

# Hemblington Parish Council

Minutes of the Hemblington Parish Council meeting held at Heathlands Community Centre on Monday 29 November 2021 at 7.30 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Bryan Slater (acting Chair), Jutta Koch, Tim Powley, Anthony Howe (acting Clerk), joined later by Rose Niescierowicz.

1. The Chairman Anthony Howe explained that in the unavoidable absence of the Clerk Steven Ford, he would act as clerk and Bryan Slater the deputy chairman took the chair.
2. **To consider apologies for absence and agree any necessary actions:**  
Apologies received from Steven Ford, John Applegate, and Caroline Ramsay
3. **To receive Declarations of Interest on items on the Agenda:**  
None
4. **Open Forum: no members of the public were present.**  
Apologies had been received from Cllr Justine Thomas.
5. **To approve the meetings of the meeting held on 27 September 2021.**  
5.1 The Council **RESOLVED** (TP/JK, *nem con*) to approve the minutes of the meeting as a true record
6. **To report on matters arising from the minutes not on the Agenda**
  1. It was noted that, in line with the Parish Council's protest, that Broadland Council had backtracked on their street naming policy and agreed Councils would be consulted in the process.
7. **SAM2 sign**  
The sign had been erected on 28 October and Councillor Powley had kindly taken charge of moving it at up to four week intervals and to provide further information on the data generated. The latter would then help inform any future decisions by the Council for additional locations for the sign, and possibly future requests to alter the speed limits.  
**ACTION: TP**
8. **Feedback from public consultation meeting on 16 October and future parish projects**
  - 8.1 The Village pop-up café on 16 October had been well-attended and had given rise to a wide number of suggestions. The Council thanked Councillor Ramsay for a very full summary of these which formed the basis for the Council's lengthy discussion as to which projects to implement immediately, to go ahead with in the short term, to investigate further with a view to implementation, and those which would be noted but not taken further at this juncture.
    1. Information boards on the model of those provided by Blofield PC should be pursued and the Clerk was asked to provide further information as to their provision and costs.  
**ACTION: SF**
    2. Village Green. It was agreed that this required further consultation which Councillor Koch agreed to undertake and would report back to the January meeting. **ACTION; JK**
    3. Additional trees. The Council asked that its tree wardens Dr John Applegate and Tony Baker provide suggested locations, desirable tree/ plant varieties, and possible sources of funding. **ACTION: JA & TB**
    4. It was agreed not to pursue the idea of purchasing additional land but the Clerk was asked to investigate the Parish Council's obligations with regard to provision of allotments and in the interim Councillors might informally make inquires as to the likely availability of land. **ACTION: SF**

5. Environmental activities. It was agreed that the parish noticeboard/ website should be used to raise awareness in relevant ways. **ACTION: SF** on advice from councillors.
6. Sundial: not for action.
7. Naming of footpaths: for future action but suggestions for names welcome
8. Dog Litter. Dog bins had been the subject for considerable recent discussion by the Council which would continue to monitor the local situation. Additional 'pick up' signs should be provided, given appropriate locations.
9. 'Things to do in Hemblington'. Councillors welcomed any of these suggestions but deemed them outside the Council's immediate responsibilities. It would however welcome and seek to support any initiatives of this sort which were brought to its attention.
10. Infrastructure: these matters were in hand.

*Feedback reported in Appendix to Main report.*

12. Fox Wood street name sign. **ACTION:** Councillor Niescierowicz agreed to look into this.
13. Road Signs: The Clerk was asked to report a broken sign at the High Noon crossroads and to report the faint legibility of the Cuttons Corner sign at the Hemblington Hall Road junction. **ACTION: SF**
14. The Clerk was asked to request the repainting of the road markings at the Hemblington Hall Road/Pedham Road junction. **ACTION: SF**
15. Defibrillator at Church. Considered as covered in 8.10.
16. Replacement of poplar trees at Hemblington Church. This should be taken forward under 8.4 above.
17. Eco-friendly lights. Not for immediate action and the Council were wary of light pollution issues.
18. Moving the noticeboard. As the noticeboard had only been recently replaced this would not be taken further at present.
19. It was agreed that a copy of the report on the 16 October consultation with the above actions should be placed on the website. **ACTION: SF**

## 9. Parish Precept 2022-23.

After extensive discussion it was **RESOLVED** (BS/TP, *nem con*) that in order to cover expected costs a precept of £3500 was to be requested. **ACTION: SF**

## 10. Pedham Footpath.

The Council was disappointed by the lack of action to date and the Clerk was requested to follow this up as a matter of urgency with Norfolk County Council. **ACTION: SF**

## 11. Feedback on planning applications.

11.1 None received.

## FINANCE

## 12. To approve invoices for payment and to note bank reconciliation.

1. It was **RESOLVED** (RN/JK, *nem con*) to approve invoices totalling £830.88 listed in Appendix 1 for payment, Clerk to action. The Bank reconciliation, showing balances of £12,672.64 in the Business Community Account and £177.58 in the Business Premium Account, was noted. **ACTION: SF**

13. **Parish Clerk's correspondence:** No further items arose from this.

14. **Future Agenda items:** None

15. **Date of next meeting;** confirmed as 31 January 2022.

Signed.....

Dated 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022