

Hemblington Parish Council

Minutes of the Hemblington Parish Council Meeting held at Heathlands Community Centre on Monday 27th September 2021 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT

Present – Anthony Howe (Chair), John Applegate, Caroline Ramsay, Bryan Slater, 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.**
Tim Powley, Rose Niescierowicz.
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 District councillor Nigel Brennan reported that most Broadland District Council meetings were being held at Thorpe Lodge. Consultants had been appointed to assess current and future office accommodation that could serve both South Norfolk and Broadland District Councils. Both the current headquarter buildings required substantial investment and neither were energy efficient.
5. **To approve the Minutes of the meetings held on 26th July 2021.**
 - 5.1 The council **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting as a true record.
6. **To report on matters arising from the Minutes not on the Agenda: *for information only.***
 - 6.1 The clerk would action the purchase of gov.uk address for Hemblington parish council. Gov.uk email addresses for each Councillor would then be created
7. **Update on Hemblington village sign.**
 - 7.1.1 The unveiling had gone very well. Thanks were expressed to Caroline Ramsay for all her work in creating the sign, organising its erection and coordinating the unveiling ceremony. John Applegate proposed, seconded by Jutta Koch, and resolved that the chairman and Caroline Ramsay should be reimbursed for the expenses they incurred for refreshments and fridge magnets that were given to those who attended the unveiling.
8. **SAM 2 sign**
 - 8.1 Notice of receipt of the award of £1,714.00 from the NCC Parish Partnership scheme was noted. The clerk reported that the sign was currently being tested and it was anticipated that it could be in use within about two weeks.
9. **Future Parish Projects**
 - 9.1. A public consultation had been advertised and would be held between 10.00 and 12.00 noon on Saturday 16th October at Heathlands Community Centre main hall. Pads and paper would be provided together with tea, coffee and biscuits. A notice would be displayed in the notice board and on the web site.
10. **Emergency planning**
 - 10.1 After careful consideration and debate it was **AGREED** not to progress forming a parish emergency plan at the present time.
11. **Pedham footpath**

11.1 Information from the County Council that they were taking action to make the footpath usable once more was noted. Councillors would inspect the path and monitor the situation.

12 Planning

12.1 20211413 Hemblington Hall was dealt with by email correspondence. No further planning applications had been received.

FINANCE

13. To approve invoices for payment and to note bank reconciliation.

13.1 It was **RESOLVED** to approve the invoices totalling £333.39p listed in Appendix 1 for payment, clerk to action. The bank reconciliation showing a balance of £177.58p in the Premium Account and £11,292.03p in the Community account on 3 September 2021 was noted.

14. Parish Clerk's correspondence

14.1 Correspondence included a request for councillors to support opposition to five underground cable paths that would connect offshore wind farms to the National Grid. It was considered that the parish council had insufficient knowledge of the benefits and drawbacks to support or oppose the proposals at the present time. It was **RESOLVED** not to respond as a council but it was left to individuals to respond if wished.

14.2 Norfolk ALC Wellbeing group provided information on plaques that the Lord Lieutenant for Norfolk had commissioned to celebrate the community overcoming such a difficult year. The plaques were available free of charge to parishes and towns in Norfolk. It was **AGREED** not to request a plaque.

14.3 Broadland District Council's Business Improvement Manager had written to advise of a new street naming and numbering policy that empowered developers to name new roads. Parish and town councils would only be approached for suggestions of new street names when the developer did not have any suggestions. It was **RESOLVED** unanimously to raise strong objections to the new policy and to request that parish and town councils were always consulted from the outset when new street names were required.

15. Future agenda items.

Parish projects, emergency planning, Pedham footpath problems.

15. To confirm the date of the next Parish Council Meeting –29th November 2021

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00pm.

Signed.....

Dated 29th November 2021