

Hemblington Parish Council

Minutes of the virtual Hemblington Parish Council Meeting held on the “Zoom” platform on Monday 28th September 2020 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT

Present – Anthony Howe (Chair), John Applegate, George Pickersgill, Jutta Koch, Caroline Ramsay, Bryan Slater 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 Cllr Justine Thomas reported that planning officers at the District Council had prepared a response to the sweeping changes in planning law that the Government proposed that were now out for public consultation. Comments on the District Council’s response would be welcomed and could be made both by individuals and the parish council.
Cllr Thomas gave details of the Broadland District Council’s Community at Heart Lottery, a weekly online lottery created to support local good causes across the district. Tickets would cost £1 a week, with 60% going to good causes in Broadland and prizes of up to £25,000. The first tickets would go on sale on 12 January, 2021, with the first draw taking place on 27 February, 2021. 50% of ticket sales will go to the person’s nominated good cause and 10% will go into a community fund run by Broadland District Council to benefit local good causes. The remaining 40% would go towards the prize money.
5. **To approve the Minutes of the meetings held on 27th July 2020.**
 - 5.1 The council **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting as a true record with a minor spelling correction to the last line of paragraph 7 and were duly signed by the chair.
6. **To report on matters arising from the Minutes not on the Agenda: *for information only.***
 - 6.1 The clerk advised the Parish Partnership bid for a SAM 2 sign was about to be submitted.
7. **Casual Vacancy**
 - 7.1 No applications received to date.
8. **Update on new parish notice board.**
 - 8.1 The notice board was expected to be delivered in October. It was **AGREED** that it should be installed by the builder who had recently refurbished the former BT telephone kiosk at Pedham Green.
9. **Update on village sign for Hemblington and agree any necessary actions.**
 - 9.1 Ms Ramsay showed the GRP sign that had been constructed from the resin mould. It was considerably lighter than the resin sign and would much safer when mounted next to the highway. A license to erect would be required from highways once the final details of the mounting post were established.
10. **Consideration of web site administrator for 2021.**
 - 10.1 It was **AGREED** that a sub-committee chaired by Bryan Slater comprising of Jutta Koch, Caroline Ramsay and the clerk would bring recommendations on the future administration and web site hosting to the next meeting.

11. The Shelroy Trust - consideration/nomination of suitable recipients for Christmas Hamper.

11.1 Members were asked to give thought to suitable recipients of Christmas Hampers provided by the Trust should it decide to make the gifts once more. The clerk would update members before the next meeting if the Trust contacted him.

12. Churchyard maintenance grant.

12.1 It was **RESOLVED** to make a donation of £500 towards maintenance of the parish churchyard.

13. Tree warden.

13.1 Dr John Applegate volunteered to act as Tree Warden. Thanks were expressed to him by the members.

PLANNING

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

14.1 None received.

FINANCE

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

15.1 It was **RESOLVED** to approve the invoices listed in Appendix 1 for payment, clerk to action. The bank reconciliation showing a balance of £177.56p in the Premium Account and £22,642.73p in the Community account was noted.

16. Parish Clerk's correspondence

The notice of 2020 – 2021 Local Government 2.75% pay increase for the parish clerk was noted.

17. Future agenda items.

Proposed Government planning law changes, consideration of additional dog bins.

15. To confirm the date of the next Parish Council Meeting – 30th November 2020

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.10pm.

Signed.....

Dated 30th November 2020