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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 January 2025 7.30pm at Faulkland Village Hall**

**Present:** Cllrs Biggerstaff, Buckwell, Francis, Cross, and Hanley

**Also Present:** J Gregory Proper Officer plus 6 Members of the public

 **Public Participation**

Matters raised;

Residents and applicants in relation to the Woodstock Planning application. Applicant giving overview of the application with residents expressing concerns over the massing/size of the building in respect of levels and looking out at a 13.5 mass. Would be supportive of an application that addressed the visual impact, relative heights and levels and addressed boundary landscaping. Felt there was opportunity to address with both architects discussing.

**24/25 084 Welcome and apologies for absence**

Cllr Green sent apologies as he was currently not well.

**Resolved: Apologies noted and approved.**

**24/25 084 Declarations of Interest**

**Resolved: No declarations advised for tonight’s meeting.**

**24/25 085 Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

 To receive the minutes of the meeting held 11th December 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 with a written amendment changing “Winter fuel payment” to “Somerset Hardship Fund”.**

**24/25 086 Report from Somerset Councillor B Clarke**

Cllr Clarke not in attendance, report and information on the boundary change consultation circulated.

**24/25 087 Matters Arising from Previous Meeting**

* + 1. A366 TAG Group

Nick Cowling was looking at figures from the “grey box” data which was installed temporarily in the village. Of the speeders (over 60mph) that was 2% although that seems a small number it equated to a considerable figure, with average speeds of 64mph. Meetings are scheduled with Anna Sabine MP who may wish a site visit.

* + 1. CSW/ASW

ASW had nothing to report locally however at the National Police Chief Council deployment of community speed watch devices was approved and would become national policy allowing ASW to be in the market place in the uk.

With Paul Buckwell having emergency surgery he was not in attendance. A brief was given by Cllr Debbie Buckwell on CSW and she reported that the CSW was top of the league table for Speedwatch sessions. Another volunteer had come on board and with light and weather improving members were now buddying up and getting back out there. Request that the SID paperwork be completed by the Clerk aided by T Gibbs and sent off so monies could be received.

The Clerk reported that contact with Nunney and Buckland Dinham had been fruitless despite a follow up. Clerk instructed to write again asking for Chair to Chair contact.

Both litter bin and dog bins discussed with the fact they are stolen regularly the cheapest option to be looked at.

**24/25 088 Planning Matters for Consideration**

To consider the following planning applications:

 Proposal: Proposed erection of new two storey dwelling with detached garage

 Location: Woodstock Back Lane Faulkland Radstock Somerset

 Applicant: Jeff and Christine Hunt

 Application Type: Full Application

**Resolved: No decision made by Council although not opposed to a development. Felt concerned of the size/mass of the building and levels involved. Sympathetic to the neighbours in attendance, given the timings of the application felt a further extension was needed to allow the architects of both parties opportunity to discuss.**

**24/25 089 Finances**

1. To present current financial statement and balance on accounts 31.12.24 £25543.89 (Natwest Res & Unity current Account)
2. To agree schedule of payments as indicated below:

 J Gregory Salary & Expenses £262.99 (net)

 SALC 3 x training £100.00

 **Resolved: Proposed Cllr Biggerstaff and seconded Cllr Cross that above payments be made**

1. To set precept – based on budget for 2025/6

Lots of discussion around where the Council wanted to be and mindful of costs involving traffic, legal, devolution and shoring the council for the future.

**Resolved: It was proposed that the precept be increased to £24517.50 by Cllr Hanley and seconded Cllr Buckwell with all members in agreement. Members were reminded of the Band D calculation taking a weekly cost of that banding to £1.60 per week**

**24/25 090 Other business Referred to the Clerk**

 There was a Somerset “Call for Sites” that could be possible housing development, closing date 24th February

M Hanley said he would look at the contents of the grit bins in case any required topping up given we have had an icy spell.

Clerk had followed up a resident request at Shoscombe single hill bridge which is our side of the boundary. The bridge had collapsed on its sidings and was barriered off but deteriorating.

Cllr Francis stated that there was rubbish at the Grove Road permitted by-way and access by vehicles needed to be stopped as this was becoming an area where cars would visit and then leave their waste.

Cllr Cross said there had been progress with the roof with re-quotes and further visits in the diary. There would be a Safari Supper on the 1st March for anyone interested.

Cllr Biggerstaff said Norton St Philip had devised a survey for pedestrians and would send to us for consideration for our residents. Cllr Hanley questioned the mechanism for surveying which would be anonymous, via online or return to TAG collection point.

**24/25 091 Matters for consideration at the Next Meeting.**

SIDs

**24/25 092 Date of the next Meeting**

## 12th February 2025

Attendees were thanked for their contribution and attendance.

Meeting closed 8.45pm

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