

Hemington, Hardington & Foxcote Parish Council

MENDIP DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET

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To: Councillors M Corney (Chairman), V Curtis, M Francis, F Green, A Hucker (Vice Chairman).

You are summoned to attend an electronic meeting of the Parish Council which will be held on Wednesday 14th April 2021 at 7.30pm. The business to be dealt with is set out below.

Jenny Howell
08/04/2021

JOINING INSTRUCTIONS:

You are invited to a scheduled Zoom meeting which you can access online from <https://us02web.zoom.us/>

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Meeting ID: 857 9155 0467 Password: 01373 OR you may prefer to dial in by telephone 0203 481 5240

All participants should mute microphones when not talking to enable the efficient running of the meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Members of the public and press are entitled to attend the meeting unless the Parish Council by resolution enters confidential session. Within this public session, members of the public may make representations, ask, and answer questions and give evidence on any matter affecting or of concern, by addressing the Chairman. *Members of the public are requested to raise any matter during this session as the rest of the meeting is not open to public participation.*

AGENDA

1. WELCOME & APOLOGIES

To consider any apologies for absence.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To DECLARE interests, RECEIVE written dispensation requests for items of disclosable pecuniary interest and GRANT requests where appropriate. *Under the Parish Council's Code of Conduct in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 and The Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012, SI No. 1464.*

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Recommended: That the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 10th March 2021 are approved as a correct record and agreement given for them to be signed by the Chairman.

4. PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY

The Parish Council currently have one vacancy which may be filled by co-option. Expressions of interest invited.

5. REPORTS

- a. To RECEIVE the District Councillor's report.
- b. To RECEIVE a report/update from the Chairman. To include:
 - Motorbikes on the playing field.
- c. To RECEIVE the Clerk's report. To include:
 - Request to MDC for litter pick Frome to Radstock Rd.
 - Fly tipping.
 - Correspondence: Play Area
 - Post Box – Turners Tower. Request with Royal Mail to replace stolen post box.

6. **PLANNING**

- a. To note any planning decisions from MDC.
b. To note Planning responses made by Parish Council to MDC using delegated powers.

Planning Application	Location	Proposal and PC response
2021/0405/HSE	Mulberry House, High Street, Faulkland	Retrospective application to regularise position property curtilage. PC response: <u>recommend refusal</u>
2021/0438/HSE	Marrow Pole House Chickwell Lane To Row Lane Hemington	Conversion of garage and store to yoga studio, with raising of roof line. PC response: <u>recommend approval</u>

- c. To consider the following Planning Applications:

Planning Application	Location	Proposal
2021/0533/HSE	3 Wild Orchard Faulkland To Norton St Philip Road Faulkland	Proposed first floor extension, associated alterations to roof and exterior cladding. Response required by: 15th April 2021

7. **HIGHWAYS**

- a. Measures to tackle speeding in the parish
- To receive a report from the Chairman following a meeting with PC Toni Lines Neighbourhood Policing Team.
 - To consider proposal to approach District Cllr, County Cllr and Local MP for support to tackle speeding in the village to include discussion on double white lines/reduction of speed limit.
- b. Potholes and dog mess - Grove Lane.
- c. Members to discuss / consider initiative. 'Quiet Lanes' Legislation – raised by District Cllr at March PCM. MDC are looking to develop a network of paths designated as being a quiet lane identified for walkers and cyclists.

8. **PLAY AREA**

- a. To discuss and consider the Play Area – currently closed.
- b. To include: a condition report / risk assessment from Cllr Hucker. PC to agree outline plan for the future of the Play Area. Clerk has submitted quote requests for replacement play equipment to determine budget requirements for full replacement.

9. **TREE PLANTING INITIATIVE**

To consider application to The Woodland Trust for **Working Wood Tree Pack** (105 saplings - (rowan, silver birch, wild cherry, common oak, field maple, grey willow) for Autumn delivery. Members to consider requirements / plan for planting and ongoing care.
Note: Original order withdrawn due to the late spring delivery (resolved February 2021 PCM). The Parish Council need to re-apply for Autumn delivery. Application window for November deliveries from late-April (and it will remain open until late-August).

10. **FINANCES**

- a. To APPROVE the payment schedule for April 2021. (Full report to be supplied at the meeting).

Cheque	Paid to	Amount
1183	Mrs J Howell Basic pay, phone, work from home expense, printer ink. Zoom professional.	£303.78
Total payments for April 2021		£303.78

- b. To APPROVE the latest financial statement. (*Bank reconciliation to 31/03/2021*).
c. To note receipt of VAT refund from HMRC - £398.18.

11. **INTERNAL AUDIT**

To note arrangements for the 2020/21 internal audit

- Clerk is currently preparing end of year accounts.
- Audit to take place from 17th May and annual return should be available for approval at the June PCM.

12. **PARISH COUNCIL POLICIES**

- a. Review of Risk assessment - Note any amendments for approval at the May meeting.
- b. Review asset register and make amendments if required.
- c. Communications strategy (Parish Council website, social media, and other updates).
- d. NALC Foundation Award.

13. **SOMERSET UNITARISATION**

Residents and businesses in Somerset are currently served by a two-tier system of local government. Somerset County Council is responsible for services such as adult and children's social care, maintaining roads and libraries, and the District Councils – Mendip, Sedgemoor, Somerset West and Taunton and South Somerset - are responsible for services such as rubbish collection, housing and planning and environmental health. The Secretary of State received two proposals from councils in Somerset:

The four district councils - Mendip, Sedgemoor, Somerset West and Taunton and South Somerset – jointly submitted a proposal for two unitary councils: Eastern Somerset comprising the area covered by Mendip and South Somerset District Councils and Western Somerset comprising area covered by Sedgemoor and Somerset West & Taunton District Councils. Somerset County Council submitted a proposal for a single unitary council for the area of Somerset County.

You can respond to one or both proposals. Secretary of State is required to consult on proposals and views are invited by of all those interested in these proposals, including local residents, town and parish councils, businesses and the voluntary sector. No Parish Council response proposed at this stage therefore members and residents to respond to the consultation directly online: <https://consult.communities.gov.uk/governance-reform-and-democracy/somerset/> or you can email your response to the questions to unitaryconsultation@communities.gov.uk closing date 19th April.

14. **CORONAVIRUS AND RETURN TO IN PERSON MEETINGS**

- a. To review latest advice / information.
The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 do not apply to meetings on or after 7 May 2021.
- b. Recommended: That the Parish Council hold the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council a week earlier than usual – on Wednesday 5th May 2021 (prior to the expiry of regulations that allow remote meetings).
- c. Recommended: That the Parish Council review whether to hold an in-person meeting in June or defer until July at the May Parish Council Meeting. (If defer, PC may choose to manage business / decision making through delegated powers).

15. **INFORMATION / ITEMS TO RAISE FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING**

This item must be information only. Any matter that requires a decision must be set as an agenda item for the following meeting.

16. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

To APPROVE the date of the next Parish Council Meeting – to take place a week earlier than usual at: 7.30pm on Wednesday 5th May 2021.