

Hemblington Parish Council

Minutes of the Hemblington Parish Council Meeting held at Heathlands Community Centre on Monday 29th September 2025 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT

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

1. The Chairman, Anthony Howe, welcomed those present.
2. **To consider apologies for absence and agree any necessary actions:** None.
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.**
 - 4.1 A resident raised concerns regarding parts of the website that required updating and 2025 minutes that were not listed. The clerk would address the issues raised and ensure they were available.
County Councillor Fran Whymark provided an update on the plans for devolution. An election would be held in May 2026 for the appointment of a Mayor for Norfolk and Suffolk. County and District Councils had put forward various different proposals for the unitary authority that would replace the current Councils for consideration by the government. Councillor Whymark circulated details of the new Norfolk Community Fund that supports community-led projects that make Norfolk a better place to live with grants of up to £2,500.
5. **Minutes of the meeting of Hemblington Parish held on 28th July 2025.**
The council **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes as a true record. Proposed by Caroline Ramsay and seconded by Tim Powley.
6. **To report on Matters arising from the Minutes not on the Agenda:** None.
7. **Parish Partnership – Invitation to bid.**
 - 7.1 It was **AGREED** that there were no suitable projects to put forward at the present time.
8. **Update on Information Boards for Hemblington**
 - 8.1 Jutta Koch circulated visuals of the proposed information boards and explained that costs could be substantially lower and easier to update if printed on dibond panels rather than highways quality signage. Caroline Ramsay would bring proposals and costs of suitable signage and mounts that would protect the dibond panels to the November meeting. The final design for the panels would be brought to the November meeting.
9. **Provision of additional benches**
 - 9.1 A number of possible locations were considered but it was **AGREED** that they were unlikely to be approved by highways.
10. **Update on Heathlands New Letter**
 - 10.1 Copies of the publication were circulated and Caroline Ramsay volunteered to provide material for each issue.
11. **Planning Applications from Broadland District Council:** None received.
12. **FINANCE**
 - 12.1 It was proposed by Bryan Slater, seconded by Rose Niescierowicz and **RESOLVED** to authorise payments of voucher numbers 11 – 15 totalling £791.27. The Bank reconciliation showing £5,654.87 in the Community Account and £10,279.39 in the Premium Account was noted.

13. Parish Clerk's correspondence.

- 13.1 Information on the Parish Rangers next visit was noted and the Clerk would request that they cut back the hedge that was overgrown by the power station on Pedham Road and to remove the unauthorized sign that was obscuring the Public Footpath finger post on Hemblington Hall Road.

14. Future agenda items.

- 14.1 The Scouts would be asked for an update on their rebuilding project. SAM sign readings would be requested for each agenda. There were concerns that the defibrillator may be approaching the end of its life. Caroline Ramsay would investigate and report to the next meeting. The clerk would contact highways to ask if the 30mph speed limit could be extended on Hemblington Hall Road.

15. To confirm the date of the next full Parish Council Meeting – 24th November 2025.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.53pm.

Signed.....

Dated 24th November 2025.