

Hemblington Parish Council

Minutes of the Hemblington Parish Council Meeting held at Heathlands Community Centre on Monday 29th January 2024 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT

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

1. The Chairman, Anthony Howe, welcomed those members present, County Councillor Fran Whymark and District Councillor Paul Newstead.
2. **To consider apologies for absence and agree any necessary actions:**
District Councillor Nigel Brennan.
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 District Councillor Paul Newstead confirmed that his members' grant funding would be used to pay for the new dog bin and fittings. Councillor Whymark reported that up to two 50 litre bags of DIY waste would now be accepted up to 4 times a month at the County Council recycling centres.
5. **To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 27th November 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 Jutta Koch circulated the background map of the parish that required the addition of detail elements that were to be incorporated to highlight places of interest. Permission would be required from residents if, for instance, historic homes were to be highlighted.
8. **Parish Partnership Scheme.**
 - 8.1 Tim Powley had measured the area proposed for a short trod on the narrow bend in Pedham Road and felt that the scheme looked feasible. He would provide photographs for highways to consider if the trod might be possible in order that the scheme could be put forward for consideration in the 2024/25 Parish Partnership scheme..
9. **Pond Lane surface condition**
 - 9.1 Concerns raised by a resident of Pond Lane regarding the surface of the road and the response from highways were considered. It was suggested that a site meeting with highways, the land owner, resident and councillors might be a useful way forward. The clerk would contact highways for their response.
10. **Community orchard**
 - 10.1 No progress was reported.
11. **Standing Orders update**
 - 11.1 It was **RESOLVED** unanimously to adopt the Draft Standing Orders.
12. **Additional dog bin at the parish churchyard**

12.1 The clerk was instructed to proceed with the purchase of the dog waste bin. Councillor Newstead was thanked for his kind offer of funding the cost of the bin.

13. Parish Precept 2024/25

13.1 It was **RESOLVED** to request a precept of £3,900 for the next financial year.

14. Hemblington School – Reduced admissions

14.1 It was **AGREED** to contact Norfolk County Council School Admissions to ask if the proposed reduction of planned admissions had their support.

15. Planning – No applications received.

FINANCE

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

16.1 It was **RESOLVED** to approve the invoices for payment totalling £285.37p, clerk to action. The bank reconciliation showing £179.43p in the Business Premium Account and £13,885.25p in the Community account was noted.

17. Parish Clerk’s correspondence

17.1 Barclays Bank wrote to draw attention to their No Notice Interest account. The clerk would look into how transfers between current and interest accounts were implemented. Costing for a new laptop would be brought to the next meeting.

18. Future agenda items: None.

19. To confirm the date of the next Parish Council Meeting – 25th March 2024

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.51pm.

Signed.....

Dated 25th March 2024