existing structure and proposal.  
RESOLVED: That the Parish Council withdraw objections on the basis of footprint alone but do wish to raise with the Planning Officers concerns around the loss of water pressure and increased traffic and access down the lane. The Parish Council ask that these points be taken into consideration when reaching any decision.

11/20-21:075 **POST BOX**

Update covered in Chairman's Report.

11/20-21:076 **TELEPHONE KIOSK REPAINTING**

Awaiting delivery of paint.

11/20-21:077 **CHRISTMAS TREE**

Members ran through the arrangements for the Christmas Tree. It was agreed that the Clerk contact the Estate Office for Lord Hylton to request a 12-foot tree.

11/20-21:078 **HIGHWAYS**

- a. Possible measures to tackle speeding in the parish – deferred to the December Parish Council Meeting due to the re-scheduled meeting with new neighbourhood Police Officer Toni Lines.
- b. Members discussed correspondence from resident relating to a request for double yellow lines on the corner of A366 and Fulwell Lane.  
Action: Members agreed to raise this as a dedicated agenda item for the December Parish Council Meeting – broadened to: Double Yellow Lines / Parking at specific points around the village.  
Action: Clerk/Chairman to seek clarification on consultation.

11/20-21:079 **POLICE – NEW BEAT MANAGER TONI LINES**

Meeting deferred to 25<sup>th</sup> November 2020. Chairman and Clerk to attend.

11/20-21:080 **TREE PLANTING INITIATIVE**

The Clerk summarised the response from the Woodland Trust following request for advice on suitability of tree pack. Clerk to circulate to members and clarify suggested number of saplings for a single row of trees. Parish Council to review order at the December Parish Council Meeting.

11/20-21:081 **WEBSITE UPGRADE**

Awaiting images of the parish are requested for the new website – please contact the Clerk if you can help. The Clerk advised that the new website is almost complete. The Clerk added that there was a 'notices' area where it would be much more straightforward to update residents with local news compared to the current site which is written in code.

11/20-21:082 **FINANCES**

RESOLVED:

- a. The Parish Council approved the payment schedule for November 2020:

<b>Cheque</b>	<b>Paid to</b>	<b>Amount</b>
1173	Mrs J Howell Basic pay, phone, work from home expense, printer ink. Zoom professional.	£303.78
<b>Total payments for November 2020</b>		<b>£303.78</b>

- b. The Clerk asked members to consider items for the draft budget which will be prepared for review at the December 2020 PCM. Play Area raised as essential budgetary item. The Clerk suggested budgeting for replacement to include investigation of grant funding opportunities. Small increase for IT provision will be required to include the hosting / support of the new website.
- c. Members received and approved the latest financial statement. (*Bank reconciliation to 31/10/2020*). The Clerk summarised.

11/20-21:083 **PROPOSALS FOR UNITARY SOLUTION FOR SOMERSET**

No further update.

11/20-21:084 **CORONAVIRUS**

The Chairman summarised position after the first week of the second lockdown. Cases locally are increasing but remain some of the lowest in the country in our area. Meetings to remain remote in line with current advice/requirements.

11/20-21:085 **INFORMATION / ITEMS TO RAISE FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING**

- Draft budget for 2020/21 and precept requirement.
- DYL / parking at locations in the village.
- Tree Planting Initiative – review of order.
- Measures to tackle speeding in the parish following meeting with new neighbourhood Police Officer.

11/20-21:086 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Members noted the date of the next Parish Council Meeting: 7.30pm on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

There being no further business, at 8.10pm the Chairman closed the meeting. The Chairman thanked members for attending.

Minutes are available on the Parish Council website.