

Hemblington Parish Council

Minutes of the Hemblington Parish Council Meeting held at Heathlands Community Centre on Monday 25th September 2023 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT

Present Anthony Howe (Chairman), Rose Niescierowicz, Tim Powley, Caroline Ramsay (Vice Chairman), Bryan Slater, Steven Ford (Clerk).

1. The Chairman, Anthony Howe, welcomed those members present and County Councillor Fran Whymark.
2. **To consider apologies for absence and agree any necessary actions:**
Jutta Koch, Dr John Applegate.
3. **To receive Declarations of Interest on items on the Agenda:** None.
4. **Open Forum - for parishioners, District and County Councillors to raise questions on and/or make statements about matters on the agenda or of local relevance:**
 - 4.1 County Councillor Fran Whymark said that work had been marked out for the dualling of the A47 from Lingwood to Burlingham. The Postwick Park and Ride service was not being well supported and was in danger of closing after the trial period unless usage increased. There was a gap of £40,000,000 in the following year's budget and hard decisions were required to bridge the gap.
5. **To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 31st July 2023.**
 - 5.1 The council **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes as a true record.
6. **To report on matters arising from the Minutes not on the Agenda: *for information only.***
 - 6.1 None
7. **Update on Hemblington information sign boards.**
 - 7.1 The assistance of highways was being sought regarding suppliers of the printed metal base for the signs.
8. **Parish Partnership Scheme.**
 - 8.1 The cost of providing a 250mt trod would be in the region of £25,000. It was agreed to assess if a small section on the narrow bend was an option. Caroline Ramsay and Tim Powley would report to the November meeting.
9. **Community orchard**
 - 9.1 Caroline Ramsay had provided a comprehensive Feasibility Projection with costings that indicated a maximum total expenditure of up to £100,000. County councillor Whymark pointed out that Blofield parish council might utilise some of their CIL funds to assist the project that bordered with Blofield Heath. Thanks were expressed to Caroline Ramsay for her work and it was agreed that she would bring details of possible funding sources to the November meeting.
10. **Standing Orders update**
 - 10.1 Bryan Slater circulated the Draft Standing Orders that he had been considering since the last meeting. The document was considered carefully and following further amendments would be circulated to members for adoption at the November meeting.
11. **Additional dog bin at the parish churchyard**
 - 11.1 It was agreed to provide a dog bin on the highways verge opposite the church. Approval for the location would be sought from highways.

12. A47 Dualling:

The Chairman reported briefly on the public consultation meeting with the contractors and a Zoom meeting with NCC highways re safety works in progress.

13. Hate Crime Stickers.

The Parish Clerk reported that this matter had been resolved.

PLANNING

14. No planning applications had been received.

FINANCE

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

10.1 It was **RESOLVED** to approve the invoices for payment totalling £380.37p, clerk to action. The bank reconciliation showing £178.33p in the Business Premium Account and £12,796.73p in the Community account was noted.

16. Parish Clerk's correspondence

11.1 None.

17. Future agenda items: None.

18. To confirm the date of the next Parish Council Meeting – 27th November 2023

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.58pm.

Signed.....

Dated 27th November 2023