

Hemblington Parish Council

Minutes of the Hemblington Parish Council Meeting held at Heathlands Community Centre on Monday 31st March 2025 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT

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

1. The Chairman, Anthony Howe, welcomed those present.
2. **To consider apologies for absence and agree any necessary actions:**
Tim Powley, Bryan Slater, Jutta Koch.
3. **To receive Declarations of Interest on items on the agenda'**
3.1 None.
4. **Open Forum - for parishioners to raise questions on and/or make statements about matters on the agenda:** District Councillor Newstead sent apologies for his absence. County Councillor Fran Whymark said that he would fund the provision of the highway pedestrian warning sign. He went on to explain cost cutting changes to the Norfolk and Waveney NHS board following a 50% cut in their budget. In future there would be one chair/chief executive, Mark Friend, who was the former chair of the James Paget hospital board. Despite the budget cuts services should not be cut.
5. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 27th January 2025.**
The council unanimously **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 27th January 2025.
6. **Matters arising from the Minutes not on the Agenda: for information only.**
None.
7. **Proposed Government Devolution**
7.1 Councillor Whymark said that Norfolk and Suffolk had been made part of the priority programme by the government to bring about devolution. A mayor would be elected in May 2026 who would be responsible for strategic planning and infrastructure and that could include the role of Police and Crime Commissioner. As part of the local government reorganization District and County Councils had to comment on options by 21 April. The new unitary authority would start on 1st April 2028.
8. **Pedham Green – update on maintenance and improvements.**
8.1 Highways considered the request for road safety signage and advised that a pedestrian in road ahead sign would be viable at a cost of £307.13p. Cllr Whymark said that he would fund the sign with his members highway allowance. IT was **AGREED** to request that the sign be installed.
8. **Information boards for Hemblington**
Caroline Ramsay would go out to tender with the current visual for an up to date price for three A2 size information boards.information boards.
9. **Planning:**
9.1 **2025/0714 Sestri, Hemblington Hall Road, proposal Side dormer.**
No comments but some concerns re the window overlooking neighbours.
- 9.2 **2025/0686 Hemblington Hall Barn. Proposal: Variation of condition 2 – Internal and external changes to barn 2 of original permission 20190166 (1. Conversion of 2 No. Barns to dwellings including installation of sewage treatment plants, parking and landscaping. 2. Conversion of existing building to ancillary garden store. 3. Erection of detached cartlodge with PV panels to roof. 4. Widening of existing vehicular**

access with tarmac resurfacing.)

Following extensive discussion at its meeting of 31 March 2025, Hemblington Parish Council believes that the proposed modification of the original planning permission should not be granted on the grounds that it represents a significant and detrimental revision of the original planning proposal. The original plans carefully and sympathetically preserved the historic character of the building as a threshing-barn by retaining the atrium-like space at the centre. This is no longer the case while the first floor walkways have also been removed in favour of brick partitioned spaces and an additional staircase. The double height glazing to the east has also been removed, while the additional first floor windows to the east detract further from the original barn-like features. The integrity of the interior as a single building has been extensively undermined and the north (roadside) section almost appears as if a separate semi-detached residence. Externally the removal of the barn-like doors to the west also significantly alters the appearance of the frontage. The side south extension while maximizing the footprint of the building may impact on the light of the adjacent dairy barn property. Rather therefore than a preserved historic barn, the revision proposed is far more suburban in style and utilitarian in character, resulting in an almost terrace-like building. While such a change is objectionable in itself, it also seriously compromises the setting of the adjacent listed buildings including Hemblington Hall and All Saints' Church.

9.3 2025/0938 Derwent, Pedham Road, Proposal: Erection of car port and single storey side extension and 1.5 story side extensions, raising of eaves to rear; porch detail.

No objections.

FINANCE

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

It was **RESOLVED** to authorise payments of voucher numbers 34 – 38 totaling £635.27. The Bank reconciliation showing £3,537.57 in the Community Account and £10,209.25 in the Premium Account was noted.

10. Parish Clerk's correspondence

None.

11. Future agenda items. (Not for discussion).

Brundall Scout hut building works; more information to be requested for next meeting.

12. To confirm the date of the next full Parish Council Meeting – 28th July 2025.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00pm.

Signed.....

Dated 19th May 2025.