HEMINGTON, HARDINGTON & FOXCOTE

PARISH COUNCIL

### MENDIP DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET

# MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 14th July 2021 at Faulkland Village Hall.

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: V Curtis, F Green and A Hucker (Vice Chairman).
ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: District Councillor Alison Barkshire, J Howell (Clerk) and 6 residents.

# PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Items raised during public participation included:

* Access to Norton St Philip as you go up Bell Hill
* Speeding through the village. A resident reported their dissatisfaction with progress to date and requested that chicanes be fully investigated. The Vice Chairman summarised full action taken to date and work currently in progress.
* Police speed enforcement bike – request for both directions to be checked.
* Minuting of public participation session. The Clerk advised best practice.

Item for future agenda (Traffic and Highways) to include:

* Update on request for DWL and speed limit reduction.
* Traffic calming measures and options to include chicanes and speed bumps.

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# PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

## WELCOME & APOLOGIES

## Vice Chairman Tony Hucker opened the Parish Council Meeting. Apologies were received from M Corney (Chairman), M Hanley, and M Francis and accepted.

## DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

## CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED: The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 9th June 2021 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Vice Chairman.

## REPORTS District Councillor’s Report. Highlights included:

* SWIP struggling with a lack of HGV drivers.
* SWIP report: aim to pick up within 48 hours.
* Climate Change targets and Climate Change Action Plan.
* Ecological fund.
* Response on Unitary Authority (expected within the next couple of weeks).

## Vice Chairman’s Report – No updated. Items covered elsewhere on the agenda.

## Clerk’s report – The Clerk provided an update on recruitment for the Clerk’s vacancy.

## PLANNING

* 1. Members were asked to consider the following Planning Application:

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| **Planning Application** | **Location and proposal** | **Deadline for response to MDC** |
| 2021/1528/HDG | Land At 376829 154400 Mackley Lane Norton St Philip Frome.Proposal: Application for Hedgerow Removal: To allow access to landlocked field. | 23rd July 2021 |

 RESOLVED: The Parish Council recommend approval.
 A further Planning application has now been received: This will be dealt with by delegation.

## MDC CONSULTATION ON PLANNING VALIDATION LIST

## Members noted the MDC Consultation. Consultation ends 19th July 2021. No response was proposed.

## HIGHWAYS

## Chairman to provide an update at the next meeting.

## PLAY AREA

1. The Vice Chairman provided an update on the condition of the Play Area. One tower and
climbing structure have been removed.
2. The Clerk is progressing arrangements for the Annual Play Area inspection (now booked for week ending 23rd July 2021.
3. The Clerk outlined the Legal requirement for procurement projects over £25,000 to be advertised on the Government Contract Finder. The Clerk is in the process of registering with Contract Finder in order to publish the project.
4. The Vice Chairman supported the recommendation that the Parish Council undertake a village consultation for Play Park project. The Vice Chairman suggested notices be placed on posts in the village outlining the Parish Councils intention to replace the Play Equipment and provide the opportunity for residents to share their views. Views sought and invited – if you have any comments please get in touch!
5. There was no further update on grant funding opportunities.

## FINANCES

RESOLVED: The Parish Council approved the payment schedule for July 2021.



NOTE: Awaiting/chased invoice for internal audit. Clerk has chased again.

RESOLVED: The Parish Council approved the latest financial statement.

## REWILDING

## Members noted the submission of the Tree Pack Application to The Woodland Trust for a Working Wood Tree Pack (105 saplings - (rowan, silver birch, wild cherry, common oak, field maple, grey willow) for Autumn delivery.

## The proposal from Cllr Hanley of rewilding was deferred.

## CLERK RECRUITMENT

The Clerk provided an update on recruitment. The role has been advertised via SALC and Indeed. An advert has also been published on the Parish Council website. You can download the advert and job description <http://hemington-pc.org.uk/clerk-vacancy/>

The closing date for applications (by way of cover letter and CV) is Wednesday 21st July. Interviews to take place Thursday 29th July / Friday 30th July. The Vice Chairman offered to assist with interviews on Thursday 29th July 2021.

## INFORMATION / ITEMS TO RAISE FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING

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

1. *Traffic and Highways: A) Traffic calming to include chicanes and speed bumps. B) Update on request for DWL and change of speed limit.*
2. *Rewilding: Proposal from Cllr Hanley.*
3. *Overgrown hedge: Clerk will write to owner of the property.*

## DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place at 7.30pm on Wednesday 11th August 2021 at Faulkland Village Hall.

## There being no further business, the Vice Chairman closed the meeting.

## Minutes are available on the Parish Council website.