

Hemblington Parish Council

Minutes of the Hemblington Parish Council Meeting held at Heathlands Community Centre on Monday 30th January 2017 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT

Present – Anthony Howe (Chair), George Pickersgill, Andrew Burtenshaw, Bryan Slater, Paul Fox and Steven Ford (Clerk)

1. Welcome and Introduction to the meeting by Anthony Howe who expressed a special welcome to residents of Pedham, Mrs C. Ramsay and Mr Goodenough.
2. **TO CONSIDER APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND AGREE ANY NECESSARY ACTIONS**
None.
3. **TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**
 - 3.1. None.
4. **OPEN FORUM - FOR PARISHIONERS TO RAISE QUESTIONS ON AND/OR MAKE STATEMENTS ABOUT MATTERS ON THE AGENDA**
 - 4.1. Residents of Pedham requested that the parish council support and lobby for better broadband for the 26 houses in Pedham. It was **AGREED** that the clerk would contact the County Council and councillors to share raise concerns and establish how broadband improvements were being rolled out with support from the County Council.
 - 4.2. Mr Goodenough asked for an update on the refurbishment of the bench that was item 4.2 of the November minutes and Mr B. Slater said he had inspected the bench and would in due course be pressure washing it assuming that power and water would be available from nearby residents' property. Once clean it was proposed to paint the bench with yacht varnish.
5. **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 28th NOVEMBER 2016.**
 - 5.1. The council **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes and they were duly signed by the chair as a true record.
6. **TO REPORT ON MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT ON THE AGENDA**
 - 6.1 None.
7. **CONTRACT FOR PURCHASE OF FORMER BT KIOSK AT PEDHAM.**
 - 7.1 It was **RESOLVED** to sign the contract for purchase of the telephone kiosk. It would then be available for community use and would be added to the insurance policy when purchased.
8. **CUTTONS CORNER/HEMBLINGTON HALL ROAD FOOTPATH**
 - 8.1 It was not known when horses were making use of the Public Right of Way, however it was evident that it was still being churned up by horses which was making the path very muddy and difficult to use. Highways would be contacted again and asked to take appropriate action.
9. **GRANT APPLICATION TO BRITISH HEART FOUNDATION FOR DEFIBRILATOR**
 - 9.1 Information on an application for funding of a defibrillator for use in the Pedham former BT kiosk that had been submitted by the clerk was noted.
10. **PLANNING**
 - 10.1 No planning applications had been received.
 - 10.2 Enforcement cases open and closed December 2016 – None.

11. TO APPROVE INVOICES FOR PAYMENT

- 11.1 The Council unanimously resolved to approve the payment of all invoices presented for payment in Appendix 1. Clerk to action.
- 11.2 Bank statements for November and December and no outstanding unpaid cheques were noted.
- 11.3 Parish Precept for Financial Year 2017/2018 for consideration – It was **RESOLVED** to request a precept of £2,770 for 2017/18.

12. UPDATE ON THE PROPOSED VILLAGE SIGN

- 12.1. The clerk had made contact with a sign maker who would be providing a quotation when the size of the sign had been confirmed. Highways would be contacted regarding the proposed site of the sign.

13. PARISH CLERK'S CORRESPONDENCE

- 13.1 The receipt of £504.93p being the balance of Mr J. Leeder's legacy plus interest was noted. If an event was held on the Green it was noted that part of the legacy could be used to pay for cutting and collecting grass just before the event.
- 13.2 Norfolk ALC advised that access to their website could be made available to members and it was **AGREED** to ask if access could be provided to the Chair and Mr Burtenshaw.

14. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

BT telephone kiosk adoption, village sign, co-option of new member.

15. TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

- 15.1. Monday 27th March 2017 at Heathlands Community Centre at 7:30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.15pm.

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