

Hemblington Parish Council

Minutes of the Hemblington Parish Council Meeting held at Heathlands Community Centre on Monday 25th November 2024 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT

Present – Caroline Ramsay (Chair),
Jutta Koch, Rose Niescierowicz and Steven Ford (Clerk).

1. The Chairman, Caroline Ramsay, welcomed those present.
2. **To consider apologies for absence and agree any necessary actions:**
Anthony Howe, John Applegate, Tim Powley and Bryan Slater.
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3. **Open Forum - for parishioners to raise questions on and/or make statements about matters on the agenda:** District Councillor Newstead provided an update on current District Council matters. It had come as a surprise that day to learn from press reports that District Councils would cease to exist when Devolution was rolled out by the government. Councillor Newstead said that up to £500 funding could be made available by him for community projects and invited members to put forward suggestions for the next parish council meeting.
4. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 30th September.**
The council unanimously **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 30th September 2024.
5. **Matters arising from the Minutes not on the Agenda:** *for information only.*
None.
6. **Parish Partnership Bid for highway improvements**
- 6.1 The highways engineer had provided an estimate of £29,150.66p for the construction of the proposed trod. It was **AGREED** that there were insufficient funds to proceed further with the proposal. The clerk would request that the hedge be cut back around the 30mph sign and ask if a blind bend sign could be erected to improve safety for pedestrians.
7. **Pedham Green – update on maintenance and improvements.**
The District Council had secured funding that would enable the replacement and improvements to the play and seating equipment and asked if the parish council would consider making a donation toward the cost of provision of a sensory planter. It was **AGREED** that more information be requested for the next meeting to consider.
8. **Information boards for Hemblington**
Thanks were expressed to Jutta Koch for all her work on the design and layout of the information boards. It was **AGREED** that Tony Howe would be asked to check that Would Farm residents were happy for the proposed information on their property to be displayed on the board.
9. **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 20 – 26 totaling £908.16. The Bank reconciliation showing £4,841.03 in the Community Account and £10,181.45 in the Premium Account was noted.
10. **Parish Clerk's correspondence**
None.
11. **Future agenda items. (Not for discussion).**
None.

12. To confirm the date of the next full Parish Council Meeting – 27th January 2025.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40pm.

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Dated 27th January 2025.