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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 13th March 2024 7.30pm at Faulkland Village Hall**

**Present:** Vice Chairman A Hucker, Cllrs F Green, M Hanley, I Biggerstaff

**Also Present:** J Gregory Proper Officer plus 2 Members of the public

**Public Participation**

Matters raised;

Defibrillator – update and location. Hairdressers offered and landlord happy. Costs to be provided at next meeting.

Road to Shoscombe Vale – Drains blocked and road edges worn substantially.

Reminder for minutes for Parish Magazine.

**23/24 126 Apologies for absence**

Somerset Cllr Clarke was not available to attend. Cllr Francis had a work meeting and had sent apologies

**Resolved: Given the circumstances, apologies were accepted.**

**23/24 127 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: there were no declarations required for today’s agenda.**

**23/24 128 Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

To receive the minutes of the meeting held 14th February 2024

**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. There was one amendment “ TAG report referenced May but was actually November”**

**23/24 129 To receive County Councillors Report**

A written report was received updating members with the financial situation at Somerset, the Gigafactory at Puriton, a new Healthy Living website, Chard Enterprise Park, and Pressure off – a new initiative to lower blood pressure with monitoring equipment available from libraries.

**23/24 121 Matters Arising/ Updates**

1. TAG/CSW

The TAG report had been circulated to members. Cllr Hanley felt that data and evidence was lacking and much was based on opinion. There were varying views to this and Cllr Biggerstaff did indicated that FOI detail wasn’t as hoped and Avon and Somerset Police had 1) lost data in switching systems and 2) the capture of information had changed. There was little to be gained by discussion as the TAG report had already been submitted.

Cllr Hanley had spoken to the CSW group who were making headway with 9 volunteers on board and an approved location with the police and CSW organisers. An equipment box had been delivered and online training was taking place with hands on training on the 20th March at 5pm and Saturday 23rd and 10am. There was a designated CSW email of [faulkland45@gmail.com](mailto:faulkland45@gmail.com) set up for enquiries and administration.

1. Banking Arrangements – On hold and prudent to leave until AGM and possibly see out the end of year financial situation.
2. Play Park

Matting – no response provided. Further email to be sent and then to move to passing to insurance company for a letter of intent.

The Mole man had collected 6 moles. Mole dirt had been distributed on the field by Cllr Hucker noting there was over 200 hills.

1. Litter pick

Clerk had arranged for the pickers and hi-vis to be collected on the Thursday, dropped off at the hall and then collection on the Monday.

1. Dog Bins

Cllr Curtis stated he had re-installed the dog bin in Bishop Street, the clerk had reported the missing bin in Grove Lane to Somerset. Idverde had been advised and had been contacting the Holcombe Clerk regarding the subject. The Clerk was now in communication with Idverde

**23/24 130**  **Reports**

1. **Chairman’s report**

Cllr Hucker stated there was nothing additional to agenda items listed

**23/24 131 Planning Applications for Consideration:**

A planning application was received yesterday for a holiday let cabin on the Chickwell to Wells Road.

**Resolved: Clerk to ask for an extension to the deadline of 2nd April to allow members time to visit site and review plans.**

**23/24 132 Play Area**

Covered in item 23/24 129c with nothing further to report.

**23/24 133 Finances**

The following payment schedule was presented for payment.

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**Resolved: Payment schedule agreed.**

**Note: An amendment to the amount to Paul Middle was incorrect on the agenda.**

1. Balance on Accounts as at Balance on Accounts as at 31.01.24 £16659.63 which includes a VAT reclaim of £4116.42. Any particular spends needed prior to year-end was requested. February bank statement did not arrive in time for the agenda.

**23/24 134 Correspondence**

Footpaths – email letter from resident which will be responded to indicating that the matter should be referred to Somerset for them to provide contractors to clear the area.

**23/24 135 Information / Items to Raise for consideration at the next meeting**

**23/24 136 Any Other Business**

Bridleway pass “Ann’s” was overgrown with Brambles. This is County Lane.

**Action: Clerk to report**

Grove Lane, potholes and verge disintergration

**Action: Clerk to report**

**23/24 129 Date of next Meeting**

10th April at 7pm for Annual Parish Meeting followed by full Council

8th May for Annual Council Meeting.

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

Meeting closed at 8.35pm

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