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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 12th February 7.30pm at Faulkland Village Hall**

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

**Also Present:** Somerset Cllr B Clarke,J Gregory Proper Officer plus 6 Members of the public

**Public Participation**

Matters raised;

Applicant of Woodstock attended the meeting to draw attention to the Design and Access Statement in the planning application. Part of this statement gave a visual from geo-satellites of the sun direction and the impact of shadowing on the Young’s property which was a reason to refuse.

**24/25 093 Welcome and apologies for absence**

Cllr Buckwell sent apologies as she was currently not well.

**Resolved: Apologies noted and approved.**

**24/25 094 Declarations of Interest**

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

**24/25 095 Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

To receive the minutes of the meeting held 15th January 2025

**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.**

**24/25 096 Report from Somerset Councillor B Clarke**

Cllr Clarke gave a brief of the following matters:

* Budget in Somerset to be ratified next week with a possible 10-25% hike in car parking charges. In term of Council Tax Somerset have been granted 2.5% above the maximum 4.5%
* Saxonvale has been sold to Mayflower and they will start work in March
* All car parks will operate under the same structure (as some are free on Sundays) so that will change and in terms of money gathering this will produce 1.5 million in a full year.

**24/25 097 Matters Arising from Previous Meeting**

* + 1. A366 TAG Group

Still awaiting a response from Nick Cowling. MP Anna Sabine attending Norton St Phillip tomorrow afternoon for a surgery.

Data collected from the grey box has been cleared to be released to the wider public so information can be supplied to Tim Gibbs.

It appears that drainage works out at Tuckers Grave is a bid to tidy up the area for the MP’s visit showing the white lines and digging of culverts. Cllr Green said the resources would have better been used at Mount Pleasant where there was flooding.

* + 1. CSW/ASW

Four Sessions of CSW held last month.

Community Police van visiting monthly opposite the green, people need to attend and they are visiting 2-4pm on the 15th February and 15th March.

Paul Buckwell is attending the Neighbour Policing Speed Reduction United on the 19th February as a representative of Faulkland. This is a good network opportunity.

The Police station (Frome opposite Sainsburys) will now be manned.

There have been enquiries as to where we are with the 20mph zone. We have ascertained some information from Nunney Parish who had the zone installed with S106 monies, we are pursuing Somerset to ask if there is anything we can access but given there is no development in the village felt unlikely. Costs for Nunney were in the region of 20k. The Clerk would contact Traffic for up to date costs. An appraisee of Nunney’s situation would be circulated.

Tim Gibbs has the application form for the SID’s and a number of sites were proposed (3 in each direction) some thought and possible Highways Engineer involvement may be necessary as they preferred an existing pole on firm, level ground with poles of a certain diameter and not all met this requirement.

Paul Buckwell will chase the grant cheque given he made the application and has contact information.

There was a series of webinars “20 is plenty” regarding the introduction of 20mph across Wales and looking at the impact and data across a number of roads in their full first year.

There was still a faulty ASW sign which would require access assistance. Cllrs Francis and Green would assist with this.

iii) Dog Bins/ Litter bin has been ordered and sat in a backlog awaiting stock.

iv) Grove Lane Bridleway was reported for fly tipping and vehicle access – this had not been actioned despite a reference number being provided – Clerk to chase.

**24/25 098 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: Following an extension, council provided thoughts in a round robin which recommended rejection of the application.**

New Application for consideration:

Proposal: Erection of single Storey agricultural barn

Location: 1 Holly Bank, Green Parlour Road, Hemington

Application number 2025/198

Deadline for response: 24th February

**Resolved: Following discussion Council were unanimous in their decision to recommend approval**

**24/25 099 Finances**

1. To present current financial statement and balance on accounts 31.01.25 £25174.42 (Natwest Res & Unity current Account)
2. To agree schedule of payments as indicated below:

J Gregory Salary & Expenses £262.99 (net)

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

**24/25 100 Other business Referred to the Clerk**

Moles were plentiful at the playing field. Clerk instructed to ask Mendip Mole to attend.

Tractor was damaged and it was suggested that Tony Hucker should be afforded the opportunity to address.

For information that 180 homes at the White Post had gone to appeal which was unsuccessful. This was outline planning at this stage.

**24/25 101 Matters for consideration at the Next Meeting.**

Natwest Reserve Account

**24/25 102 Date of the next Meeting**

## 12th March 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.