

Hemblington Parish Council

Minutes of the Hemblington Parish Council Meeting held at Heathlands Community Centre on Monday 27th July 2026 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT

Present, Caroline Ramsay (Chair), Anthony Howe, Rose Niescierowicz, Bryan Slater, , Tim Powley, John Applegate. County Councillor Jan Davies, District Councillor Paul Newstead and a member of the public were in attendance.

1. The Chairman, Caroline Ramsay, welcomed those present.
2. **To consider apologies for absence and agree any necessary actions:** Jutta Koch and Steven Ford (Clerk).
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 Newly elected County Councillor Jan Davis presented his first update report from Norfolk County Council covering NCC judicial review of Local Government Reorganisation proposals, as well as details of summer activities available around region through NCC.
Parishioner, Jackie Southwell highlighted the need for an additional grit bin on the Cuttons Corner area, as well as highlighting issues with speeding traffic on Hemblington Hall Road and pressed further for the creation of a Facebook page for HPC.
5. **Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Hemblington Parish Council held on 18th May 2026.**
The council **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes as a true record. Proposed by Bryan Slater and seconded by Anthony Howe.
 - 5.1 **Minutes of the Meeting of Hemblington Parish Council held on 22nd June 2026.**
The council **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes as a true record. Proposed by Bryan Slater and seconded by Rose Niescierowicz.
6. **To report on Matters arising from the Minutes not on the Agenda:** None.
7. **SAM sign update.**
Tim Powley advised following the issues with the internal battery on the SAM sign confirmation was awaited from Westcotec via the parish clerk, on potential cost to return the unit for a service and assess any likely cost before proceeding.
- 8, **Update on Information Boards for Hemblington**
 - 8.1 Jutta Koch confirmed that an additional three signs including the test sign had been printed at a cost of £200.00. Applications for three locations have been submitted to NCC and await their final approval. Once approvals had been received construction and installation could go ahead.
9. **"Views of the Village" – consideration of photographic competition for publication on the website**
The Chairman advised that the HPC Website needed a refresh and suggested inviting parishioners to submit photographic views portraying our unique village to capture a range of seasons. With the current drought it was agreed to consider the idea further at the September meeting.

10. Brundall Scouts building project

- 10.1 Scout Leader Chris Norburn provided an update on the refurbishment project for 2nd Brundall Scout Building. They are looking to progress with the first phase of internal works to update the toilets and kitchen areas. The parish council had previously approved a CIL Grant to support this project with a donation of £1,000. It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to approve the payment to assist them to proceed with the first phase of works. Proposed by Caroline Ramsay (seconded by Tim Powley).

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

FINANCE

12. Finance

- 12.1 It was **RESOLVED** to authorise payment of invoices totaling £704.57p, cheque numbers 100631 to 100634. The bank reconciliation to 25 July 2026 showing balances of £6650.32p in the Business Community Account and £10,369.79p in the Business Premium Account was noted.

13. Parish Clerk's correspondence. None.

14. Future agenda items. Information Signs update, SAM sign update and Emergency UK Briefing Session feedback.

15. To confirm the date of the next Parish Council Meeting – 28th September 2026.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.20pm.

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Dated 28th September 2026.