

Hemblington Parish Council

Minutes of the Hemblington Parish Council Meeting held at Heathlands Community Centre on Monday 30th September 2024 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT

Present – Anthony Howe (Chair), John Applegate, Tim Powley, Caroline Ramsay, Bryan Slater, Rose Niescierowicz and Steven Ford (Clerk).

1. The Chairman, Anthony Howe, welcomed those present.
2. **To consider apologies for absence and agree any necessary actions:**
Jutta Koch, District councillor Paul Newstead, County Councillor Fran Whymark.
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:** County Councillor Fran Whymark submitted a report advising that the devolution deal for Norfolk was on hold following the King's Speech. The English Devolution Bill was making its way through Parliament and would make devolution the default setting in the long term. Attention was drawn to the withdrawal of the Winter Fuel Allowance other than for those receiving Pension Credits.
5. **Minutes of meetings held on 29th July 2024.**
The council unanimously **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting.
6. **Matters arising from the Minutes not on the Agenda:** *for information only.*
None.
7. **Parish Partnership Bid**
Highways advised a ballpark figure of £110 per m2 for the cost of a trod. The proposed trod could be achieved within 75mt and on that costing could be put forward in December when full details had been received from highways.
8. **Pedham Green – update on maintenance and improvements.**
No further updates had been received from the District Council. Councillor Newstead would be asked to obtain an update and the outcome of the site survey that had been carried out. £600 of the residents' funds held by the council were earmarked for the provision of a new picnic bench. The District Council would be advised that this was wanted to be in place as soon as possible.
9. **Information boards for Hemblington.**
The designation of a roadside nature reserve at Hemblington Hall Road had been withdrawn. A further subcommittee meeting would be held asap to finalise details on the sign boards and thereafter quotations for production would be obtained by Caroline Ramsay.
10. **Planning:** No applications had been received.

FINANCE

11. **To approve invoices for payment and to note bank reconciliation.**
It was **RESOLVED** to authorise payments of voucher numbers 14 – 15 totaling £367.04p. The Bank reconciliation showing £13,239.67 in the Community Account and £181.45 in the Premium Account was noted. The clerk advised that £10,000 had been transferred to the instant access savings account.
- 12' **Parish Clerk's correspondence**
None.

13. **Future agenda items.** *(Not for discussion).*

14. **To confirm the date of the next full Parish Council Meeting** – 25th November 2024.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30pm.

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Dated 25th November 2024.