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& Foxcote Parish Council

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**M I N U T E S**

**Of Hemington, Hardington & Foxcote Parish Council**

**Held on Wednesday 25th August 2021 at Faulkland Village Hall**

**Present:** Chair M Corney, Cllrs V Curtis, M Hanley, F Green

**Also Present:** J Howell, Proper Officer (outgoing),J Gregory Proper Officer (incoming) plus 2 members of the public

**Public Participation**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. No matters were raised by members of the public.

**08/21.22 052 Apologies for absence**

Cllrs A Hucker and M Francis gave apologies.

**Resolved: apologies were accepted.**

Jen Gregory the replacement for Jenny Howell was welcomed to the meeting. Thanks was expressed to Jenny Howell for her hard work and dedication to the Council. She was wished great success in her new venture.

**08/21.22 052 Declarations of Interest**

Members were asked to advise any Declarations of interest in today’s agenda items or any pecuniary interests in line with Councils’ Code of Conduct.

**Resolved: It was noted that no declarations, pecuniary or otherwise were received.**

**08/21.22 053 Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

To receive the minutes of the meeting held 14th May 2021

**Resolved: Minutes of the previous meeting was signed by the Chairman as a correct record in the presence of the Proper Officer and meeting attendees.**

**08/21.22 053 Reports**

**a. To receive the District Councillors Report**

Cllr Alison Barkshire sent apologies.

**b. To Receive the Chairman’s Report**

The Chairman was pleased to report the anticipated delivery of red paint for the telephone box in approximately 4-6 weeks. This had been an ongoing issue for sometime.

Email correspondence had been exchanged with the Kilmersdon Clerk and Edward Drew Kilmersdon’s Vice Chairman regarding a portfolio of minor works being put together by Mike Pullin at SCC however no-one had been able to make contact with him for at least 3 months.

**c. To Receive the Clerk’s Report**

The Clerk advised the following:

Much time had been spent on getting matters up to speed ready for the handover which was scheduled for JG for Tuesday of next week however JH advised that she would be on hand should any questions arise.

Quotations (x2) had been received regarding the play area a 3rd quotation should be sought and as a result a Village Consultation should be held.

The Woodland Trust have approved the “tree pack”.

There was nothing on the replacement post box at Turners Tower which JH would pass to the new Clerk for chasing.

**08/21.22 054 Planning Applications for Consideration**

a. Council was asked to comment on the following applications:

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| **Planning Application** | **Location and Proposal** | **Deadline for response** |
| 2021/1729/FUL | Site at Portway Laverton  Change of Use of Agricultural Land and the use of an existing caravan to holiday Let use Class C3 | 27.08.21 |
| **Resolved: in light of the previous applications on land adjacent to site the Council recommend the matter be referred to MDC for consideration** | | |

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| 2021/1822/FUL | Ennox Farm, Southfield Hill, Hemington Frome  Conversion and change of use to 1no. dwelling house. Erection of replacement single storey extension and replacement outbuilding. Erection of gable end extension to replace existing lean-to. Erection of new garden shed and bat roost structure | 10.09.21 |
| **Resolved: to approve but the Council stress the need for the bat roosting box to be erected and note this as a planning constraint** | | |

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| 2021/1443/FUL | Ashgrove Grove Lane, Faulkland  Construction of Annex | No response made by deadline |
| **Resolved: response date was missed. No further action** | | |

b. To note Planning Decisions from MDC

**Resolved: It was noted that there was no Planning Decisions this month.**

c. Parishes Online: A free Zoom demo session on Monday’s at 11am

**Resolved: The new Clerk J Gregory advised that this was something she was already familiar with in her other Clerking position at Stratton-on-the-Fosse.**

d. To receive the Mendip Phosphate Newsletter from MDC Planning

**Resolved: Nothing to note.**

**08/21.22 055 Play Area**

1. **To receive the Annual Play Area Inspection Report**

The Clerk advised the Inspection Report was to ensure that we are fulfilling our insurance requirements. It was reassuring to note there was no safety concerns.

1. **To receive updates on regular inspection and any maintenance tasks from Cllr Hucker**

With Cllr Hucker not in attendance there was nothing to report but the new Clerk would be tasked with checking in with Cllr Hucker on any tasks required.

1. **New Clerk/Council to progress play area quotations, public consultation and grant funding opportunities.**

JH stated that she would bring the new Clerk up to date on this project during handover.

**08/21.22 056 Finances**

1. To approve the payment schedule for August 2021 for £1039.39

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| Cheque | Payee & Detail | Amount |
| 1190 | J Howell  Basic Pay 01.07.21 – 31.07.21 plus working from home expenses | £291.19 |
| 1191 | B Bowen  Internal Audit 2021 | £110.00 |
| 1192 | GB Sport and Leisure  Annual Playground Inspection Report | £108.00 |
| 1193 | Idverde  Grass Cutting 01.07.21 – 31.07.21 | £347.98 |
| 1194 | Somerset Association of Local Councils (SALC)  Annual membership to SALC and NALC | £182.22 |
| Total Payments (August 2021) | | £1039.39 |

**Resolved: Approval was given of the above.**

1. To approve the Clerk’s final salary of £388.40 (including holiday pay)

**Resolved: The above request was agreed**

1. To approve the latest Financial statement

**Resolved: The latest financial statement noted and signed by the Chair in the presence of the meeting attendees.**

1. The GDPR/Data Protection Action 2018 renewal fee is due – Payment by DD on or before 21.09.21

**Resolved: Agreed and action for the new Clerk to change payment details.**

**08/21.22 057 Grant Application**

A request from St James the Less Church in Foxcote had been made for a grant application of £100 for the maintenance and upkeep of the Churchyard

**Resolved: It was agreed to approve this request.**

**08/21.22 058 Rewilding**

1. To note the approval of the application to The Woodland Trust for the Working Wood Tree Pack – 105 saplings

**Resolved: With an autumn delivery date it would be good to get community involvement with some food music and make this a community event. Involvement with the Chair of the Village Hall required.**

1. Proposal from Cllr Hanley to run a wildflower strip inside of the Recreation field on its north side noting that there would not be any encroachment onto the playing field. The second proposal was that the trees from The Woodland Trust have a cardboard eco sleeve and not a plastic one.

**Resolved: the wildflower strip was agreed in principle, however investigations into the type of wildflower mixes available and appropriateness to that environment but also noting that regular maintenance would be required and a firm commitment needed. The Clerk would check on the tree sleeves with the Trust.**

**08/21.22 059 Government Reorganisation in Somerset**

It was noted that the Government had approved a new single unitary authority to be created and be in place for 2023.

**08/21.22 060 Information / Items to Raise for consideration at the next meeting**

The Chair advised that he would be meeting with Somerset PCC on Friday August 27th. The September meeting would therefore include details of this meeting and further information on the Certification of AutoSpeedWatch and possible traffic calming measures.

**Resolved: To schedule the above for September and in the meantime as a result of discussions for the Clerk to action the cutting back of hedges which were obscuring the speed limit signs.**

**08/21.22 061 Any Other Business**

Cllr Curtis standing that the new signs at Lansdown View had been erected some time ago and although not anything to do with the PC Bishop Street needs addressing as it was causing some confusion with houses and roads around that area.

**Resolved: Clerk to look at a point of contact and make representations.**

**08/21.22 062 Date of next Meeting**

The next meeting would be held on the 8th September 2021 (subsequently changed to 15th September)

**08/21.22 063 Close**

The Chairman thanked all those present for their time and contribution and closed the meeting.

Meeting closed at 8.07pm

A signed copy of the minutes can be viewed by arrangement via the Parish Clerk and on its website.