

Hemblington Parish Council

Minutes of the Hemblington Parish Council Meeting held at Heathlands Community Centre on Monday 24th November 2025 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT

Present – Anthony Howe (Chair), Caroline Ramsay, 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:** Tim Powley, John Applegate, Rose Niescierowicz.
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 County Councillor Fran Whymark offered his apologies and submitted a report that was read out by the clerk. He wanted to highlight the consultations for Local Government Organisation for Norfolk and Suffolk were now open for comment by going to www.gov.uk and searching for 'LGR Norfolk and Suffolk'. At Norfolk County Council (NCC) we were looking at budgets for next year. There was a gap of over £40m currently and there was a budget consultation on the NCC website. Broadland District Council (BDC) was also looking at budgets and with the predicted government settlement being less than expected there was likely to be a £250k gap. The forthcoming budget will possibly give some clues about the direction of travel, but the mood music was that more money will be going to more urban areas of deprivation while more affluent areas like Norfolk would see less money coming our way. It was hoped the movement of money would not be too dramatic or there could be very difficult choices in the future.
5. **Minutes of the meeting of Hemblington Parish held on 29th September 2025.**

The council **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes as a true record. Proposed by Jutta Koch and seconded by Caroline Ramsay.
6. **To report on Matters arising from the Minutes not on the Agenda:** None.
7. **SAM sign update.**
 - 7.1.1 A new battery had been purchased and Tim Powley would bring a further update to the next meeting.
8. **Update on Information Boards for Hemblington**
 - 8.1 Jutta Koch circulated a finished sign for the proposed information boards that had been printed on dibond panel. It was **AGREED** it was excellent and considerable less expensive than highways quality signage. Caroline Ramsay would bring proposals and costs of suitable mounts for the dibond panels to the next meeting. Jutta was thanked for all her hard work in designing the panel and she would be place it in an exposed location to ascertain durability. The church would be asked if they would agree to a link to the walks that were detailed on their website.
9. **Parish Clerk recruitment**
 - 9.1 The vacancy that would arise in 2026 when the present clerk retired would be advertised on the Norfolk ALC, SLCC and parish websites. A sub-committee, comprising Councillors Howe, Ramsay, and Slater was set up to take this matter forward.

10. Update on Heathlands News Letter

- 10.1 Details of the information boards that would be erected in 2026 would be published for comment.

11. Brundall Scouts building project

- 11.1.1 Information on progress of the project had been requested and would be brought to the next meeting.

12. Defibrillator update

- 12.1 The defibrillator had been installed in 2017 and it was understood that its lifespan was 10 years. Caroline Ramsay would contact the British Heart Foundation who had provided the unit to see if its life could be extended and the position regarding replacement if it could not be.

13. Planning Applications from Broadland District Council: None received.

14. FINANCE

It was proposed by Caroline Ramsay, seconded by Jutta Koch and

RESOLVED to authorise payments of voucher numbers 20 – 24 totalling £727.29.

The Bank reconciliation showing £5,306.75 in the Community Account and £10,313.51 in the Premium Account was noted.

15. Parish Clerk's correspondence. Highways had proved unresponsive to the suggested extension of the area covered by 30 mph speed restriction in Hemblington Hall Road.

16. Future agenda items. None.

17. To confirm the date of the next full Parish Council Meeting – 26th January 2026.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.57pm.

Signed.....

Dated 26th January 2026.