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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 15th September 2021 at Faulkland Village Hall**

**Present:** Chair M Corney, Cllrs T Hucker, M Hanley, F Green

**Also Present:** J Gregory Proper Officer (incoming) plus 5 members of the public

**Public Participation**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. Two matters were raised by the members of the public; dog bin at Bishop Street and concrete pad on the playing field.

**09/21.22 064 Apologies for absence**

Cllrs V Curtis gave apologies.

**Resolved: apologies were accepted.**

**09/21.22 065 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.**

**09/21.22 066 Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

To receive the minutes of the meeting held 25th August 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.**

**09/21.22 067 Reports**

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

Unfortunately Cllr Barkshire was not in attendance

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

Covered in item

**c. To Receive the Clerk’s Report**

The Clerk advised the following:

Handover with J Howell had taken place

Tree Pack was scheduled for delivery sometime between 1-12 November. Cllr Corney requested a change to the delivery details to M Francis. The question of the plastic on the trees was queried and could not be swopped for anything more environmentally friendly as it needed to deter animals but was recyclable. Cllr Corney advised that the Village Hall Committee had agreed for drinks and nibbles to be provided for “tree planters”

Royal Mail need more departments involved before they can respond to the chase email regarding the post box at Turners Tower

The Clerk had one outstanding item of registering the play park on Contract finder which was a legal requirement to do so with quotations in excess of £25k

**09/21.22 068 Planning Applications for Consideration**

Unusually there was no planning matters for consideration but noted it had only been two weeks since the previous meeting

**09/21.22 069 Play Area**

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

Covered in item 09/21.22 067

Cllr Hucker had photos of some other village play schemes which he would forward on

**09/21.22 070 Finances**

**Resolved: Given the time since the last meeting, handover and some changes required at the bank for statements to be sent to a new address the financial situation of the Council was deferred until the next meeting**

**09/21.22 071 Traffic/Highways**

The Chair reported on his meeting with Mark Shelford Police Commissioner regarding Autospeed watch and possible traffic calming measures for the village.

**Resolved: The Chair to keep lines of communication with Mark Shelford open and he would progress matters. In the meantime a Freedom of information Request to be sent to Avon & Somerset Police listing all reported incidents in a 5 year period between Norton St Philip and Faulkland to include; injury, damage, road closures to add weight to the argument.**

**09/21.22 072 Correspondence**

The Clerk advised that various updates from Mendip had been circulated to members which included COVID updates and Policing reports**.**

**09/21.22 073 Information / Items to Raise for consideration at the next meeting**

Given some debate on various items in the meeting a number of matters would be listed for the next meeting

**Resolved: to add to the next agenda considerations relating to increasing the size of signage relating to AMPR and question whether more dog bins were required.**

**09/21.22 074 Any Other Business**

Cllr Francis reported that hedges at Grove Lane were encroaching and obscuring the 30mph sign, especially around the crossroads area.

**Resolved: Clerk to take up the issue with Highways**

**09/21.22 075 Date of next Meeting**

The next meeting would be held on the 13th October at Hemington School.

**09/21.22 076 Close**

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

Meeting closed at 7.55pm

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