Hemblington Parish Council

Minutes of the Hemblington Parish Council Meeting held at Heathlands Community Centre on Monday 26th January 2026 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT

Present – Anthony Howe (Chair), Caroline Ramsay, John Applegate, Jutta Koch, 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:** Rose Niescierowicz, Bryan Slater.

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 circulated before the meeting to members by email.

5. **Minutes of the meeting of Hemblington Parish held on 24th November 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.**
Tim Powley had installed new software and the sign was now fully functioning. Statistics would be brought to the next meeting.

8, **Update on Information Boards for Hemblington**

8.1 Jutta Koch advised that the prototype sign had weathered well and artwork was ready for printing the final panels. It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to purchase a further two panels. The panels would be located at Pedham Green, near the parish church and at Cuttons Corner. Caroline Ramsay would source suitable mountings and bring proposals to the next meeting. A license from Highways would be required for locations on verges.

9. **Update on Heathlands News Letter**

10.1 A request for a donation to assist with the cost of producing the monthly newsletter was considered It was **AGREED** at this juncture the Council felt unable to make a subvention. The Chairman noted this as an important matter to return to in the 2026 – 2027 financial year.

10. **Brundall Scouts building project**

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

11. **Defibrillator update**

12.1 The defibrillator had been installed in 2017 and it was understood that its lifespan was 10 years. British Heart Foundation had been contacted for further information regarding its lifespan and replacement unit funding.

12. **Planning Applications from Broadland District Council:** There no objections to the proposed extensions to Tree House, Pedham Road, Hemblington – BDC ref 2026/0190.

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FINANCE

13. Parish precept 2026/27

13.1 It was **RESOLVED** unanimously to set the precept at £4,000.00.

14. Finance

14.1 It was proposed by John Applegate, seconded by Jutta Koch and **RESOLVED** to authorise payments of voucher numbers 26 – 32 totaling £1006.88 including a s137 payment of £500 for churchyard maintenance. The Bank reconciliation showing £4,302.59 in the Community Account and £10,343.60 in the Premium Account was noted.

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15. Parish Clerk's correspondence. There was extensive discussion of the current dangerously high level of use of Hemblington Hall Road but that this was deemed attributable to short-term causes. Following the recent spell of icy conditions a resident had drawn attention to a lack of grit bins. The NCC map showed a grit bin located the junction of Mill Road and Pedham Road however there was no bin in place. Blofield parish council would be contacted and requested to report the missing grit bin. Highways would also be asked to reinstate the bin by the clerk. Highways would also be asked if a grit bin could be located in the dip at the junction of Hemblington Hall Road and Dell Corner Lane where puddling created an icy hazard in freezing conditions.

16. Future agenda items. None.

17. To confirm the date of the next full Parish Council Meeting – 30th March 2026.

18. Exclusion of the Press and Public

18.1 It was **RESOLVED** to exclude the press and public whilst the current applications and next steps for the recruitment of a new Parish Clerk were considered. A confidential addendum to the minutes would be circulated to members.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.27pm.

Signed…… Dated 30th March 2026.

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