

# Hemblington Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Hemblington Parish, held at Heathlands Community Centre on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2015 at 7:30pm.

Present: Andrew Burtenshaw, George Pickersgill, Anthony Howe, Byan Slater, Sarah Osbaldeston (Clerk). PCSO Bob Hall and two parishioners were present.

1. Andrew Burtenshaw welcomed those present.

2. **TO AGREE THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH HELD ON 12 MAY 2014**

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**

The work of the Parish Council has continued throughout the year with Meetings held on alternate months.

The Council started the year with three vacancies. Fortunately we were able to co-opt Paul Fox in March 2015 leaving us with two vacancies to fill at the year-end.

During the past year the Parish Council received a number of local planning applications to evaluate and comment upon. None of these were particularly contentious.

Last summer, a new bench was installed by the Parish Council at the junction of Hemblington Hall Road and Cuttons Corner. Norwich Gospel Hall Trust kindly donated the bench and thanks also go to Claire Norton who planted up the new flowerbed on the same site.

Hemblington Parish Council receives the majority of it's funding from local Council Tax. This is referred to as the parish precept. For 2015/16 our precept will remain unchanged at £2,700.

Regular reports from our local Safer Neighbourhood Team have provided helpful information on local crimes and we thank PCSO Bob Hall for his regular updates.

I would like to offer a special thank you to Sarah Osbaldeston, our Parish Clerk, for her valuable contribution to the work of the Parish Council.

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

4. **TREE WARDEN REPORT FROM JOYCE BURTENSHAW**

I have been unable to attend any training meetings this year but have continued to follow on line the issues being experienced by other parishes. The church poplars have been monitored and I have looked for signs of Ash Die Back around the parish with thankfully no result. As I am unable to attend the meetings at Broadland District Council I have decided to resign as Hemblington Tree Warden and allow someone new to take on the roll. Interest has already been expressed as a result of an advert in The Focal Point newsletter.

5. **POLICE REPORT PRESENTED BY PCSO BOB HALL**

PCSO Bob Hall provided a crime summary for the year. Whilst the volume of crimes has increased notably this is due to a large number of domestic disputes and multiple crime being recorded as a result.

6. **TO HEAR AND DISCUSS ANY MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

No matters were raised by the two parishioners present.

7. **CLOSING COMMENTS**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7:45pm.

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