

# 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 13<sup>th</sup> January 2021 (Remote Meeting - held over zoom & telephone)

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: M Corney (Chairman), M Francis, F Green and A Hucker (Vice Chairman).  
ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: J Howell (Clerk).

### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none.

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### PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**01/21-21:87 WELCOME & APOLOGIES**

The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting. Apologies were received from Cllr Curtis and accepted. Cllr Hayward and District Cllr Barkshire were absent from the meeting.

**01/21-21:88 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none,

**01/21-21:89 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

RESOLVED: The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 11<sup>th</sup> November 2020 were approved as a correct record and agreement given for them to be signed by the Chairman. *(No meeting took place in December 2020).*

**01/21-21:90 REPORTS**

- a. There was no report from the District Councillor.
- b. The Chairman provided a short report:
  - Paint for the telephone kiosk is on order but out of stock - expected to be delivered in February.
  - The Chairman updated members on a letter he had received from 7-year-old granddaughter of a resident about the duck signs. The duck signs went missing and replacement signs have kindly been made. The letter has requested that the Parish Council help ensure the signs do not go missing again. A Cllr volunteered to provide a 3" posts for the signs to be attached to. The Chairman will draft a reply. The Clerk requested photos of the new signs once in place to publish on the Parish Council website and the community Facebook site.
- c. The Clerk provided a brief update;
  - Response from Police and Crime Commissioner, Sue Mountstevens regarding Auto Speed Watch. The Clerk will make enquiries with the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO).
  - A letter relating to a withdrawn planning application. Clerk to circulate.

**01/21-21:91 PLANNING**

- a. Members noted the following planning decisions:

Planning Application	Details:	Mendip District Council decision:
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2020/1926/PAA	Location: Land at Port Way, Hemington Proposal: Prior Approval for change of use of agricultural building to a dwelling house (Use Class C3) (PC not consulted non this classification).	DECISION: PRIOR APPROVAL IS REFUSED
2020/0767/LBC	Location: Church of St Mary, Southfield Hill, Hemington. Proposal: Renewal of lead roof coverings and parapet gutters to Nave, Aisle and Chapel and repairs to other	DECISION: APPROVAL
	roofs. New cast iron downpipe from south aisle roof at west end.	

b. Members noted the responses submitted to Planning Applications (using delegated powers).

Planning Application	Details:	Response to Mendip District Council Planning
2020/2245/HSE	Location: 4 Ruckley Ford, Green Street, Foxcote. 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.	No objection
2020/2362/FUL	Location: Ashgrove, Grove Lane, Faulkland. Proposal: Erection of a granny annexe,	No objection
2020/2438/HSE	Location: Applethatch, Green Street to Single Hill, Foxcote Proposal: Alterations to lean-to garage, erect two-story extension.	No response submitted

c. There are no new Planning Applications for consideration at the meeting.

d. The Parish Council noted the Enforcement Appeal relating to unauthorised storage containers (following Enforcement Notice served by MDC Enforcement Team). Deadline for comments was 21<sup>st</sup> December 2020. As there was no meeting in December there was no opportunity for the Parish Council to agree and submit comments. **Clerk to write and ask if the Parish Council can submit a response to the Planning Inspectorate.**

Reference	Details:	Deadline for comment
Inspectorate Reference: APP/Q3305/C/20/3258757 Appeal No: 20/00035/ENF	Unauthorised storage containers - in a field next to Lower Farm, Faulkland BA3 5XD	21st December 2020.

#### **01/21-21:92 POST BOX TURNER'S TOWER**

There has been no response received to letter to The Post Office. *Clerk to write again and include original correspondence.*

#### **01/21-21:93 FLY TIPPING**

The Clerk reported that MDC have now confirmed they have attended and cleared the fly tipping. This follows a long period of inaction where the Clerk had to enlist the support of the District Cllr to get the fly tipping cleared. *Clerk to liaise with District Cllr to see whether the online system could be improved.*

#### **01/21-21:94 HIGHWAYS**

a. Measures to tackle speeding in the parish

Meeting with new neighbourhood Police Officer has been deferred. Clerk has contacted the neighbourhood beat team and a meeting with PCSO Daniel Beck has been offered. Clerk to write to SCC Highways to raise that the Parish Council were disappointed with the SCC response to the issues raised by the Parish Council and add that the Parish Council will seek advice from the Police in relation to measures to tackle speeding in the parish before coming back with a full response.

b. Double Yellow Lines / Parking at specific points around the village

Members discussed the correspondence from resident relating to corner of A366 and Fulwell Lane (request for double yellow lines). *SCC have confirmed the requirement to go through same consultation process with residents for any requests for double yellow lines. The Parish Council asked the Clerk to respond to express that DYL can only be installed upon consultation and support from residents and past experience is that residents have been opposed to additional DYL in the village.*

c. Lorries in Laverton

This relates to correspondence to Somerset County Council copying in the Parish Council reference lorries in Laverton. Chairman liaising with point of contact at Norton St Philip. *The Chairman will follow up with Norton St Philip as access is from the A36.* A Cllr reported having seen yellow 'no HGV' signs each end of a lane whilst driving through Binegar/Ston Easton.

**01/21-21:95 TREE PLANTING INITIATIVE**

a. Members reviewed the suitability of tree pack following advice from The Woodland Trust.

The Clerk reported on impact of coronavirus to staffing levels at the Woodland Trust. At present the team are working on skeleton staffing and limited in ability to progress enquiries/orders for tree packs. At this stage it is not known whether the spring delivery will go ahead.

Members considered the following tree packs.

Working Wood – 102 saplings (rowan, silver birch, wild cherry, common oak, field maple, grey willow),

Small copse – 30 saplings (silver birch, rowan, wild cherry).

Enquiries with The Woodland Trust have established 85m length of field can accommodate a single row of 42 trees at minimum of 2m distance. (recommended 2-2.5m spacing).

**RESOLVED: That the Parish Council confirm the tree pack required as Working Wood – 102 saplings (rowan, silver birch, wild cherry, common oak, field maple, grey willow). As there may be some trees leftover, Clerk to write to Norton St Phillips and Killmersdon to find out if they might like to make use of any leftover trees.**

b. Members briefly considered the planting and care required.

**01/21-21:96 WEBSITE UPGRADE**

The new Parish Council Website is now live, and the Clerk reported that the new website is simple to update and administer. Images of the parish are still sought for the rolling banner, please contact the Clerk if you can help.

**01/21-21:97 FINANCES**

a. Members noted the payments made in December 2020.

b. **RESOLVED: The Parish Council approved the payment schedule for December 20 & January 21.**

Cheque	Paid to	Amount
1174	Mrs J Howell Basic pay, phone, work from home expense, printer ink. Zoom professional. Microsoft annual subscription.	£363.77
1175	Idverde GM792318 Grass cutting 1/10-31/10/2020	£294.24
1176	Parish Council Websites Setting up new website and transfer of content from existing site plus annual website hosting and maintenance (02/01/2021 to 02/01/2022)	£724.00
Total payments for December 2020		£1,382.01

Cheque	Paid to	Amount
1177	Mrs J Howell Basic pay, phone, work from home expense, printer ink. Zoom professional.	£303.78
1178	R P & D L Cary Hedge cutting	£61.20
Total payments for January 2021		£364.98

c. The Parish Council received and approved the latest financial statements. (*Bank reconciliation to 30/11/2020 and 31/12/2020*).

**01/21-21:98 GRANT REQUEST**

**RESOLVED: The grant application from the Citizens Advice Mendip was politely declined.**

**01/21-21:99DRAFT BUDGET AND PRECEPT REQUIREMENT**

The Clerk summarised the budget prepared for 2021/22 and ran through the precept requirement based on the budget. *(Draft prepared and circulated by the Clerk).*

**RESOLVED: The Parish Council approved a precept requirement of £9,500 for 2021/22 financial year. The revised tax base has been confirmed as 280.22. (This is revised from 287.40: and allows 2.5% for uncollectable council tax). Deadline for submission is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021. RESOLVED: The Parish Council approved the budget for 2021/22.**

**01/21-21:100PROPOSALS FOR UNITARY SOLUTION FOR SOMERSET**

The Parish Council noted receipt of the letter from the Leader of Mendip District Council to Town, City and Parish Councils in Mendip regarding Stronger Somerset

**01/21-21:101CHRISTMAS TREE**

The Parish Council thanked Andrew Joliffe Estate for the village Christmas Tree together with all those involved in collection / erection.

**01/21-21:102VILLAGE CLEAN UP DAY – MARCH 2021**

The Parish Council discussed plans for a Village Clean Up Day and considered logistics and safety given the coronavirus. (The event usually takes place in March with support from MDC who provide bags etc and arrange the pick-up of the rubbish bags). It was agreed to defer this item to February 2021.

**01/21-21:103 CENSUS 2021**

The Parish Council have been asked to raise awareness of the census which will take place on 21st March 2021. It is a once-in-a-decade opportunity to gather a detailed 'snapshot' of the population of Somerset and its characteristics. The information collected is used in planning and funding local services in our area, such as health, education, and transport.

**01/21-21:104 CORONAVIRUS**

The Chairman summarised the latest position. Meetings to remain remote in line with current advice/requirements.

**01/21-21:105 INFORMATION / ITEMS TO RAISE FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING •**

Signage and rights of way.

**01/21-21:106 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Parish Council Meeting will take place 7.30pm on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2021.

There being no further business, at 8.25pm the Chairman closed the meeting. The Chairman thanked members for attending.

Minutes are available on the Parish Council website.