

Hemblington Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Hemblington Parish, held at Heathlands Community Centre on Monday 12th May 2014 at 7:30pm.

Present: Andrew Burtenshaw, George Pickersgill, Anthony Howe, Sarah Osbaldeston (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 20 MAY 2013**
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 one vacancy and in January 2014, Andrew and Valerie Broad resigned after many years of loyal service as they were moving away. Fortunately we were able to co-opt Bryan Slater in March 2014 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. The Council and many local residents have continued to oppose the large "farm" development in open countryside off Hemblington Road.

During the year a local resident, Peter Harvey, kindly offered to build and manage a website for the Parish Council which has recently gone "live" at hemblingtonparish.org.uk. This is a great step forward and on behalf of the Council I would like to thank Peter for his achievement.

Terry Norton resigned as our Parish Clerk in September 2013 and I would like to take this opportunity to record my thanks to him for his valuable contribution to the work of the Council over many years. We are also very grateful to Sarah Osbaldeston, our new Parish Clerk, for successfully managing the transition process.

Hemblington Parish Council gets it's funding by receiving a small amount of the local Council Tax. This is referred to as the parish precept. For 2014/15 our precept will remain unchanged at £2,700.

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

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

4. **TREE WARDEN REPORT**
The tree warden was not called upon this year.
5. **POLICE REPORT**
PCSO Bob Hall provided a crime summary for the year. In total there were 4 crimes reported in 2013/14. This is an increase on the previous year and is a trend all over.
6. **TO HEAR AND DISCUSS ANY MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**
No matters were raised by parishioners.
7. **CLOSING COMMENTS**
There being no further business the meeting was closed at 7:45pm.

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