

Helmingham Parish Council

Minutes of the Helmingham Parish Council Meeting held on Monday December 10, 2018 at Old Hall Farm, Helmingham Hall at 7.00pm.

Present: Parish Councillors Julian Bowden, Rob Parmenter, Alan Mayhew, David Styles, Nick Styles and Rod Caird (clerk).

1/101218: Apologies for Absence

Melvyn Blowers was absent.

2/101218: Declarations of interest and dispensations requested

None

3/101218: Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on November 12, 2018

The minutes were approved

4/101218: Reports from County and District Councillors and public comments on matters on the agenda

No member of the public was present and Cllrs Hicks and Passmore were unable to attend. Cllr Hicks' County Council report for December 2018 was circulated to Parish Councillors and will be published on the parish website.

5/101218: Progress reports on outstanding issues:

- **provision of high-speed broadband**
- **road safety and speeding concerns as raised at the May meeting**

Clerk to contact Cllr Hicks about the timetable for availability of high-speed broadband connections in the village.

Clerk will also contact Cllr Hicks concerning the speeding issues near Plum Tree Cottage on Gosbeck Road.

The concern about safety of roadside posts on Gosbeck Road, apparently placed by a homeowner on Highways land, has been reported and the outcome is awaited.

Clerk will also contact Cllr Passmore about attending the next Parish Council meeting in order that District issues can be raised with him.

6/101218: Financial report, including any payments due. Consideration will be made of proposed Section 137 grants to local groups and organisations. The draft budget for 2019/20 will be confirmed together with the precept requirement for 2019/20.

A bank reconciliation was presented, showing a balance of £3,134.71 once all cheques had cleared the account. Payments were made to Rod Caird (purchase of printer cartridge, £26.90); Citizens' Advice Bureau (Section 137 grant, £25), Old School House Nursery (Section 137 grant, £25), East Anglia Air Ambulance (Section 137 grant, £25), Debenham First Responders (Section

137 grant, £25) and St Mary's PCC (Section 137 grant, £125). A draft budget for 2019/20 was approved, which did not include the potential very high cost of a contest election in May 2019, bringing anticipated spending to £3,139.40. It was agreed to set the precept at £2,600 for 2019/20, an increase of £200 over 2018/19.

7/101218: Urgent matters to be brought to the attention of the Parish Council

It was noted that use of New Road by two-way heavy vehicle traffic was causing damage and the County should be requested to make more efforts to deter heavy vehicle use.

8/101218: Date of next meeting

March 4, 2019, at 7.00pm at Old Hall Farm.

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