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**M I N U T E S**

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

**Held on Wednesday 10th September 2025 7.30pm at Faulkland Village Hall**

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

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

**25/26 032 Welcome and apologies for absence**

Cllr Green was unwell and Cllr Buckwell with a previous engagement

**Resolved: Apologies accepted by the meeting**

**Public Participation**

Matters raised;

The village event held during the August Bank Holiday barbecue provided an excellent and opportunity for meeting new individuals.

**25/26 033 Declarations of Interest**

None

**25/26 034 Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

To receive the minutes of the meeting held July 2025

**Resolved: Commas after names and away to read aware (25/26 26 iv)**

**25/26 034 Report from Chair**

Personal thanks to organisers of the August bank holiday village event, which saw good weather and community turnout. The Charity ride along Mendip Bridleway faced poorer weather; Cllr Cross said funds raised at the BBQ will support future events.

Cllr Biggerstaff noted the roof repairs have improved the hall, and Cllr Cross said the Hall Committee is seeking grants for further maintenance, including damp issues.

In Cllr Green's absence, the Chair reported Charlton’s will work on Pond gates tomorrow (11.09.25) from 11am, with various Council members attending and Amy and Cllr Green overseeing.

The Chair will contact the contractor who painted the Hinton phone box, set to begin work on the Southstoke box Friday, and will inquire about the free paint supply.

**25/26 035 Matters Arising from Previous Meeting**

* + 1. A366 TAG Group

Nick Cowling had been chased up with a response that Traffic/Highways were looking into the matter

* + 1. CSW/ASW

ASW- T Gibbs stated that he was pushing conversations at Avon and Somerset police and villages were helping to co-ordinate support to the PCC. He had noticed earlier a high-performance vehicle (Caterham or similar) in the hedge.

T Gibbs was developing a SID with an ASW to enable registration logging.

Cllr Cross had noticed a topic of Transport Plan listed on the drop-in session of the LCN.

CSW – The funding for the SID was received, although it was sent to the incorrect individual and address. With funding available, members discussed purchasing SIDs and proposed acquiring the Evolis Solar Mobile. The proposal was put forward by Cllr Hanley, seconded by Cllr Francis, and agreed upon unanimously by all four members.

The SID location request has been followed up with Traffic, and Cllr Barry Clarke is now involved; however, no response has been received to date. It was suggested that upon receiving the units, we notify them of our intention to proceed with the proposed location, allowing 10 days for a response.

VAS maintenance was requested and Cllr Francis would arrange with Cllr Green utilising the cage as a matter of priority.

iii) Noticeboards

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

vi) Playfield and Green Grasscutting

Dry weather conditions have delayed cutting. Alistair Scott has agreed to proceed with the work within the next two weeks following recent rainfall. He also plans to crown lift the trees on the green.

Thanks to Cllr Green for cutting prior to the BBQ event.

**25/26 036 Planning Matters for Consideration**

No updates at present, but Cllr Clarke's comments on issues in the Planning Department have been noted.

**25/26 037 Finances**

1. Balance on accounts as at 31.08.2025 £40375.19 this does not including the £5k grant
2. To agree schedule of payments as indicated below:

J Gregory Salary & Expenses x2 £525.98 (net) July and August

HMRC PAYE Liability x2 £116.00

Fasthosts Web Hosting £69.58 plus VAT (Due 16.09.25)

Fasthosts Domain Renewal £12.83 plus VAT (Due 12.10.25)

SALC Training Course £40.00

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

**25/26 038 Other business Referred to the Clerk**

Councillor Cross utilised AI to prepare a “Nature Recovery Grant” application for the village, requesting £10,000. Additional grants may be sought if necessary, and the Hall Committee will also make use of this resource.

There was an opportunity of a video pitch which would be a little more challenging.

Grit bin replenishment had been notified to Somerset, thanks to Cllr Hanley for arranging site visits.

**25/26 039 Matters for consideration at the Next Meeting.**

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

8th October 2025 with the deadline for items 24th September.

Attendees were thanked for their contribution and attendance.

Meeting closed 8.03pm

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