

Hemblington Parish Council

Minutes of the virtual Hemblington Parish Council Meeting held on the “Zoom” platform on Monday 25th January 2021 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT

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

1. The Chairman, Anthony Howe, welcomed those present.
2. **To consider apologies for absence and agree any necessary actions.**
None received.
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 Cllr Nigel Brennan stressed the need to stay local during the current lockdown. High covid figures had been reported recently in Lingwod, Bofield and Upton.
5. **To approve the Minutes of the meetings held on 30th November 2020.**
 - 5.1 The council **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting as a true record.
6. **To report on matters arising from the Minutes not on the Agenda: *for information only.***
 - 6.1 The chairman had attended via Zoom the virtual meeting of parish and town councils hosted by Broadland District Council. The clerk would be submitting an article on the subject of additional dog bins to Focal Point.
7. **Casual Vacancy**
 - 7.1 An application by Mr T. Powley to fill the vacancy was considered. Ms Jutta Koch proposed, seconded by Mr B Slater that Mr Powley be co-opted to the parish council and it was unanimously **RESOLVED** to co-opt Mr Powley. He then signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and joined the meeting.
8. **Consideration of web site administrator for 2021.**
 - 8.1 It was **RESOLVED** to accept the quotation from CG Design with the preferred date of transfer to be set at the end of March in order that costs would arise in the 2021/2022 financial year.
9. **Parish Precept 2021-2022**
 - 9.1 Confirmation of the precept request of £3300 to Broadland District Council was noted.
10. **Update on village sign for Hemblington and agree any necessary actions.**
 - 10.1 Ms Ramsay would be asked if an update on progress could be circulated to members.
11. **Consideration of donation to Acle Foodbank**
 - 11.1 John Applegate proposed, seconded by Bryan Slater, that a donation of £100 be made to the foodbank using the powers of s137 of the 1972 LGA. It was unanimously **RESOLVED** on a show of hands to make the donation.
12. **Highways**
 - 12.1 **Consideration of issues that required inspection.**
The Streetscene Inspector would be requested to inspect the damage to the highway where the adjacent bank had been eroded and tarmac displaced on the NE corner of the junction of Church Road and Hemblington Hall Road (opposite

Hemblington Hall) and the large pothole close to Foxley Cottage on Hemblington Hall Road. Attention would also be drawn to surface water flooding during recent spells of wet weather at the S-bend on High Noon Lane towards Bullacebush Lane (where it normally floods) and also at the junction of High Noon Lane and Bullacebush Lane.

12.2 Provision of additional speed signs.

Informal approaches had been made to parents of school children by Jutta Koch with regard to the possibility of children designing signs to raise awareness of speed limits. Due to lockdown it had not been possible to progress matters but Cllr Brennan said it was expected that his District Council fund for community group work was likely to be renewed in the next financial year and if so could assist with financial support.

PLANNING

13. To consider council feedback on planning applications received from Broadland District Council

12.1 None received.

FINANCE

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

14.1 It was **RESOLVED** to approve the invoices listed in Appendix 1 for payment, clerk to action. The bank reconciliation showing a balance of £177.58p in the Premium Account and £19,609.88p in the Community account was noted.

15. Parish Clerk's correspondence

None.

16. Future agenda items.

Update on the village sign, dog bins.

15. To confirm the date of the next Parish Council Meeting – 29th March 2021

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.49pm.

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Dated 29th March 2021