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& Foxcote Parish Council

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**M I N U T E S**

**Of Hemington, Hardington & Foxcote Parish Council (Annual Council)**

**Held on Wednesday 9th July 7.30pm at Faulkland Village Hall**

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

**Also Present:** J Gregory Proper Officer plus 4 Members of the public

**Public Participation**

Matters raised;

Some work by Highways we had requested had been completed however the following raised to be addressed by the Clerk:

Street light number 2 from Ammerdown constantly on.

40mph faded sign again from Ammerdown to village

**25/26 022 Welcome and apologies for absence**

All in attendance.

**Public Participation**

Matters raised;

**25/26 023 Declarations of Interest**

**Cllr Hanley was the neighbour to the Fox House planning matter and declared an interest. At the appropriate time he would leave the meeting and return after discussions.**

**25/26 024 Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

To receive the minutes of the meeting held 10th June

**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 Item 12 to read Hanley not Hanle**

**25/26 025 Report from Chair**

New dedicated parish email account for the Chair had been set up. All members advised as per SALC guidance to do same.

The Faulkland village sign was missing Ammerdown end. Clerk to progress.

**25/26 026 Matters Arising from Previous Meeting**

* + 1. A366 TAG Group

A draft letter in response had been compiled regarding the latest set of data and questions around the interpretation of data ie why 50mph and not 40mph addressed. A meeting with Nick Cowling requested. Clerk confirmed she had received a copy and would distribute.

* + 1. CSW/ASW

ASW- T Gibbs had again written to the Police Crime Commissioner regarding adoption in Avon and Somerset of ASW but had not received a response.

The Chair asked that data from ASW be used to look at statistics to enforce or question current data from Traffic. TG would supply via the clerk for CSW use. He indicated that the data would look at (not limited to) volume mean speed, variance and speed distribution.

A chaser email to Rachael Callow regarding the SID grant was sent today. Tom Ayers had looked at guidance reference the 24mph which stated it was “relevant with other traffic calming measures”. A possible challenge but SID impact would be considered before any further action.

iii) SID Locations

Provide to Traffic and chased as there was no response.

iv) Telephone Box

Tony Hucker had replaced the glass. It was unknown whether he intended painting or not. Cllr Biggerstaff would enquire with Val Fox of contractor used in NSP and he was away of another contractor who had refurbished the phone box at Hinton Charterhouse

v) Noticeboards

Vince Curtis had been contacted and he said he would measure up for polycarbonate windows.

vi) Playfield and Green Grasscutting

It has come to light that there were areas not included in the quotation. Despite discussions it wasn’t clear what we were accountable for. Clerk to try and obtain contract spec from Idverde and ask for requotes specifying the number of cuts. Trug and Lettuce were favourable with their very considered work at other parishes.

vii) TPOs and Tree Work

The Clerk advised there was no TPOs on trees. Cllr Biggerstaff would progress with “Harry” providing some initial quotations.

viii) With Amy Green not in attendance Cllr Green gave a overview of the pond work. Charltons had agreed to supply 3 gates, one 9ft, one 3ft with a 4ft gate the far end. Cost would amount to £400 and this would leave £100 over from donations. The idea around the gates would have a 9ft gate on the road with a pedestrian gate alongside. The post would move around the corner and a 3ft gate alongside for pedestrian use. Anti-duck wire may need installation after.

**Resolved: All members in agreement. Amy thanked for her work and fundraising**

**25/26 027 Planning Matters for Consideration**

1. Proposed alterations and extension to form garden room.

Location: Applicant: Application Type: Pear Tree Cottage Southfield Hill Hemington Frome Somerset Mr &Mrs P Jennings

Householder Application

Application Number: 2025/1047/HSE

1. Proposal: 1st July 2025 Replace stone shed with timber garden room

Location: Fox House Faulkland To Norton St Philip Road Faulkland Frome Somerset Mr Rob Chamberlain

Householder Application

Application Number: 2025/1146/HSE

**Resolved: No objection to 2025/1047 or 2025/1146 (Noting that Cllr Hanley vacated the room for discussion and decision on 2025/1146)**

**25/26 028 Finances**

1. Balance on accounts deferred to next meeting due to annual leave and jury service time constraints
2. To agree schedule of payments as indicated below:

J Gregory Salary & Expenses £262.99 (net)

HMRC PAYE Liability £ 58.00

**Resolved: Proposed Cllr Hanley and seconded Cllr Biggerstaff with all in agreement to accept the payment schedule.**

**25/26 029 Other business Referred to the Clerk**

Information circulated on Neighbourhood Plan – Noted

Councillor Training – Cllrs Biggerstaff, Cross and Buckwell all committed to further training with SALC mainly around engagement with the community.

There was discussion around the recent directive from Somerset regarding Section 8 further training for roadside operatives including litter pickers. This provided some challenges around what the Council could arrange going forward. Until more information was known (due July 25) then it was difficult to understand the full impact of what was being suggested and any costs that may be involved.

Cllr Green stated that the small stones on the green were a nuisance for cutting and suggested removal. The historic stones would remain.

**Resolved: Agreed by all members present.**

**25/26 030 Matters for consideration at the Next Meeting.**

**25/26 031 Date of the next Meeting**

Traditionally due to members holiday and farming commitments we haven’t always had a August meeting. It was felt that this would be the case however any decisions regarding the grasscutting situation would be circulated and dealt with outside a meeting.

Attendees were thanked for their contribution and attendance.

Meeting closed 8.25pm

A signed copy of the minutes can be viewed by arrangement via the Parish Clerk.