

# Hemblington Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Hemblington Parish, held at Heathlands Community Centre on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at 7:30pm.

Present: Andrew Burtenshaw, George Pickersgill, Anthony Howe, Bryan Slater, Paul Fox, Steven Ford (Clerk). No parishioners were present.

1. Andrew Burtenshaw welcomed those present.
2. **TO AGREE THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH HELD ON 11 MAY 2015**  
The minutes were approved as a true record by all present and duly signed by the chair.

### 3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT PRESENTED BY ANDREW BURTENSHAW

This will be my last annual report as I am standing down as Chair after an enjoyable 8 years at the helm.

The work of the Parish Council has continued throughout the year with meetings held on alternate months. We started the year with two councillor vacancies that unfortunately remained unfilled at the year-end.

Over the past year the Parish Council received a number of local planning applications to evaluate and comment upon. During this process we raised objections on a number of planning issues that we felt would concern local residents.

We were instrumental in obtaining a new bus stop in Ranworth Road for the benefit of local residents and I would like to thank George Pickersgill for taking the lead on this matter.

Hemblington Parish Council receives the majority of its funding from local Council Tax. This is referred to as the parish precept. For 2016/17 our precept will remain unchanged at £2,700.

In the coming months we are planning to erect a village sign at the corner of Cuttens Corner and Hemblington Hall Road and are currently looking at alternative designs and materials. We have already earmarked £2,500 from existing funds for this purpose.

I would like to offer a special thank you to Steven Ford, our temporary Parish Clerk, for covering for Sarah Osbaldeston while she is on maternity leave.

Finally, I must also thank my fellow Councillors for their continued support and commitment through the years.

Andrew Burtenshaw, Chairman

### 4. TREE WARDEN REPORT

The tree warden was not called upon this year.

### 5. TO HEAR AND DISCUSS ANY MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Two parishioners raised matters regarding the design and content of the proposed Hemblington parish sign and were advised that all proposals would be considered when put forward but there were no preconceived ideas regarding its design and construction.

### 6. CLOSING COMMENTS

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 7:40pm.

Signed.....

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