

Hemblington Parish Council

Minutes of the Hemblington Parish Council Meeting held at Heathlands Community Centre on Monday 27th January 2020 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT

Present – Anthony Howe (Chairman), Bryan Slater (Vice-Chairman), Caroline Ramsay, George Pickersgill, Jutta Koch and Steven Ford (Clerk).

1. The Chairman, Anthony Howe, welcomed those present.
2. **TO CONSIDER APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND AGREE ANY NECESSARY ACTIONS:**
 - 2.1 Apologies received from Richard Sargeant.
3. **TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA:**

None.
4. **OPEN FORUM - FOR PARISHIONERS TO RAISE QUESTIONS ON AND/OR MAKE STATEMENTS ABOUT MATTERS ON THE AGENDA.**
 - 4.1 Condolences were given to Mr Will Goodenough regarding the passing of his father Mr P. Goodenough who had been a regular attendee at parish council meetings for many years and had often brought pertinent matters to the attention of the parish council for consideration.
 - 4.2 Ms Jutta Koch made a detailed presentation of how residents had come together with a Gt Yarmouth based company to access funding that had enabled the provision of fibre broadband to 40 households and 6 businesses in the parish; which makes the Hemblington postal code one of the fastest 1% in the country. Normally twisted pair copper cable is used by the major broadband suppliers to connect users to the high speed fibre and that reduces upload/download speed.
5. **MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 30th NOVEMBER 2019**
 - 5.1 The council **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes as a true record and were duly signed by the chair.
6. **TO REPORT ON MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT ON THE AGENDA:**
 - 6.1 None.
7. **CASUAL VACANCY**
 - 7.1 An application from Ms Jutta Koch to fill a casual vacancy on the parish council was considered. Ms C. Ramsay proposed, seconded by Mr G. Pickersgill, that Ms Koch be co-opted to the council and it was unanimously **RESOLVED** to co-opt Ms Koch who then signed acceptance of office and joined the meeting.
8. **CONSIDERATION OF REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING NOTICE BOARD**

It was agreed that a replacement notice board should be made of low maintenance recycled plastic. The notice board should display 8 x A4 sheets and the parish name should be displayed above it. It would be mounted on recycled plastic legs. It was **AGREED** to consider quotations at the March meeting.
9. **UPDATE ON VILLAGE SIGN**
 - 9.1.1 Ms. Ramsay was continuing to progress completion of painting the sign and was in discussion with the blacksmith regarding the metal framework etc..

10. PURCHASE OF VEHICLE ACTIVATED SPEED SIGN

10.1 It was **RESOLVED** to not purchase a VAS sign at the present time but to hire one from Blofield parish council. Suitable locations for the mounting the sign would be investigated.

11. TO CONSIDER AND COMMENT ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

20191863 – Lilac Farm – Application for fencing

The following comments were submitted by the Clerk and separate comments were submitted by the Chairman Mr A. Howe regarding a proposal to erect fencing at the property.

Hemblington parish council has previously made objections to removal of hedgerows at the site and the council has requested reinstatement of hedgerows. A village sign is to be erected at the junction with Hemblington Hall Road and adjacent fencing would have an adverse impact on the village sign and street scene. The parish council considers hedging to the highway boundaries as appropriate and necessary, the application for fencing would not be supported due to its impact on the hedgerows. The views of local residents objecting to the proposal would be supported.

12. GREATER NORWICH DEVELOPMENT PLAN

12.1 The consultation on the GNDP was considered and the following comments would be submitted: The parish council are pleased to note no further housing is planned for Hemblington. There are concerns that Hemblington is linked with Blofield Heath in this proposal. Hemblington is a distinct administrative unit and for planning purposes is a rural village, not part of Blofield which has a quite different status as a settlement village. It is unclear what is the extent, meaning and status of the Hemblington School 'catchment area'.

12.2 It was **RESOLVED** to sign up to a CPRE pledge that sought to ensure that existing Joint Core Strategy building allocations were built-out before any new GNDP allocations could be developed. It would be pointed out to the District Council that Hemblington was not part of the village cluster with Blofield Heath.

FINANCE

13. INVOICES FOR PAYMENT AND BANK BALANCES

13.1 The bank reconciliation dated 23/01/2020 showing a balance of £22,277.42p was noted.

13.2 It was **RESOLVED** to approve payment of all invoices presented in Appendix 1 totalling £328.22p. Clerk to action.

14. PARISH CLERK'S CORRESPONDENCE

14.1 Information on grant aid available from the District Council for VE Day events was noted and would be passed to Sue Rowe.

15. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

15.1 None.

16. Date of the next Parish Council Meeting – 30th March 2020.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.12pm.

Signed.....

Dated 30th March 2020